

## HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

### HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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Monday, January 13, 2014  
6:30 p.m.

This is an audio recording of the January 13, 2014 meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Health

**Present:** Mayor Sandom, Mr. Lester, Mr. Canon, and Mr. Brant

**Absent:** Mr. Hart

**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 3, 2013 P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The first order of business was reorganization of the Hopewell Township Board of Health. Mr. Canon moved to nominate Mayor Sandom as Chairperson for 2014, Mr. Lester 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. Canon moved to approve, Mr. Lester seconded the board approved.

The next item on the agenda was review and approval of the minutes from the September 12, 2013 Board of Health Meeting. Canon moved to approve, Mr. Lester seconded. Mr. Brant abstained. The Board approved.

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

Mr. Guarino reported events reflected in the 2013 Annual Report involving the health department will be forthcoming.

Mr. Guarino reported on the Flu update stating the health department received 800 doses and 610 doses of vaccine were administered. Mr. Guarino noted approximately 240 doses were administered by nurses and resident physicians from Capital Health during the drive-thru clinic. The fee for the vaccine is \$12.00 for adults and free for seniors over 65.

Mr. Guarino reported the rabies clinic was held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 and a second clinic will be held on November 8, 2014. Mr. Guarino reported between 130 and 150 cats and dogs were vaccinated. Approximately 300 cats and dogs were vaccinated during the November 2013 clinic.

Mr. Guarino reported between 2500 and 2600 birth certificates received in 2013.

Mr. Guarino reported on the Greater Mercer Public Health Partnership –Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) advising funding of the grant ended August 1, 2013. Mr. Guarino stated Toni Lewis left as the coordinator and for sustainability; contributions are being provided by the four hospitals and health departments.

Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play event will be held on Thursday, June 12 –Saturday, June 14, 2014. This event provides an opportunity for our community to get more adults and children in nature and outdoors.

**Other items or events:**

Dates for 2014 of clinic and screenings etc.

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

Senior Health Fair will be held on January 29, 2014

Teen Wellness Day will be held at HVCH - February 3, 2014

Hopewell Valley's Night Off is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014. 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 Come Outside and Play - June 12 - 14, 2014

Hopewell Valley Night at Waterfront Park is scheduled for Jul 1, 2014.

There being no further business. Mr. Cannon moves to adjourn, Mr. Lester seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Prassas