

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Health

September 17, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 8 p.m. by the President, Mr. Robert Dorsi in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

Regular Meeting

Upon roll call Mrs. Carol Boyer, Mr. Robert Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Mr. Denis Smalley, Mr. Tom Pirone, Mr. Warren Hehl, Health Officer, De Zheng, Registered Health Inspector were present. Dr. Pien, Dr. Delio and Dr. Naik were unable to attend.

A motion was made by Mr. Dorsi, seconded by Mr. Sorge to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2014 meeting. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

President's Report – Robert Dorsi

Mr. Dorsi introduced Mr. Tom McAndrew, Superintendent of Wastewater who will update on the on-going Grease Trap Program.

The Sewer Department Superintendent (Mr. Tom McAndrew) was allowed to update the Board members on the Grease Trap Program implemented by the Township. This was to be a 'current status' of the same. To date, of the 58 commercial properties and 10 schools (including daycare) identified as potential, 39 have been inspected, 6 additional found to be non-contributing (and will be removed from the list going forward), and (1) property was found not to have a grease trap installed, and lab analysis of those sampled has been approximately a 75% failure rate. The inspection format so far is: Initial inspections have been followed by a verbal notification (outlining corrective actions required) followed by a secondary inspection/sampling, and another verbal discussion of the current conditions (immediate resolution of the situation), if necessary. Again, if necessary, a third inspection/sampling is the last step prior to 'further actions' being initiated. During the open Q & A session, discussion of the one property not having a grease trap was focus, instructions given for this property to have the same opportunity of the rest, and immediate sampling to take place. The Board is to be updated periodically, going forward, on the status of the program and any difficulties encountered.

Health Officer – Warren Hehl

Mr. Warren Hehl informed the Board that there was a Roselle resident who traveled to Africa and thought to have contacted Ebola, but it actually was Malaria. Mr. Hehl also notified the Board, a New Jersey resident contacted the EVD68 respiratory virus and was recently released from a Pennsylvania hospital. Also, since the scheduled closing of Runnells Hospital, they will no longer be administering the flu vaccine to Berkeley Heights residents' and Township employees'. Mr. Hehl will contact both Walgreens and CVS to see if they will assist with this program.

Mr. Hehl informed the Board that in previous inspections at Noah's Bagels when notified of violations, the owner had been confrontational. Also, Mr. Hehl noted that DiMaio's Restaurant was inspected and issued a summons to appear in Court.

During the discussion on the Health Officer's narrative report for DiMaio's Restaurant, Mr. Smalley of the Board of Health questioned the Court appearance of Mr. Robert Dorsi, President of the Board of Health. Mr. Dorsi denied the statements as outlined in the narrative dated August 2014 from Mr. Angelo Bonanno, Health Inspector. However discussion centered around Mr. Dorsi's actions of representing the Board of Health without consent of the Board of Health members. Mr. Dorsi was not authorized to appear in Court nor offer any extensions to DiMaio's Restaurant and acted independently and without authorization. Mr. Dorsi was informed this was a violation of the Board of Health protocol and he has no right to act in this manner and was reprimanded by the present Board of Health members for his actions. He was also directed that he cannot direct the workforce in the future without Board of Health members and Health Officer's approval. This is a Board of Health and not an independent decision making authority. Mr. Dorsi acknowledged he acted independently and without Board of Health approval and informed the Board of Health members that he would refrain from any further appearances in Court unless agreed upon by Board of Health members or summoned by the Health Officer on our behalf. He also understands that the role of the President and Board of Health members is advisory in nature and to allow our professionals hired to maintain our Ordinances perform their functions without interference.

Registered Environmental Health Specialist's Report – De Zheng

De Zheng notified the Board that Mara's Bakery/Café is coming into Berkeley Heights, Thai Restaurant is planning to open soon, Dunkin Donuts has remodeled their store and Alcatel/Lucent submitted plans for a new coffee shop. De also shared with the Board members that the annual Berkeley Heights Street Fair was a very successful event.

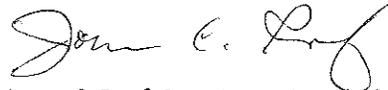
Citizens Hearing

General Communications

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Robert Dorsi asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Smalley and seconded by Mr. Ed Sorge to adjourn the Regular Meeting until Weds., October 22, 2014 at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joann C. Roof, Secretary – Board of Health