

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
12 MERCEDES DRIVE, MONTVALE, NJ 07645
CONFERENCE ROOM #1 @ 7:45 PM
March 4, 2013

President Cohen called the meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:45pm. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided to The Record and the Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place, according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

Roll call attendance: J. Cohen, President (P), Woodward, V. President (A), M. Danna (P), C. Flagg (A), L. Hopper (P), J. Landzberg (P), P. Lennon (A), Council Liaison R. Curry (P), Secretary J. Russo (P).

Professionals: A. Musella, NWBRHC Health Officer, (P), C. Tyler, Tyco Animal Control Officer (A).

Guest: Joanne Wendolowski, RN (Hackensack University Medical Center, HARP Public Health Nurse)

Approval of January 7, 2013 Minutes

A motion to approve minutes was made by J. Landzberg & seconded by M. Danna. The minutes were approved & will be posted on Borough's web site.

Meeting Opened to the Public

A motion was made by J. Landzberg & seconded by M. Danna to open the meeting to the Public. No one from the public was present; motion to close the meeting to the public was made by J. Landzberg & seconded by M. Danna.

New Business

President Cohen suspended from the regular agenda for J. Wendolowski to provide members with an end of year update and discuss both on-going and future programs. The report will be forwarded in an email to the J. Russo and forwarded to members. J. Wendolowski discussed a program called *Shaping NJ*; the state partnership for nutrition, physical activity and obesity prevention. The goal of this partnership is to prevent obesity and improve the health of populations that are at risk for poor health outcomes in New Jersey by making "*the healthy choice, the easy choice.*" She also mentioned that there are grants available to communities that would allow them to help fund projects that foster residents to become more active, such as a walking trail near the senior center. The members were interested in learning more about these grants. Councilwoman Curry stated that there are funds in an open space account that might be available to help cover the expense. In regards to walking path or trail at the municipal complex, it has been discussed with the development of the DePiero property. Since no decision is reached regarding the DePiero property, the project is currently on hold. However, Councilwoman Curry will discuss the information regarding grants from *Shaping NJ* with Maureen Iarossi Alwan, Borough Administrator.

J. Landzberg made a motion to investigate available grants and open space funds to install a walking path at either the Montvale Senior Citizen Community Center or at the Municipal Complex to encourage walking; which would help residents maintain a healthy lifestyle. L. Hopper seconded it. All in favor.

J. Wendolowski also discussed a program called *Chronic Disease Self-Management*. The program is used in conjunction with a book, and she suggested it would be a good idea to have copies available to the participants. The cost of the book is approximately \$15. The Board of Health members discussed that copies should be purchased from the Board of Health budget. Councilwoman Curry said she will ask the Library Director, if the Montvale Public Library could purchase the books. In the event they do not wish to purchase the books, Councilwoman Curry will reach out to the Board of Health, to purchase the materials.

President Cohen spoke reported results of the OEM meeting that Angela Musella and she attended. The meeting was organized by Sgt. Piatt to further review & improve the procedures that occurred during and after the October Hurricane Sandy. Concerns regarding reaching out to special need populations that remained without heat and electricity for several days were of concern to Board members. The Board would like to see and an article advertised periodically in *My Montvale Newsletter* reminding residents to register at *Register Ready (special needs database)* located at <https://www13.state.nj.us/SpecialNeeds/>. In addition Police Officer Foley had offered to reach out to the senior citizens at a future meeting and ask for contact information to maintain in the event of town -wide emergencies. Councilwoman Curry reported that there is an *Access for All Program* which Councilwoman LaMonica is involving with and will reach out to learn if she could help the Board to identify residents that need help during emergencies. The Board wishes to see these ideas implemented. Councilwoman Curry will follow-up with Sgt. Piatt.

A Public Health Annex, which was revised by Angela Musella, was distributed to all members.

L. Hopper discussed backflow prevention & drinking water.

President Cohen reported that many surrounding communities are adapting ordinances/ licenses to limit or regulate residents with chickens. The Board may revisit this, if raising chickens becomes a Borough nuisance for residents.

It was learned that Lifetime Fitness developer's agreement has approved the filling of their six pools from the municipal water supply. L. Hopper said, if all bodies of water are filled simultaneously, it will affect the water pressure in the area. In the event there is a fire, the loss of pressure is serious. It was surprising to learn that these bodies of water will be filled through utilization of the local water resources and not water trucks. Councilwoman Curry will discuss this with Planning Board Council Liaison Cudequest and Fire Department Chief Clint Miller to learn if this will in any way negatively impact the community.

President Cohen reported that Cathy Flagg has a conflict and will be unable to attend the 2013 meetings. The Board discussed the feasibility of changing C. Flagg's status from member to member emeritus or alternate. A Musella reported that this is being done in another community that NWBRHC represents. J. Landzberg made a motion and M. Danna seconded it. All in favor. President Cohen will contact the Borough Administrator to see if this is a feasible solution. The borough attorney will need to be consulted prior to any changes. The Board will await a response, before proceeding.

Old Business

The HARP contract still remains pending. J. Wendoloski is still waiting for signatures and, once fully executed, she will mail it the Borough. Per the borough treasurer no payments can be made until a fully executed contract is returned to the Borough.

Monthly Reports

NWBRHC Activity Report: A. Musella distributed and read activity reports for January & February.

Registrar & Health Reports: L. Hopper read the reports.

Animal Control Report: L.Hopper read report. President Cohen was in contact with Fair Game Geese Control the geese population at Huff Park has improved. Several geese are present and it was felt that these will be soon gone. There was an issue with Fair Game Geese Control receiving payments in a timely manner because billing is being sought from both the Board of Education and the Borough. All payment questions were referred to the borough treasurer.

Council Liaison Report: Councilwoman Curry provided an update of Mayor & Council meetings.

Adjournment: President Cohen requested a motion to adjourn. M. Danna motion, seconded by J. Landzberg. The meeting was adjourned. **The next meeting will be held on May 6th.**