

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING

July 16, 2014

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Health, City of Englewood, Bergen County, was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by JoEllen Bostick, President, Board of Health. This meeting was rescheduled from the original date of July 9, 2014, due to the City fireworks event on that date.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JoEllen Bostick, President; Lisa Levien, Vice President; Bertha-Nora Acosta; Ketsia Alerte Sadler; and Dr. Lisa Wisotsky.

ALSO PRESENT:

James Fedorko, Director, Health Services/Health Officer/Secretary to the Board; Richard A. Lustgarten, Esq., Board of Health Attorney; and Janet Hart, Confidential Executive Secretary.

ABSENT/with apology: Stephanie Davis and Dr. Earl Marsan.

Mr. Fedorko read the Open Public Meetings Statement. All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.A. Motion to approve 2.A.i. (Minutes of June 11, 2014 Meeting-Open/Closed); 2.A.ii. (Receipts-\$14,971.50-June, 2014); 2.A.iii. (Bills-\$30,660.89-June, 2014); 2.A.iv. (Employee Reports-June, 2014); and 2.A.v. (Digest of Mail-June, 2014).

Motion to approve Items 2.A.i.-v. was made by Dr. Wisotsky, and seconded by Ms. Levien. Motion was approved 5-0.

2.B. Motion to approve retail licenses – June, 2014

Mr. Fedorko stated that there were six licenses to be approved, as follows: 23 South Englewood LLC, Bon Vivant New York Production Center, Seafood Delight, LLC, Bora's Pantry, Dolce & Salato Bakery, and Rica Water. He said that there had not been any written or verbal objection to the approval of these licenses.

Motion to approve retail licenses for June, 2014 was made by Ms. Sadler, and seconded by Dr. Wisotsky. Motion was approved 5-0.

2.C. i. Board Liaison Reports

Dr. Wisotsky said it was very important for the Board Members to attend the City Council meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., and speak in the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

ii. Committee Reports

Mr. Fedorko spoke on behalf of the Obesity Committee regarding the Walk with the Mayor initiative. He said the name had been changed to Walk with a Leader, and would start in the Fall. Mr. Fedorko explained the program and said its goal is to promote walking as a form of exercise. He will present the initiative to the City Council at their Workshop Meeting on August 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

3. PHN Appointment

Mr. Fedorko reported that a nurse had been hired for the Department, and that she would be starting as soon as the results of her background check were received. He said she would be working on a consultant basis, part-time, two days a week.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Annual Report on the State of the Englewood Community's Health

Mr. Fedorko gave an overview of the Department's revenue and costs to run. He listed the leading causes of mortality and morbidity. He predicted that healthcare costs in general will increase in the future, and that median household income will not keep pace with inflation.

5. Community Garden

Mr. Fedorko reported that the Community Garden is doing very well. Ms. Crystal Brown and Mr. Kevin Lake of the Environmental Commission are volunteering their time and helping with the garden, and they thanked the Department for assisting in a recent newspaper article.

6. Summer Programs

Mr. Fedorko distributed an outline of future Department programs to the Board members, which included the current summer events and upcoming fall and winter events. He and the Board discussed the summer programs in detail, and it was suggested that a swim team be formed which could compete with nearby towns.

7. Grants

Mr. Fedorko stated that the results of the application for the Community Development Block Grants had still not been announced. He said the Department and Bergen Family Center are planning to write a grant together for childhood obesity.

8. Planning

Ms. Bostick and Mr. Fedorko discussed the Department's long-range planning items, such as the Walk With a Leader program, the October Dance-a-thon, and World AIDS Day. A discussion ensued regarding the useage of any funds raised in these efforts.

9. Other Business

There being no other new business to discuss, Mr. Lustgarten said it was time for the Public Comment session of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to open the time for public comment was made by Dr. Wisotsky, and seconded by Ms. Sadler. Motion was approved 5-0.

Kevin Lake, 320 N. Woodland Street

Mr. Lake introduced himself as a member of the Environmental Commission and the Third Street Community Garden. He asked the Board to support his request to the City Council to repeal Englewood's anti-beekeeping ordinance. He said pollination by bees is essential for food production. Mr. Lake said allowing beekeeping would also provide an opportunity for children to see how food is produced.

The Board asked Mr. Fedorko to provide more information on beekeeping at the September meeting.

There being no more questions or comments from the public, motion to close the time for public comment was made by Ms. Sadler, and seconded by Ms. Acosta. Motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Wisotsky reported that she had received a phone call from Flat Rock Brook about an over-population of deer problem they are experiencing. They will be doing a presentation about the issue at the September 9th City Council meeting.

Mr. Lustgarten then read the Closed Session Resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey permits the public to be excluded from certain matters to be discussed by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the City of Englewood desires to discuss James Fedorko, Health Officer, a matter of personnel; and

WHEREAS, these matters are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussions; and

WHEREAS, minutes will be taken during the closed session, and a summary of the minutes will be made available to the public by October, 2014, and once the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the minutes will be made available to the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Health of the City of Englewood, that the public be excluded, since these matters, as set forth above, are ones which permit the exclusion of the public from such discussion: Employment matters relating to any specific prospective or current employee unless the individual requests in writing that the matter be discussed in public.

Motion to approve the Resolution to go into Closed Session was made by Dr. Wisotsky, and seconded by Ms. Sadler. Motion was approved 5-0.

The Open Session ended at 9:45 p.m.

(Closed Session)

The Board discussed the annual evaluation of the Health Officer.

The meeting ended at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Fedorko
Secretary to the Board
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