

October 20, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on October 20, 2015.

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

Flag salute and 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: Vera Cheatham, Veronica Hedgepath, Wayne Jacobus, Ismael Lorenzo, Ondria Garcia Montes and David Holeman.

ABSENT: James Glass.

Motion to accept the minutes of March 17, 2015 as received by Wayne Jacobus, seconded by Vera Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. Ondria did read the minutes but can't vote as she was not present for the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

FLU SHOTS - Flu shots will be given at Borough Hall on October 29, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.. Last year there were two vaccines. One was suppose to be stronger. Is that happening again this year? Peter Tabbot said we shifted last year from one to the other. There is an adjustment for this year that has been done already and there shouldn't be any other changes. Is there a high number of cases this year? Not really. We are below schedule. We don't know if what we are getting this year will align with what everyone gets and how sick they are. We have high dose vaccine for seniors and disabled and those with chronic conditions. The other one is for the general population. We are vaccinating 3 years up and older this year.

RABIE CLINIC - Rabie clinic will be held on November 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.. One hour only. What information does the person coming need to have? A dog license or cat license and any proof of having their rabie shot earlier. This is a statewide program so people can come from anywhere in the state.

JAIIME BREITEN QUARTERLY HEALTH REPORT - Jaime said we did Angelos Bakery and they were unsatisfactory to where we had to shut them down for a few days. She had to clean and disinfect the store and throw out all food products. She had to get an exterminator in. She was closed for 2 days and then she was able to reopen after we reinspected. We will do a follow up in November.

We also had the new food establishment for Royal Chicken. He is now open. He had to seal some gaps and smoothe out the floor and he was okay to open on the 30th.

308 South Salem which is the mortgage company. We received complaints about sitting water with mosquito issues. Drainage ditch is blocked. There was a grate there and now that is gone which makes everything go under the building so it is harder to get it cleaned up when there is a blockage.

53 Polk is a landlord/tenant issue. Every so often we get calls from her when there are problems. We have been there about 20 times.

13-19 Adams - We had a complaint about mosquitos. No evidence of standing water. We did contact Morris County Mosquito Control. They treated where they thought potentially there could be a problem. They treated the neighborhood.

Peter Tabbot said that also with the report are the different trainings and seminars we attend to maintain our licenses. The past two summers I have had the pleasure of serving as the faculty coordinator for the program that produces our Environmental Health Specialists. This is for our health licenses that both Jaime and I hold and Kara. We have our programs that you can participate in. Some of them were very good and we had a nice turnout.

In the last quarter we had one Hepatitis C case which is actively being followed by Janet Hess from our department.

Peter went over the other items in the packet that he gave everyone. If any one has questions or comments you can get in touch with me. I know you haven't had a chance to look this over since you just received it tonight.

One thing I do what you to be aware of is that in the past every two years each town had to do a canvass of dogs for the census. This is no longer a requirement. We budget for this in Rockaway Township just like Victory Gardens does. Now it no longer has to be done. So then we don't have to do it? No. If it isn't mandatory then we don't have to do it. Peter said it depends on how you look at it. It does cost to have someone do it but in the long run you are making more money for the town on the people who haven't gotten their licenses. So it does bring money into the town. I think it is good to do the census because you are making sure that the animals are licensed and vaccinated. If you don't have a rabie shot you can't get a license for your animal. That leads to having no rabie shots and no licensing. That could create more trouble. You don't want to put any other animals at risk or any humans. It isn't required any longer but we feel it is a good thing to do every two years.

Peter spoke out diseases that have to be reported to the State. One of the members said that head lice is something that should be reported. There are so many cases of this especially when the kids go back to school. It is so hard to get rid of and the over the counter products just don't seem to work. I don't we will ever get this to be a reportable disease. New Jersey usually follows the other 49 states. So we all have the same items that are reportable. Somebody needs to push this so it is reportable. Peter said that is under the Boards of Education, that is under the Administrators and Supers of the Boards of Educations. The School Boards have their own policies and guidelines and we can not interfere with them. We help in whatever way we can but the ultimate is up to the School Boards. Head lice is a nuisance thing - it is not communicable.

MERSA is a staff infection. It is generally in a constitutional setting. It happens where ever a lot of people congregate. What happens if a hospital that is close to us has an outbreak. What if you have to do there? Is the general public made aware of this so you don't walk into something like that? I'm not sure what the requirement is for reporting or how many have to be sick before it becomes public knowledge. Care facilities should let the general public know when something like that happens. It is better to face it right on then to not say anything and then panic everyone.

Peter said that flu activity is extremely low right now. In another month or so there will be an increase. Most of the small outbreaks that have occurred so far are the H3N2 Type A influenza. This was the predominant strain from last year. That is one of the strains we are using for this years vaccine. It is very likely that the strain of flu will be the same as it was last year. Based on all the information collected they believe that this years vaccine will be very good.

Peter asked the Board to approve the attached Resolution in support of National Breast Cancer Month. He would like it done and adopted. All Board of Health should do this on a yearly basis. The resolution follows:

**BOROUGH OF VICTORY GARDENS  
BOARD OF HEALTH**

Resolution of the Borough of Victory Gardens Board of Health  
in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, October is *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*, which is an annual campaign to increase awareness of this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, mammography rates have increased and breast cancer deaths have declined but there is more we can do; and

**WHEREAS**, *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month* remains dedicated to increasing public knowledge about the importance of early detection of breast cancer and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, too many women do not utilize mammography at regular intervals even though data indicates it is the best available method of detection to decrease death rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society continues to advise women to obtain an annual mammogram screening once they reach age 40; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Cancer Institute estimates that in the United States, more than 231,000 new female and 2,000 new male cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year, and over 40,000 people will die; and

**WHEREAS**, in Morris County, female breast cancer accounts for 15.8 % of all cancers and 9% of all cancer deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, there are many organizations that continue to search for a cure through vital research, and to educate our community regarding the importance of early detection and the risks of breast cancer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Victory Gardens Board of Health does hereby recognize all of the above and October 2015 as *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month*, and urges all women to increase their knowledge about breast cancer by promoting education and early detection methods to decrease the risk of breast cancer.

Adopted: October 20, 2015

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David Holeman, President

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented by Ondria Montes, seconded by Veronica Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Vera Cheatham	Yes
Veronica Hedgepath	Yes
Wayne Jacobus	Yes
Ismael Lorenzo	Yes
Ondria Garcia Montes	Yes
David Holeman	Yes

MEETINGS FOR 2016 - The Clerk gave us dates for the new year for the Board of Health meetings. 1/19/16 for the re Organization, and then the remainder of the year meetings are: 4/19/16, 7/19/16 and 10/18/16. The members of the Board of Health agreed on the dates as given. No motion was made just a verbal vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

HAND SANITIZERS - Peter said he delivered to Deb Evans options which she gave copies to everyone. Ondria said she doesn't think we need this. We can probably just put small bottles out and people can take them. Maybe the 1 ounce bottles. Peter said now that he knows this is what you want to do, let him look into seeing how much it would cost to buy in bulk. They would be funded with the money in the Board of Health budget. Bottles would be more convenient than having the dispenser on the wall. Board of Health agreed to get small bottles and a few large bottles to sit at the window of the Clerks office.

There was no public at this meeting so the meeting was not opened to the public.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Wayne Jacobus, seconded by Veronica Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

Vera Cheatham  
Secretary