

CITY OF ENGLEWOOD

BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING

October 7, 2014

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Health, City of Englewood, Bergen County, was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by JoEllen Bostick, President, Board of Health.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JoEllen Bostick, President; Lisa Levien, Vice President; Bertha-Nora Acosta; Ketsia Alerte Sadler; and Dr. Lisa Wisotsky (arrived 8:05 p.m.).

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 September 10, 2014 Meeting-Open/Closed); 2. A. ii. (Receipts-\$13,073.50-September, 2014); 2. A. iii. (Bills-\$15,555.46-September, 2014); 2. A. iv. (Employee Reports-September, 2014); 2. A. v. (Digest of Mail-September, 2014); and 2. A. vi. (Communications-September, 2014).

Motion to approve Items 2. A. i. – vi. was made by Ms. Levien, and seconded by Ms. Sadler. Motion was approved 4-0.

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

Mr. Fedorko stated that there were three licenses to be approved, as follows: Little Caesars, D Zone Grill 1, and D Zone Grill 1 Vending.

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

2. C. i. Board Liaison Reports

As the Board of Health liaison to the City Council, Dr. Wisotsky reported on a meeting she, Ms. Bostick, Ms. Sadler, and Mr. Fedorko had recently with Councilmen Skurnick and Hamer, regarding fulfilling the health needs of their communities. Three areas were identified:

1. Improve outreach to the Hispanic population; find an appropriate person to be liaison.
2. Address the health needs of the elderly.
3. Address the problems of obesity, nutrition, and physical activity of the youth and the elderly.

ii. Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Beekeeping Ordinance

Mr. Lustgarten explained that the issue before the Board was whether to recommend to the City Council to adopt an ordinance to repeal the ban on beekeeping in Englewood and concurrent with that, perhaps, to adopt the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Best Management Practices for Beekeepers in Populated Areas.

Mr. Fedorko discussed some of the issues relating to beekeeping and said the article prohibiting beekeeping in Englewood is part of the Department's Health Code. He said if it is rescinded, the City should adopt the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Best Management Practices for Beekeepers in Populated Areas as well. A discussion ensued as to whether the Board could rescind a section of the Health Code or only recommend that to the City Council.

Mr. Lustgarten told the Board that, if they are in favor of rescinding the article prohibiting beekeeping in Englewood, a Resolution to recommend to the City Council that the prohibition of beekeeping be deleted and that the City Council concurrently with that deletion, adopt the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Best Management Practices for Beekeepers in Populated Areas, could be done.

Mr. Fedorko read a proposed resolution, as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health of the City of Englewood repeals Section 4-9 of the Health Code, which prohibits the keeping of bees for commercial or non-commercial purposes within the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Health concurrently recommends that the City Council adopt the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Best Management Practices for Beekeepers in Populated Areas, which is attached as Schedule A.

Motion to adopt the Resolution was made by Dr. Wisotsky, and seconded by Ms. Bostick. Motion was approved 5-0.

4. Youth Health Educator Recruitment

Mr. Lustgarten advised the Board that they would need to discuss the above in Closed Session at the end of the meeting, so as not to hold up the rest of the business.

5. Planning

Mr. Fedorko told the Board that the tentative dates for his annual Army training are January 12-23, 2015.

He reported that in 2013, 296 flu vaccinations were administered by the Department. He said that 172 vaccinations had been given up to now, and approximately 50 more would be given at the Englewood Public Library on October 14. The Department also participated in the Shiloh AME Zion Church Give-it-away Program on October 4. Eleven people were tested for HIV by NJ Buddies. (zero were positive) The next HIV screening clinic is with the Bergen County Department of Health on October 15 at Vantage Healthcare, along with Bergen Family Center.

Mr. Fedorko said a Breast Cancer lecture is being planned for October 28 at 8:00 p.m. at Congregation Ahavath Torah. He reported that a reduced ice skating event is scheduled for November 6 and 7, since the children are not in school on those dates.

Ms. Bostick reminded the Board that the Latino Health Fair is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Grieco School, and that the Department would be participating. All are invited to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Anti-Smoking Resolution

Mr. Fedorko read Resolution R14-13, recommending that the City Council adopt an ordinance which prohibits the use of tobacco and tobacco products with respect to outdoor cafes, in its entirety.

Motion to approve Resolution R14-13 was made by Dr. Wisotsky, and seconded by Ms. Levien. Motion was approved 5-0.

7. Other Business

The Board indicated there was no further business to discuss.

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 thanked the Board for their attention to the matter of beekeeping in Englewood.

Dr. Richard Pierson, 60 Lincoln Street

Dr. Pierson reported that Mr. Fedorko's presence in Englewood is recognized and appreciated by the Rotary Club members.

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

Mr. Lustgarten stated that unless there was any more Open Session business, the time was appropriate to go into Closed Session to discuss Item 4: Youth Health Educator Recruitment.

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 employment matters relating to any specific prospective or current employee unless the individual requests in writing that the matter be discussed in public; 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 at or after the next meeting, and once the need for confidentiality no longer exists,

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. Acosta. Motion was approved 5-0.

(Closed Session)

The Board discussed the recruitment of a Youth Health Educator.

(Open Session)

Dr. Wisotsky referred to the recent Shared Services Agreement between Bergenfield and Hackensack. She suggested that the Board President, Ms. Bostick, look into the possibility of sharing services with Englewood Cliffs. Mr. Fedorko agreed to provide names of some contacts for Ms. Bostick to call.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Sadler, and seconded by Ms. Acosta. Motion was approved 5-0.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Fedorko
Secretary to the Board
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