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BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS  
BOARD OF HEALTH

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
JULY 16, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.

SILENT REFLECTION AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

1. ROLL CALL:     Chairperson Leonard Giles - Present  
                    Vice Chairperson Vicki Hanlon - Present  
                    Board Member Kathryn Moloughney - Absent  
                    Board Member Patricia Skubon - Present

HEALTH INSPECTOR:     Mike Kowal  
SECRETARY:             Mary Ellen Karamus

2. THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS POSTED ON THE BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS WEBSITE AND ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.
3. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
- April 30, 2019; on a motion by Ms. Hanlon, seconded by Ms. Skubon; all present in agreement, the minutes were approved
4. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
5. COMMUNICATIONS:
- 6.25.19 Public Health Update - Vicious Dog Law Revision
    - Chairperson Giles asked the status of the update on the vicious dog law revision. Mr. Kowal stated that the dog law revision is under review.
  - 05/06/2019 through 7/11/2019 Activity Report
    - Chairperson Giles asked what UST stands for. Mr. Kowal stated underground storage tanks.  
Chairperson Giles asked who performs water testing. Mr. Kowal stated an outside company is sent samples and that the Commission reviews the results. Chairperson asked if the company receives a fee. Mr. Kowal stated yes.  
Ms. Skubon asked about a bat incident referenced on 7/11. Mr. Kowal stated Muskrat Mark picked up the bat. Mr. Kowal added it was in someone's home, which is why Muskrat Mark picked it up. Mr. Kowal added if bats get into an attic and are not in the living area, the resident would hire their own private animal control. Chairman Giles asked who would pay Muskrat Mark if he is called. Mr. Kowal stated the town. Mr. Kowal added by state law, every town needs to have animal control. Ms. Skubon asked if the person exposed to the bat is tested. Mr. Kowal stated first a specimen is tested from the animal. If the specimen is positive,

then the resident would be advised to follow up with a doctor or the ER and start the rabies prophylaxis series. Mr. Kowal added that if a resident is bitten, then the person can start treatment and if the specimen is negative, they can stop it. Ms. Skubon asked how long treatment lasts. Mr. Kowal stated it depends. Mr. Kowal added that it can be a lifetime, meaning titers are drawn regularly. Mr. Kowal added that animal control officers regularly have titers drawn. Ms. Skubon asked how quickly Muskrat Mark responds. Mr. Kowal stated he does not know. Mr. Kowal added the police department is called; then Muskrat Mark is advised, and he responds to the location. Ms. Hanlon asked why a cat was suspected for rabies. Mr. Kowal stated it was a stray that was picked up, then the person was scratched by the cat. Mr. Kowal added that neurological signs were noted in the cat.

- Ms. Hanlon asked about a measles incident and whether the people in the household were exposed to measles or did they develop it. Mr. Kowal stated some developed it and some did not, but the household was quarantined. Ms. Hanlon asked if they were vaccinated. Mr. Kowal stated no.
  - Chairperson Giles stated that the health department is no longer doing landfill inspections. Chairperson Giles added that there were 400 investigations over a 4-month period. Chairperson Giles added that the county and state have taken inspections over. Mr. Kowal added that it is a county run facility, so odor complaints are handled by the county. Chairperson Giles added that there was a public meeting where the public stated Tinton Falls has gotten better. Mr. Kowal added that joint efforts have resulted in improvements.
  - Chairperson Giles stated that the Commission accreditation process has continued and that there had been an on-site review of the health department that Mike Kowal was present for. Chairman Giles stated they are waiting for the official results. Chairman Giles added that there may be some items to be readdressed but accreditation should be after that. Mr. Kowal stated results should be in September.
  - Chairperson Giles stated the Commission is working on the VNA and that the fee structure is being looked at and is still in progress.
- Health Officer Reports
    - May 2019 for April 2019
    - June 2019 for May 2019

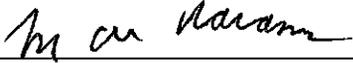
6. NEW BUSINES:

7. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC - Open

8. VOICE OF THE PUBIC - Close

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Ms. Skubon; seconded by Ms. Hanlon the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m. All in agreement

Respectfully submitted and approved:

  
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Mary Ellen Karamus – Board Secretary

Date: October 15, 2019