

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**12 MERCEDES DRIVE, MONTVALE, NJ 07645**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM #1 @ 7:45 PM**  
**December 2, 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 (P), M. Danna (P), C. Flagg (P), L. Hopper (A), J. Jacobson (A), J. Landzberg (P), P. Lennon (P), Council Liaison R. Curry (P), Secretary J. Russo (P).

**Professional:** A. Musella, NWBRHC Health Officer, (P)

**Guest:** R. Camparelli, Pascack Valley DPW Superintendent

**Approval of November 4, 2013 Minutes**

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

**Meeting Opened to the Public**

A motion was made by C. Flagg & seconded by R. Woodward 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 R. Woodward & seconded by C. Flagg.

**New Business**

In the past, rabies vaccines are provided by NJ Department of Health & Senior Services; however, syringes are not provided. A. Musella said that the vaccines for clinics held in 2014, have yet to be confirmed. A. Musella will try to obtain the vaccines from the state. President Cohen reported that the date for the 2014 rabies vaccination clinic has been finalized. The clinic will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2014 from 10 to 11:30AM. J. Russo will make reminder phone calls to Montvale Animal Hospital, Tyco Animal Control and NW Bergen Regional Health Commission a week before the clinic. The clinic is being advertised in the November & December *MyMontvale* Newsletter, on website, library community board, town marquee, Montvale TV access channel, and at Borough Hall. All existing pet owners will receive notice of the clinic included with their existing pet license in the mail. Pascack Valley DPW will set-up the garage and will have an employee to assist. The Borough will send two additional employees to assist Janet Russo with issuing licenses. President Cohen, C. Flagg, J. Jacobson, M. Danna have volunteered to fill the vaccines at the clinic. R Woodward will oversee the clinic.

R. Campanelli, DPW Superintendent, introduced himself and met members. He provided them with a brief explanation regarding the recent DPW transition. R. Camparelli told the members that the Montvale recycling yard is currently open on Monday, as well as Saturday and Wednesday. While the curbside recycling schedule remains the same, there are three dumpsters (two for paper/cardboard and one for bottles/cans) located at 320 Rivervale Road, the DPW building, for Montvale residents to drop off recyclables in addition to the Montvale DPW yard. R. Camparelli explained his techniques regarding repairing pot holes in the Borough and that he uses brine instead of salting the streets. This is done prior to all predicted snow events. Over the last decade, sodium chloride (NaCl) brine has gained widespread acceptance with government agencies. Brine has been proven to be safe, effective, very cost-effective, and it's better for our environment. President Cohen discussed the requirements with the rabies clinic & R. Campanelli assured the Board that it all the requirements will be met. President Cohen reported to the Board last month that the overall cleanliness of the Senior Citizen Community Center, as witnessed at the flu clinic, was poor and told R. Campanelli. He agreed that the service is in need of changing and he would like to see improvements. President Cohen thanked him for his attendance.

President Cohen received a 2014 contract from HARP, with a zero percent increase. HARP continues to offer free health consultation at the Senior Citizen Community Center in addition to overseeing the Healthy Bones Program. The Board is satisfied with the service. A motion was made by P. Lennon to renew the contract and C. Flagg seconded it. All in favor.

President Cohen prepared the 2014 budget and forwarded copies to the treasurer and administrator. Tyco Animal Control contract is reviewed by Mayor & Council. The Board is waiting for NW Bergen Regional Health

Commission's contract; however, President Cohen has been informed of a 2% increase. The Board voiced that they are satisfied with the service and are aware that the amount of inspections have increased with the addition of Lifetime Fitness. President Cohen asked for a motion to approve the contract at the 2% increase. J. Landzberg made a motion; P. Lennon seconded it, all in favor.

President Cohen read the meeting dates for 2014 and asked for motion to accept. Woodward made a motion, C. Flagg seconded. All in favor. The dates will be emailed to all the members & advertised per Borough requirements.

### **Old Business**

It was previously reported that Advanced Life Support (ALS), for-profit medical mobile unit, was interested in being stationed at the Montvale Senior Citizen and Community Center in the nurse's offices. Discussion continued as to whether this was still being considered. President Cohen asked the secretary, J. Russo if there has been any further interest. J. Russo said one morning in November she met a representative from ALS at the center. She showed the facility and explained the daytime and evening activities. J. Russo also showed the location of the school and all the recreational fields. She did explain about the traffic congestion when school is dismissed. The interested party was interested in the nurse's office, however. He stated he would like to purchase (at ALS's expense) three more suitable chairs and mentioned that the vehicle engines needs to be on at all times, and requires a special outlet to be connected. J. Russo said per the administrator, the item would be placed on the Mayor & Council's January agenda. President Cohen was concerned that the tiny the nurse's office acquired with furniture by a government grant, would require reconstruction and was concerned that the EMTs presence would be intrusive on the senior as they would need access to the entire center to use bathroom facilities. President Cohen will be contacting Dick Voorhees regarding this proposal. Several months ago, when President Cohen spoke to Dick Voorhees, he did not feel such a station was in the best interest of the seniors that utilize the center. He also was concerned that the technicians would need access to the entire center where the restroom facilities are located. President Cohen reported that much time and effort was expended in the creation of the nursing office and to have this shared and possibly changed would be counter-productive. The members expressed concern and wanted to know why Montvale residents would be absorbing the cost of providing free office space to a for-profit organization that services other communities in addition to Montvale. This issue remained tabled until more information is obtained. President Cohen, asked that Councilwoman Curry express the Board's concerns at the January's Mayor & Council meeting, if it is on the agenda. Councilwoman asked that concerns be formalized in writing. President Cohen asked for a motion, that a letter be addressed to Mayor & Council regarding concerns. J. Landzberg made the motion, seconded by C. Flagg. All in favor. A letter will be written by President Cohen.

### **Monthly Reports**

**NWBRHC Activity Report:** A. Musella distributed & read activity reports for November.

**Registrar & Health Reports:** R. Woodward read the reports.

**Animal Control Report:** R. Woodward read report.

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

**Adjournment:** President Cohen requested a motion to adjourn. R. Woodward made a motion, seconded by J. Landzberg. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on January 6, 2014.