

HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

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Monday, January 14, 2013

6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Mayor Sandom, Mr. Lester, Mr. Canon, Mr. Burd.

Mr. Markulec, arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Also Present: Health Officer, Gary Guarino

The regular meeting of the Township Board of Health was called to order by Board of Health Secretary, Kathy Prassas, at 6:30 p.m. 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 December 26, 2012 P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The first order of business was reorganization of the Hopewell Township Board of Health. Mr. Lester moved to nominate Mayor Sandom as Chairperson for 2013, Mr. Cannon seconded. Roll was called by the secretary and approved by the Board.

Mayor Sandom moved to re-appoint Kathy Prassas as Board of Health Secretary.

Mr. Cannon moved to approve, Mr. Lester seconded.

The next item on the agenda was review and approval of the minutes from the September 12, 2012 Board of Health Meeting. Mr. Cannon moved to approve, Mr. Burd seconded. Mr. Lester abstained.

Registration of local board of health – Mr. Guarino requested Board members review the attached information which reflects name and contact information for Board members.

Mr. Lester requested his cell phone reflect first contact 609-444-8765.

Mr. Guarino reported on highlights of events reflected in the 2012 Annual Report involving the health department.

Mr. Guarino discussed the State audit and reported on the Annual Joint Meeting of Advisory Board of Health held on November 11, 2012 hosted by Hopewell Borough.

Mr. Guarino discussed the impact of the recent hurricane, ice storm and Super Storm Sandy.

Mr. Guarino reported on the Flu update stating 722 doses of vaccine were administered. Mr. Guarino advised residents were receptive to the drive thru flu clinic held on Wednesday, Oct 24, 2012 at the Hopewell Township Public Works Facilities from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Guarino noted 200 doses were administered by nurses and resident physicians from Capital Health.

Mr. Guarino stated the flu clinic was a good learning curve and advised in the future the clinic could administer 400 to 500 vaccinations. The next flu clinic will be held on January 15, 2013 at the Township Building Health Department between 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Mr. Guarino reported on a rise of cases of pertussis and Lyme disease.

Mr. Guarino reported a rabies clinic was held this past Saturday, January 7, 2013. Mr. Guarino reported 300 cats and dogs were vaccinated.

Mr. Guarino stated the health department has been busy with the Septic and Well inspection programs.

Mr. Guarino noted there were 1940 births this year and expects vital statistics for next year will be approximately 3,000 births and approximately 250 deaths this past year.

Mr. Guarino reported on the Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership –Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). He noted funding of the grant will continue until August 1, 2013. Discussion is underway on finding continue funding sources from RWJ, the 4 hospitals and 7 health departments. Mr. Guarino stated the CHIP is completed and is posted on a link on the Twp. Website.

Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play, June 7-9, 2013 will link with the Safe Home, Safe Family Expo scheduled for June 8, from 10am-2pm.

Other items or events:

January is Radon Awareness Month – Radon kits are available at the Township Health Department for \$20.00

Teen Wellness Day will be held at HVCH - February 4, 2013

Hopewell Valley's Night Off is scheduled for Wednesday February 27, 2013. Hopewell Valley's Night Off is a community-wide initiative to encourage families to kick-back and relax with family members. Sports and practices, classes and homework will be cancelled on this special evening.

Hopewell Valley Safe Home Expo and Come Outside and Play - June 8, 2013

Hopewell Valley Night at Waterfront Park is scheduled for Wednesday June 12, 2013.

The Advisory Board of Health will meet in January 23, 2013.

There being no further business. Mr. Cannon moves to adjourn, Mr. Lester seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:45

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Prassas

Approved 8-26-2013