

WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH
October 17, 2012

This is the Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Health held on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 in the Municipal Building, and called to order by President Frank Riccardelli at 7:35 p.m.

President Riccardelli read the following Sunshine Law: THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH. ADEQUATE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AND IT HAS BEEN DULY ADVERTISED BY THE PLACEMENT OF A NOTICE IN BOTH THE HERALD NEWS AND SUBURBAN TRENDS AND A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE.

ROLL CALL

Frank Riccardelli, Joan Bender, Chris Demetriou, Linda Shafto, Laura Stiansen, Amelia Bertelloni and Maryann Vuksanic answered Roll Call.

ALSO PRESENT

Christopher Chapman, Health Officer, Bernie McDavitt PHN, and Eric Willis, Council Liaison.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Member Bertelloni seconded by Member Shafto and on Roll Call, Financial & Monthly Reports were accepted. A comment by member Bertelloni was made on the nice report given by our new Registered Environmental Specialist Gina McConeghy. She will continue to provide us with this report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Flu Clinic of October 12 was discussed. The turn out was lower than in the past. Chris Chapman said other Health Officers have also seen a lower turn out due to drug stores, grocery pharmacies, doctor's offices etc. now given out the shot. President Riccardelli also said there isn't any media news reports of

thousands of people dying from flu and Chris said there is no shortages of vaccine. On Friday, October 19 our second flu clinic will be held at the Wanaque Reserve Club House from 1 – 4PM.

Member Riccardelli brought up the subject of the amount of business by most of the boards in town have become less and less in the past decades. The board of health reflects that and we need to go over meeting dates for next year. Member Riccardelli was thinking of scaling down to maybe four dates a year. Member Riccardelli asked if any members had comments on that. Everyone agreed on four meetings a year and we will always be prepared to meet if something comes up. January 16, April 17, September 18 and November 20, were the dates agreed upon.

On a motion by Member Bertelloni seconded by Member Bender and on roll call the new scheduled meeting dates were accepted.

Health Officer's Report

Chris mentioned the rabies clinic coming up on November 17, 2012 from 9am to 12 noon at the borough garage. Member Riccadelli said he will be there. Chris mentioned the budget is being kept at a 2% cap. Member Riccadelli said about 3 or 4 years ago we were told unless something changes the budget will stick to these caps. Not a lot of room to expand but if necessary we could make a special request if something is needed.

Nurse's Report

Bernie said she received quite a few calls from people regarding the flu clinic at the Wanaque Reserve and from people who could not make the 1pm to 4pm time so she will make special arrangement to see them at the borough hall. She said Life Line Screening will be coming on November 25th to the Wanaque Reserve. A program on fractures, falls etc. will be presented at Wanaque Reserve from St. Joseph's Hospital.

Bernie gave a report on what's been happening. She stated there were reports of a lot of lyme disease in this area in the past year. Bernie spoke about the work hours involved when a communicable disease comes up. Getting in touch with the doctor, the patient, the blood work, getting the blood work report on line to the state. She had 58 school children immunized this last year and approximately 145 immunizations given out, many of which were free from the state. Mantoux, tuberculosis test for about 65 people were given out to new teachers, teacher's aides, new students, student teachers, and day care workers. Child health care

clinics' continue but every other month rather than every month to save a little bit. We have longer sessions when we do have child health clinics because there's a doctor physical that's done, a developmental check, immunizations etc. It takes about 25 minutes per child. At one and two years of age Bernie sends a child to Chilton Hospital to be tested for lead poisoning. For patients over 65 Bernie has total visits of 490. This includes office visits, home visits, and screenings which include the SMAC test. Doses of influenza vaccine 226 for adults. Approximately 20 pneumonia vaccines. Shingles vaccine 15 given out. 21 adult tetanus Bernie got some free vaccine. The fire department had an audit from the state and deficiencies were found. Seventeen firemen had no records. Bernie had several conversations with the fire chief. He's very willing and wants to help correct the situation however he's not getting a lot of cooperation. Bernie has asked and needs a list of all the members of the Haskell and Wanaque fire department also a list of all those with hepatitis records or a signed declination form. Bernie has literature and videos on hepatitis for anyone to look over. She will provide the shots. POSHA will be back in November. She mentioned how West Milford was fined \$10,000 for not having all their records. Bernie mentioned how she did a program with Chilton on February 1 and she had just one person. The police and first aid are okay. Chris asked who is responsible for maintaining the records. Bernie said the fire department. Bernie asked if anyone had any questions. Member Riccardelli asked if any positives on the TB test. Bernie answered no positives. Member Bertelloni asked if there were any cases of pertussions. Bernie said there were 2 cases. Lyme far exceeds the others especially this year. Chris inquired about the blood drives. Benie said we had two drives this year. The Blood Center of New Jersey came to the town picnic. Bernie said they were very professional. There were more donations then ever before 31 pints.

Member Bender inquired about the problem of residents at the Mar Del Manor bothering the children at the Haskell school. Chris said he goes by there every day and hasn't heard of any problems or new complaints from the police. The couple who runs the facility have been extra vigilant with preventing anything from happening. Member Riccardelli mentioned there have been no health issued involved.

PUBLIC DISCUSS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Shafto, seconded by Member Bertelloni, and on Roll Call, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for Jan. 16, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Smerklo, Secretary