April 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on April 19, 2016.

President of the Board, David Holeman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country.
Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our military.

This meeting has been advertised in one newspaper, The Daily Record, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: James Glass, Wayne Jacobus, David Holeman, Ismael Lorenzo.

ABSENT: Vera Cheatham, Veronica Hedgepath, Ondria Garcia Montes.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 19, 2016 as received by Ismael Lorenzo seconded by Wayne Jacobus and approved on verbal vote. Jim Glass abstained as he was not present for the meeting. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS:

YEARLY CALENDAR FOR HEALTH ACTIVITIES - Jaime said that Peter did not include a calendar for tonight. Jaime will talk to Peter and get us a calendar.

ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP QUARTERLY REPORT - Jaime Breiten and Janet Hess were present tonight from the Rockaway Health Department. Jaime gave everyone a copy of the quarterly report.

You have a copy of our inspection report. We did an inspection at Alonso's Steakhouse. They are okay for now but we will go back and inspect. 213 Washington Avenue has been resolved. We have complaints about the Salem Plaza which are dumpsters overflowing and grease traps. Dumpster issue was reinspected and found to be in compliance. They were told to clean up where the grease container is. Condition improved on reinspection. No other action needed at this time. Brook Run Apartments there is a person homeless up there that is living in the woods. We have been trying to contact him and offer support and help with housing but we haven't been able to talk to him yet. We are leaving messages for him. We are going back to make checks. We haven't seen anyone there but there is a camp set up. This will be a police matter. We are looking to see who actually owns the property. The owner will have to call the police and file a complaint.

You have your normal package from Peter. He talks about Zika Virus. David asled Jaime where are we with the Zika Virus? Janet said there are no cases in Victory Gardens. It is in the State though. All of them seem to be from people that have traveled. We will be doing a program on this. We are very concerned about this. We have one case we are following that is a Rockaway Township woman who traveled to the Caribbean. She is pregnant and came home with it. We will be going after those with swimming pools.

If we can get a program here we will send out fliers. Public health is really looking at this especially since summer is coming up. There is a conference at the Fire Academy that we will be going to. Janet will work on getting us a program and presenter for Victory Gardens.

There is a bunch of articles from New Jersey Health Matters. We do have a skin cancer program coming up in Rockaway Township that is for Victory Gardens residents also. There were two (2) cases of Lyme Disease in Victory Gardens. There is a certain test done for Lyme. We can't call it Lyme because the Doctor didn't list that way. We are treating it as such.

David Holeman asked about the basements and crawl spaces in the houses in Victory Gardens. It is always damp in those spaces. Is that cause for alarm with the Zika Virus or for that matter, with any type of mosquitos? That is more a standing water issue. Abandon houses we can check and have the County spray. If there is standing water, broken windows in homes, but if the house is closed and rain water can't get in there isn't too much that can be done. On abandon we can go after the banks or property maintenance companies.

Ismael asked if Rockaway can do a cholesterol screening here in Victory Gardens? Janet said they are getting away from this more and more. There are other community health places that are doing it. Will Victory Gardens pay for it? In Rockaway it is part of the health budget and we pay for it. It is better to go to your doctor for this testing. More people will come if we have it here. We don't mind coming to do it but it can be expensive. You will also have to pay for travel for the nurses to come here and the test is expensive. Janet said she will ask Peter about it. Zufall is federally funded. They receive millions from the government. They have top notch equipment. People can go there also. Anyone that doesn't have a doctor should go there. I will mention it to Peter Janet said and see what he feels.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM - Dave said that Peter said he would get us set up with something. The Clerk has been in touch with Kristine and set something up with her. Janet said she will talk to Kris and get something in the works. Ismael said on the news tonight it said that 400 people got arrested for heroin. There was a discussion on the epidemic of heroin. We will get something set up.

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Jim Glass, seconded by Ismael Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Joan Cegelka - What about hand sanitizers? Are we ever going to get them? Wayne said we have it on the counter in the Clerks office. They aren't small containers they are bigger bottles. Are you getting small bottles? No. You were talking about the grease container at the mall. They have an additional one that they don't have approval on. That would have to go to Zoning. You can get it touch with the town and they will contact Barrie about the issue. You can either send her a letter or come in or call her and make the complaint.

Motion to close to the public by Jim Glass, seconded by Wayne Jacobus and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jim Glass, seconded by Ismael Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

Wayne Jacobus
Secretary

Minutes Typed By: Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk