

Hillsdale Board of Health

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Hillsdale Board of Health
October 7, 2014

President DeCaro opens meeting at 7:05 p.m., October 7, 2014

“This is a regular meeting of the Hillsdale Board of Health. By resolution adopted on December 3, 2013, a notice of time and place of this meeting was provided to the Ridgewood News and is posted on the electronic bulletin board and on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall.

Secretary calls the roll:

Present: Mrs. Barbara Ann DeCaro, President, Mrs. Marguerite Deppert, RN, Mrs. Christina Fanelli, RN, Mrs. Lois Kohan, Mrs. Angela Musella, NWBRHC, Mr. James Stephens, Mrs. Louisa Toledo, Mrs. Chrisoula Looes, Council Liaison, Hillsdale Resident, Mr. Kevin O’Brien

Absent: Mrs. Elaine Meyerson, Dr. Rona Weinberg, Dr. Susan Kushner.

The meeting started with a report from B. DeCaro to K. O’Brien in reference to an e-mail he had sent regarding a resident who was given notice before an inspection took place. B. DeCaro said it is not uncommon to give notice of an inspection and that actually it was not anyone from the Board of Health who did so, it was a Borough Official. She also said that it seems that all issues have been addressed. Mr. O’Brien stated that he is still concerned about the children who play in the area in regards to cans of anti-freeze and gasoline that are left outside of this particular property. He also said that the pool is not covered and filtered and is concerned about the mosquitos breeding. A. Musella said the NWBRHC will do an inspection to see if the pool is still uncovered. She said that the homeowner needs to be educated on the importance of keeping the pool covered. Mr. O’Brien then left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, September 9, 2014

Motion to receipt and file: J. Stephens Second: C. Fanelli

Approval of September, 2014 Correspondence:

Motion to receipt and file: C. Fanelli Second: L. Toledo

Health Office and Employee Reports:

1. The Potomac Homes are getting a proclamation for Mental Health Week.
2. September is Flu Clinic Month and 112 shots were given in Hillsdale.
3. 5 inspections were done at food establishments.
4. There were many rat complaints and inspections that have mostly been abated.
L. Toledo asked her why there was such a rise in rodent sightings and A. Musella told her that there has been a lot of construction around the area and the rats have been disturbed. People who have bird feeders also attract rodents.
5. A. Musella said there have been a few inquiries about Entervirus 68 and Ebola. They have been referred to the website. She said there are 9 confirmed cases of Entervirus 68 in New Jersey.
6. Bloodborne Pathogen program was conducted in the summer.
7. The CHC was held on Sept. 24. 11 children attended.
8. No lead cases reported in September and 5 cases reported from CDRSS- 2 ehrlichiosis, 1 pertussis, 1 lyme, 1 legionellosis
9. M. Deppert made 2 home visits and had 2 new patients and 4 revisiting patients at her office.
10. 69 residents attended the flu clinic. 15 borough employees, 18 George White teachers, and 18 Hillsdale House Residents also received flu shots. Blood pressure clinic was held at Hillsdale House with 8 patients screened.
11. The walk in health program was held of Sept. 9 with no patients. Information about this program will be in the fall issue of My Hillsdale with the hopes that it will draw more people in.
12. M. Deppert attended continuing ed classes “Infection Control: Bloodborne Pathogens, InfectionTransmission and TB” and “Immunization Auditing: New Tools and Best Practices”. She also attended the Bergen County Municipal Nurses Association meeting on “The Care of Dementia Patients”.
13. M. Deppert has started her exercise class at the 50+ Club and said so far it is doing well.

14. L. Kohan is continuing to do her many home visits and her exercise classes at Hillsdale House.
15. L. Kohan spoke about Elaine Meyerson and the new facilities for Shelter Our Sisters. She brought a flyer to show everyone.
16. Her dog has passed tests and is now an Official Therapeutic Dog.
17. L. Kohan went to a seminar on Nutrition and Cancer. A nutritionist from Valley Hospital was the speaker.

Motion to receipt and file: L. Toledo

Second: C. Fanelli

Opening of Public Meeting 8:29 p.m. – Closed Public Meeting 8:30 p.m.

Prior Business:

1. **Walk Across America** – No report at this time
2. **Radon:** It was decided that the Board should take advantage of the grant for radon testing kits and that we should order 25 kits to begin with.
3. **Adult Playground Grant:** There is no word about the grant at this time, but there was a discussion about where would be the best location for this program if it gets started. There has been talk that it should be at Stonybrook Swim Club but some members of the board did not think this would be a good place.
4. **Coat Drive or Pajama Drive.** It has been decided that there will be a Coat Drive at Borough Hall in November and December. M. Deppert did not hear back from the Girl Scout Troop that was going to do the Pajama Drive.
5. **Babysitting Clinic:** Will be held on Thursday, November 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

New Business:

1. **Rabies Clinic:** will be held on November 12, 2014 from 6-8 p.m.
2. **NWBRHC Contract.** A. Musella said the contract for 2015 is not done yet.

Vouchers: None at this time.

There was a discussion on doing the Health Fair again next year, and if it was done in the fall it could be coordinated with the Flu Clinic.

A Musella had literature on a “Shaping NJ Partners” grant which is about Access to Healthy Food and Activity. There will be a seminar on October 24th in reference to this. She said there is also a website – shapingnj.com. A discussion followed on how the Board of Health could be involved in this project.

The Board’s next meeting was scheduled for November 11th which is a holiday. B. DeCaro will find out from the administrator whether or not we can still have it. If not, another date will have to be picked.

Motion to Adjourn: J. Stephens

Second: C. Fanelli

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.