

**CITY OF ENGLEWOOD**

**BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING**

**December 10, 2014**

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Health, City of Englewood, Bergen County, was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by JoEllen Bostick, President, Board of Health.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

JoEllen Bostick, President; Lisa Levien, Vice President; Bertha-Nora Acosta; Stephanie Davis; 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.

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

2. A. Items for Approval

Motion to approve 2. A. i. (Minutes of November 12, 2014 Meeting); 2. A. ii. (Receipts-November, 2014-\$11,532.50); 2. A. iii. (Bills-November, 2014-\$7,068.28); 2. A. iv. (Employee Reports-November, 2014); 2. A. v. (Digest of Mail-November, 2014); and 2. A. vi. (Communications-November, 2014).

Motion to approve Items 2. A. i. – vi. was made by Ms. Davis, and seconded by Ms. Sadler. Motion was approved 6-0.

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

Mr. Fedorko stated that there were two licenses to be approved, as follows: Bounty Foods, LLC, and D'Colombia Restaurant. He said that there had not been any written or verbal objection to the approval of these licenses. Motion to approve retail licenses for November, 2014 was made by Ms. Bostick, and seconded by Dr. Wisotsky. Motion was approved 6-0.

2. C. i. Board Liaison Reports

ii. Committee Reports

The meeting of the Budget Committee with Mr. Fedorko will be reported under New Business, 2015 Budget.

**ORDINANCES**

3. 14-03 Amending Chapter 4 Article 9 of the Health Code Prohibiting Beekeeping (Public Hearing/Adoption)

Motion to read the ordinance by title only and open the time for public comment was made by Ms. Davis, and seconded by Ms. Sadler. A roll call vote ensued:

Bertha-Nora Acosta	-	"Yes"	Lisa Levien	-	"Yes"
JoEllen Bostick	-	"Yes"	Ketsia Alerte Sadler	-	"Yes"
Stephanie Davis	-	"Yes"	Lisa Wisotsky	-	"Yes"

Motion was approved 6-0.

Mr. Kevin Lake, 320 N. Woodland Street, Englewood, stated that he strongly favors repealing the prohibition on beekeeping, and gave several reasons why beekeeping is a desirable practice.

There were no further comments or questions from the public. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Ms. Bostick, and seconded by Ms. Levien. A roll call vote ensued:

Bertha-Nora Acosta	-	"Yes"	Lisa Levien	-	"Yes"
JoEllen Bostick	-	"Yes"	Ketsia Alerte Sadler	-	"Yes"
Stephanie Davis	-	"Yes"	Lisa Wisotsky	-	"Yes"

Motion was approved 6-0.

Mr. Lustgarten read the Resolution to Adopt Ordinance No. 14-03, as follows: "Be it resolved that Ordinance No. 14-03 entitled An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 Article 9 of the Health Code, entitled 'Keeping of Bees Prohibited' was introduced on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, and was published in The Record on November 16, 2014 and was posted on the bulletin board in the principal Municipal Building of this municipality, on which bulletin board public notices are customarily posted, and that copies of said ordinance were made available to members of the general public requesting the same; and a public hearing was held thereon on December 10, 2014; now therefore, be it resolved, that this ordinance be passed upon second and final reading, and that the Board Secretary be authorized to advertise the same according to law."

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-03 was made by JoEllen Bostick, and seconded by Ketsia Sadler. A roll call vote ensued:

Bertha-Nora Acosta	-	"Yes"	Lisa Levien	-	"Yes"
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JoEllen Bostick - "Yes"                      Ketsia Alerte Sadler - "Yes"  
Stephanie Davis - "Yes"                      Lisa Wisotsky - "Yes"

Motion was approved 6-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

4.     Youth Health Educator Recruitment

Mr. Fedorko reported that no decision had been made yet.

5.     Planning

Future programs for 2015 were discussed, as well as evaluations of the Department's programs in 2014. Mr. Fedorko reported that The Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI) will be opening a satellite clinic at the Department, tentatively starting in March, 2015. He said he would invite someone from BVMI to the January 2015 Board of Health meeting to answer the Board's questions.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

6.     2015 Budget

Mr. Fedorko stated that the Department budget request for 2015 is \$649,348 (Salary & Wages) and \$80,000 (Other Expenses), totaling \$729,248. He said he will be meeting with Mr. Dacey, the City Manager, on December 29, 2014, to discuss the budget. The salary increases are estimates because the union contract has not been completed yet.

7.     Other Business

Mr. Lustgarten read Resolution No. R14-16 appointing Deborah L. Baldwin to the position of Program Coordinator/Assistant to the Director, effective January 1, 2015, at an annual salary of \$68,000.00, for the Department of Health of the City of Englewood, in its entirety. Motion to approve Resolution R14-16 was made by Ms. Davis, and seconded by Ms. Acosta. Motion was approved 6-0.

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Ms. Levien announced that she was moving out of Bergen County and therefore resigning from the Board of Health. She said this meeting would be her last, and that her time on the Board had been lovely. She thanked all the Board Members for their support.

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Ms. Bostick remarked that Senator Loretta Weinberg's office was preparing a Resolution to honor Dr. Earl Marsan for his 32 years of service to the Englewood Board of Health. A discussion ensued as to the best way to present this to Dr. Marsan. It was decided that Dr. Wisotsky would contact the City Manager and ask that it be put on the City Council Meeting Agenda in the near future.

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Dr. Wisotsky reported that many coyotes have been seen in Englewood lately. According to the Animal Control Officer of Bergen County, coyotes are considered nuisance animals and cannot be trapped. He offered to give a presentation on coyotes to the public. Mr. Fedorko said he would contact Flat Rock Brook and try to arrange a lecture there.

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Mr. Fedorko stated that he had spoken to the contracted Health Officer of Englewood Cliffs, Sam Yanovich, regarding a shared services contract. Mr. Yanovich agreed that it would be a good first step in building a relationship between the two municipalities, and said it would be on their January, 2015 Agenda.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion to open the time for public comment was made by Ms. Sadler, and seconded by Ms. Bostick. Motion was approved 6-0.

Kevin Lake, 320 N. Woodland Street, Englewood

Mr. Lake thanked the Board for passing Ordinance 14-03 allowing beekeeping once again in Englewood.

Motion to close the time for public comment was made by Ms. Davis, and seconded by Ms. Acosta. Motion was approved 6-0.

### **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Bostick, and seconded by Ms. Levien. Motion was approved 6-0.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Fedorko  
Secretary to the Board  
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