

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
12 MERCEDES DRIVE, MONTVALE, NJ 07645
CONFERENCE ROOM #1 @ 7:45 PM May 5, 2014**

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:

Members: J. Cohen, President (P), Woodward, V. President (A), M. Danna (P), C. Flagg (P), L. Hopper (P), J. Jacobson (P), J. Landzberg (P), & P. Lennon (P).

Council Liaison: R. Curry (P) & Secretary: J. Russo (P).

Professionals: A. Musella, NWBRHC Health Officer.

Others: Anita Touloughian, Montclair Graduate Student & Gail Brunner

Approval of March 3, 2014 Minutes

A motion to approve minutes was made by J. Landzberg & seconded by P. Lennon.

The minutes were approved & will be posted on Borough's web site.

Meeting Opened to the Public

A motion was made by P. Lennon & seconded by M. Danna to open the meeting to the Public. No one from the public was present; motion to suspend the agenda was made by M. Danna & seconded by P. Lennon.

New Business

President Cohen suspended from the agenda and asked Ms. Touloughian to present her Power Point presentation, What Is Fracking and Why Should It Be Banned as requested previously_a case was presented to ban fracking. Fracking is short for hydraulic fracturing. It's a water-intensive process where millions of gallons of fluid — a mix of water, sand, and chemicals, including ones known to cause cancer — are injected underground at high pressure to fracture the rock surrounding an oil or gas well. This releases extra oil and gas from the rock, so it can flow into the well. There are health and environmental impact concerns. The members were asked to contact Bergen County Freeholders and send letters in support of fracking ban in Bergen County. Members were not totally aware of fracking and the effects. President Cohen thanked Ms. Touloughian and G. Brunner (her mentor) for an informative presentation. The need for a resolution to ban fracking within the borough was discussed. Councilwoman Curry stated she feels with the large amount of vacant land required to frack; Montvale did not appear to be in any danger of becoming a fracking site. The Board will monitor the situation. .

L. Hopper explained the operations of grease traps and their required maintenance. Grease traps are used in commercial kitchens and act as a container for the wastewater that comes down the drains before it goes into the sewers. The reason that the trap can separate the grease from the water is because the common kitchen oils and fats tend to be denser than water and cannot mix with water. Therefore, grease will float on the water's surface and the trap will keep it from flowing into the sewers. These traps require to be cleaned out regularly to prevent problems with the municipal sewer-lines.

President Cohen said that the existing anti- smoking ordinance requires amending. The ordinance needs to include vaping/e-cigarettes. There was also discussion regarding a local convenience store that advertises the sale of tobacco products in the store front window. J. Russo will contact the Borough attorney regarding a possible ordinance prohibiting the advertisement of tobacco products in store windows and amending the anti-smoking ordinance.

President Cohen said that the president of senior club contacted her regarding the tardiness and sometimes unplanned absences of the public health nurse for scheduled classes. She sent an email, to J. Wendolowski, of HARP stating that the Board is expecting more professionalism regarding their commitment to the Borough.

J. Wendolowski of HARP has offered to teach a free class on AED/CPR to the Borough of Montvale staff, the seniors, and the Borough residents. President Cohen asked for this in the form of a motion. J. Landzberg made the motion and J. Jacobsen seconded it. The Board was all in favor. Once the date and time has been established it will be advertised in MyMontvale, website and at the library. J. Landzberg asked if the Board could designate money to the local high school to purchase additional AED machines. There was an open discussion. Councilwoman Curry reported that it will be mandated by the state later this year and the school will budget for the upcoming purchase. The Board of Health budget has already been prepared and there is no additional money at this time.

Old Business

Geese population on Memorial Drive and 12 Mercedes Drive has improved. President Cohen attended a meeting with M. Felegy, J. Russo and R. Campanelli of the DPW to receive updates. President Cohen reported that Mary Felegy of Fair Game Geese Control has requested a key to enter the Montvale Swim Club to look for nests and harass the geese that are using the pool area as an alternate nesting area. A spare key will be ordered and Fair Game will have access to the pool prior to the pool opening for the season.

NWBRHC Activity Report: A. Musella distributed & read activity reports. The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a street fair on June 1. All food vendors will be inspected the morning of the event. The secretary has started issuing licenses. Once completed, a list of food vendors will be emailed to NWBRHC.

Registrar & Health Reports: C. Flagg read the reports.

Animal Control Report: C. Flagg read report.

Liaison Report: Councilwoman Curry discussed the new campaign, Keep Kids Alive, Drive 25. The mission of the campaign is reinforcing the speed limit on residential streets in our borough. The Mayor and Council are considering providing the residents with large trash can decals with stickers reminding drivers of the speed limit. If approved the stickers will be made available at the front counter at borough hall. The Board of Health offers their support in helping reduce speeding in our community.

Adjournment: President Cohen requested a motion to adjourn. M. Danna made a motion, seconded by J.Landzberg. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

There are no meetings in July and August.