

BOROUGH OF SPRING LAKE HEIGHTS
B O A R D O F H E A L T H

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MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING
OF
October 19, 2021

6:00 P.M.

SILENT REFLECTION AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: CHAIR LEONARD GILES – Present
VICE CHAIR VICKI HANLON – Absent
KATHRYN MOLOUGHNEY - Absent
PATRICIA SKUBON – Present
JEROME BRENNAN - Present

HEALTH INSPECTOR: GREGORY HAWRILUK
SECRETARY: MARY ELLEN KARAMUS

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.

1. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- July 20, 2021– on a motion by Board Member Brennan, seconded by Board Member Skubon; all present in agreement, the minutes were approved.

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Date for January 2022 for Reorganization meeting. January 18, 2022 was chosen for the January reorganization and regular meeting date.
- Activity Report 7/16/21 through 10/13/21.
Board Member Skubon inquired about a rat situation in the borough. Mr. Hawriluk stated that neighbors of a resident owner of an overgrown property attempted to help clean up the subject property and when trimming/cleaning the property, rats from the property scattered to neighbors' properties. Board Member Skubon asked if the town can take any actions to resolve the rat problem Mr. Hawriluk stated that different towns have different ordinances that would impact actions of the town. Mr. Hawriluk added that it is a grey area regarding access to the property where the rats were originally located. Mr. Hawriluk added that he, on behalf of the Commission, contributed in a more reactionary manner with neighbors of the property owner by offering suggestions on how to deal with the rats effecting their properties. Board Member Skubon asked if the Borough has reached out to the homeowner with a letter. Mr. Hawriluk stated that, to his understanding, the Borough has reached out to the next-of-kin.
- Chair Giles inquired about the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association membership.

- Chair Giles stated that the Commission has been holding advertised clinics which are community events that include activities for kids, goodie bags and djs. Board Member Brennan asked how clinics are advertised; that he had difficulty obtaining a booster. Chair Giles stated that the Commission, through email, disburses fliers to schools and towns and that it is up to the towns to get the information to residents on clinics and further community events. Chair Giles added that there are not as many flu clinics due to the availability of the flu shot.
- Chair Giles relayed his experience with the Medical Corps volunteering at Fort Dix to assist in administering various vaccines. Chair Giles added that the Reserves; Army; Navy; Air Force; National Guard were there for a 3 day event. Chair Giles stated that Day One was very busy, Day Two not as much and there was no need for Day Three. Chair Giles added that the Afghan people were very grateful. Board Member Skubon asked if a medical background is required to volunteer for the Corps. Chair Giles stated no. Board Member Brennan added that he was involved with 9/11 and organizing mental health visits for family members. Mr. Brennan added that he also assisted during flooding with things such as getting clean socks for people. Mr. Brennan stated that good organizational skills and helping hands is what is needed.

Chair Giles asked if anyone had anything to add. Mr. Hawriluk stated that the Spring Lake Heights Rabies Clinic is scheduled for Mid-November.

3. COMMUNICATIONS: None

4. OLD BUSINESS: None

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. VOICE OF THE PUBLIC - Open

7. VOICE OF THE PUBIC – Close

ADJOURNMENT ON A MOTION BY Board Member Brennan: seconded by Board Member Skubon, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

SIGNED: Mary Ellen Karamus
MARY ELLEN KARAMUS
BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY
JANUARY 25, 2022