

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Monday, September 10, 2012

6:36 p.m.

The September meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Health was held in the Municipal Building on the above-mentioned date.

Present: Ms. Sandom, Ms. Johnson, Mayor Markulec and Mr. Cannon

Present: Mr. Guarino, Health Officer
Mr. Robert English, Inspector

Absent: Mr. Burd

The regular meeting of the Township Board of Health was called to order by Board of Health Chairman, Kim Johnson, at 6:36 in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News and Trenton Times (the official newspapers) on January 5, 2012 P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The first order of business was review and approval of the minutes from the May 14, 2012 Board of Health Meeting. Upon review of the minutes Ms. Johnson noted a correction to the minutes with regard to a septic application for Block 99.04 Lot 8. The minutes were amended noting Ms. Sandom had seconded the motion to approve the application. Board members reviewed the revised May 14, 2012 minutes, Mr. Cannon moved to approve as amended, Ms. Sandom seconded.

Mr. Guarino provided an update on the Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership reporting on a collaborative effort of eight Health Departments, four area hospitals, and the United Way compiling demographic data, graphics, statistical information on diseases and illnesses causing disease. Funding for the project is made possible through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's New Jersey Health initiatives. The first phase is a community health assessment addressing the health related needs of Mercer County. The next phase of the project is a community health improvement plan which will identify major health issues and prioritize specific strategies focusing on prevention and resources to improve health care for Mercer County residents. The improvement plan will be available in December and hosted at Janssen Pharmaceuticals.

Mr. Guarino provided an update of the State Audit of the Hopewell Township Health Department on April 26, 2012. Mr. Guarino stated Hopewell received an overall satisfactory report. Mr. Guarino noted two sessions were conducted for staff training in diversity. A Work Force Assessment will be conducted in an effort to plan for future staffing needs and will be discussed in greater detail at the Township Committee Meeting.

In an effort to provide a more effective transition for transfer of properties with regard to septic and wells, A Quality Improvement Plan is being discussed to improve the process and ensure a “smoother” transfer of property for homeowners.

Other items:

Mr. Guarino reported on the new online registration system for the flu clinic which is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct 24, 2012 at the Hopewell Township Public Works Facilities. The clinic will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Appointments are required and can be made online utilizing the new online appointment system on the township website at www.hopewelltp.org Residents are encouraged to register on line and print out a consent form which will be scanned prior to receiving the flu shot.

Hopewell Township Health Department will be scheduling flu clinics throughout the area during late September and October. Residents can be vaccinated at most pharmacies and local physician’s office.

The Annual Joint Meeting of Valley Boards of Health will be held on Wednesday December 12, at the Hopewell Borough Municipal building.

Mr. Guarino referenced a letter from the State - Christie administration officials urging residents to take precautions against mosquitoes, to safeguard against West Nile virus. Mr. Guarino explained West Nile virus is treatable and the CDC has printed cards indicating the symptoms of West Nile virus and personal protection measures to prevent West Nile.

The Red Cross reception center training will be held at Union Fire Company on River Road, Titusville, NJ. The training sessions will instruct members on the proper procedures for utilizing the fire house as a reception center for local residents to charge cell phones, water distribution, and for use as a transport site in the event of an emergency. The Union Fire Station will not be used as a shelter.

There being no further business, Mayor Markulec moved to adjourn, Mr. Cannon seconded.
Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Prassas