

HIGHTSTOWN BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes from December 5, 2007 Meeting

Board Members Present:

John Laudenberger, DMD
Sarah Kluxen
Dylan Ross
Katherine Zaiser
Ann Dandurand, MD

Board Members Absent:

Lynda Harrington
Mary Ann Paglione
Rob Thibault
Hilary Stults

Township Council Liaison:

Walter Sikorski -- absent

Staff Present:

Robert Hary, Director of Health
Sharon Lane, RN
Jamie Murphy, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Vice President Ross called the December 5, 2007 meeting to order at 7:41 pm.

Sunshine Law

Adequate Notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 with notices being sent and posted.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

Approval of Minutes

Member Laudenberger made a motion to approve the November 7, 2007 minutes. The motion was seconded by Member Dandurand. Members Kluxen and Zaiser abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Health Officer's Report

Health Officer Hary distributed the November monthly report. Hedy Liquors had an outstanding conditionally satisfactory status. They are renovating the bathroom and the posting will remain conditional until the bathroom is completed.

There was continual monitoring of the chicken/rodent/odor complaint on Stockton Street. The owners of the chickens did improve on feces removal. There is now a complaint that the owners of the chickens are letting the chickens run free in the garden area. Rodent activity has not been

active. According to Mr. Hary, there should be more concern for this issue during warmer weather. The current odor situation is minimal.

Mr. Hary was informed by one of the residents that the Borough Council is considering an ordinance prohibiting farm animals. Member Ross said the public health nuisance complaint has been addressed on Stockton Street and that there are existing laws in place to take care of the public health nuisance issue.

The Borough held a Rabies clinic on November 8th with 14 cats and 45 dogs being vaccinated.

The Environmental Health Specialists attended a quarterly meeting to discuss and coordinate regional environmental issues in Mercer County. Two representatives from the Health Department attended a seminar on the new retail food code.

Member Dandurand asked about the grading policy of a food establishment during a Health Department inspection. Mr. Hary explained that the State Retail Food Code of New Jersey uses the categories of Satisfactory, Conditional Satisfactory, and Unsatisfactory. Member Dandurand asked if this grading was posted. By Code, the rating is to be posted near the entrance of the establishment.

Nurse's Report

Ms. Lane handed out September, October, and November reports. The month of September was a month in transition as the Well Child Clinic was moving into the new Housing Authority location. The first clinic was held there in November. The only problem with the location is the possible difficulty in locating the clinic. The Housing Authority has been very cooperative with great facilities, a pleasant waiting room, and private rooms for clinic patients.

The month of October was busy with flu vaccination clinics. There were two all-day clinics at the East Windsor Senior center with 600 seniors being administered vaccines. There are still doses of flu vaccine available. Member Dandurand said that the pastors of local religious organizations may be a good place to inquire about people possibly needing vaccines.

In the month of November, the flu clinics finished up. There was a flu clinic for the Borough employees as well as for the Holly House residents. Member Zaiser asked if there was money in the budget to create a sign for the Well-Child Clinic. The idea of a temporary sign that could be placed out on the days of the clinic and brought in when not in use was discussed.

Old Business

Member Ross inquired about the issue of the Board of Health secretary. Mr. Hary has not heard anything new from the Clerk/Administrator on this issue. Member Ross said that it will continue to be tabled.

New Business

Member Zaiser asked that contact be made with Hilary Stults, in that she hasn't been at a meeting in over a year. Member Ross said that the position has a term of office and that Ms. Stults would have to resign to fill her spot.

Ms. Lane said that the walking grant would be kicked off in March. She was going to contact local businesses to act as sponsors to stamp passports after pedometers read 10,000 steps. Anyone who returned their card would get a nominal prize. The kick-off will be held during the Borough Fair in March. The grant funds need to be spent by June 30th. Member Dandurand will give the contact information for the president of the West Windsor Cycling Pedestrian alliance to Ms. Lane for possible ideas and combined efforts.

Adjournment

Member Laudemberger moved for adjournment. Member Zaiser seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

The next meeting of the Hightstown Board of Health will be held on January 2, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Murphy
Recording Secretary