

Hillsdale Board of Health

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING Hillsdale Board of Health September 9, 2014

President DeCaro opens meeting at 7:05 p.m., September 9, 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, Dr. Susan Kushner, Vice President, Mrs. Marguerite Deppert, RN, Mrs. Christina Fanelli, RN, Mrs. Lois Kohan, Mrs. Angela Musella, NWBRHC, Mr. James Stephens, Dr. Rona Weinberg, Mrs. Chrisoula Looes, Council Liaison, Hillsdale Resident, Mr. Kevin O’Brien

Absent: Mrs. Elaine Meyerson, Mrs. Louisa Toledo

The meeting started with a report from resident Kevin O’Brien stating that Tyco Animal Control met with him in reference to rat problems. He had his property baited for rats and one was caught. The problem was resolved. He then asked that when a food establishment is inspected is it done with notice. A. Musella said no. He then wanted to know why a resident was given 48 hours notice before an inspection on her property and that all inspections should be the same for all with no notice. There was also a discussion on if the Bergen County Mosquito Control has index cards of hot spots for mosquitos, why can’t the board of health do the same. Mr. O’Brien then left the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 3, 2014

Motion to receipt and file: C. Fanelli Second: R. Weinberg

Approval of June 14, 2014 Correspondence:

Motion to receipt and file: R. Weinberg Second: S. Kushner

Health Office and Employee Reports:

1. M. Deppert gave her reports for June, July and August, 2014.
At the CHC in June there were 7 patients, July - 14 patients and in August there was no CHC.
2. No lead poisoning cases were reported in June, July or August.

3. 3 cases of Lyme Disease, 1 Ehrlichiosis, 1 Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever were reported in June – 3 Lyme Disease, 1 Hepatitis C and 1 Varicella in July – 1 Lyme Disease and 1 Hepatitis C in August.
4. No home visits were made in June – 3 were made in July and 2 home visits in August.
5. A Total of 7 patients were seen in Office Visits for the months of June, July and August. A total of 3 Mantoux tests were given. All results were negative. Dose 1 and 2 of Hep B vaccine given to Westwood EMT.
6. Case Management for a current client who is applying for long term care insurance benefits to reimburse costs incurred for privately hired Home Health Aid. She finally got authorization from client's insurance company to keep her Home Health Aid.
7. There were blood pressure clinics conducted in June at the American Legion and June, July and August at Hillsdale House.
8. In-services/Continuing Ed: "A Task Force Approach to Hoarding" and Public Health Nursing Summit.
9. The 50+ Exercise Class will be starting on September 11th at the United Methodist Church with approximately 20 minute sessions held monthly on the second Thursday of each month.
10. L. Kohan has continued to do her many home visits and referrals. She also visits various people in Nursing Homes and Group Homes.
11. The exercise class at Hillsdale House continues and is doing well.
12. L. Kohan went to the opening of a new Shelter Our Sisters community Center in Rochelle Park. She said the facility was lovely.
13. There was a lengthy discussion about mental health care in Bergen County. This is something that needs to be looked into further.
14. A. Musella said there have been many, many complaints about rats in Hillsdale. The main culprit she said are people who feed the birds and attract rats with the seed that falls to the ground. There was also a discussion as to whether the construction in Hillsdale and Woodcliff Lake has anything to do with the influx of rats.
15. All Parkview Drive complaints have been abated at this time.
16. There was a complaint about Demarest Farms with someone claiming that she and her boyfriend both became ill after eating there. G. Brunner contacted the complainant to fill out a food poisoning form and left a message. They never called back. G. Brunner did a spot check and a 3 hour food handling class for Demarest Farm employees was set up. For further investigation is needed.
17. Shop Rite. A caller claimed that rancid odors were coming from the garbage compactor. G. Brunner conducted an inspection, she was told the compactor had a leak and was removed from the premises. After the compactor was fixed and returned and G. Brunner returned to do an inspection, no odors were detected. There was another complaint about a strong odor of some kind of adhesive which was coming from the work being done on the floor in the deli department. The complainant was worried about the pregnant woman working in the department. G. Brunner did an inspection and obtained two addition box fans for ventilation. A follow up inspection was done and there were no odors detected at that time.
18. There was a complaint about a Forest Drive residence which is in foreclosure and the lawn is not being maintained and the pool is breeding mosquitoes. The complainant

had already called Bergen County Mosquito Commission to take care of the pool which was done, but the water was still collecting in the cover. At a later date an adequate pool cover had been installed.

19. A resident had a sewer back-up in her basement. DPW and police said it was probably grease from the restaurants nearby. A grease trap site inspection was conducted. A grease trap flyer was handed to all three restaurants along with the grease trap cleaning log that each facility has posted.

Motion to receipt and file: S. Kushner **Second:** J. Stephens

Opening of Public Meeting 8:45 p.m. – Closed Public Meeting 8:46 p.m.

Prior Business:

1. **Walk Across America** – No report at this time
2. **Skin Cancer Screening:** 40 patients were screened, 29 referred for further evaluation.
3. **Adult Playground Grant:** No report at this time.
4. **Radon:** Has been advertised in the local newspapers and a few inquiries have been made at Borough Hall. Hillsdale has been approved by NJDEP to participate in the program.

New Business:

1. **Pajama Drive.** M. Deppert was approached by a Girl Scout Troop that would like to have a pajama drive at borough hall, similar to the coat drive we had last year. B. DeCaro said she wanted to know where the pajamas would be dispersed and had a concern that the pajamas would not be donated to as wide a field as the coats were.
2. **Babysitting Clinic.** M. Deppert mentioned she would like to have the Babysitting Clinic the same week as the Teachers Convention in November. She will look into it further.

B. DeCaro said the second stage of Emergency Preparedness is being worked on. She also spoke to A. Musella about Upper Saddle River no longer being a commission town for NWBRHC, but at the same time NWBRHC has gained Ridgewood.

Vouchers: None at this time.

Motion to Adjourn: J. Stephens **Second:** C. Fanelli

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2014