

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
September 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Delle Donne called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the following statement: "As Chairman and Presiding Officer of this meeting of the Board of Health, I hereby declare that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied by prominently posting on the Township bulletin board a notice of this meeting, and that there has been transmitted by regular mail a notice to the Asbury Park Press and that a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting."

ROLL CALL INDICATED:

PRESENT: Mesdames Iacono, Sokoler and Messrs Boak, Delle Donne and Faistl

ABSENT: Mesdames Iacono Boak and Flood

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs Frank and Mesdame Leininger

Nancy Gualario, a concerned resident was in attendance. Ms. Gualario stated she was concerned with the swine flu and the schools. She has a nursing background and was interested in seeing what the Board of Health does and had to say about it.

Dr. Boak made a motion to approve the August 4, 2009 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Liz Iacono and unanimously carried.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Discussion – Mr. Frank told the Board he had a meeting on August 31, 2009 with various representatives from the Colts Neck schools. He stated it was very informative and most importantly opened the dialog between all. Contact information was collected from everyone in attendance and Mr. Frank stated he would provide updates as he received them. The main purpose of the meeting was to understand how to proceed during the school year if there was an outbreak of the H1N1 flu and make sure consistent information is given out to the public. Trying to stress the importance of hand washing and staying home if you are not feeling well is vital. Mr. Frank had posters and handouts available for everyone to take. He also stated that the school nurses play a key role; and urged them to call him if they felt something is not right and definitely if they are starting to see rash of students and/or staff out with influenza like illness. The high school said they have a script that is read to parents calling with standard questions regarding the swine flu to ensure whoever is answering the phone is giving out the same information. They offered to share the script with everyone. Everyone seemed very pleased to work together.

Health Officers Report – Mr. Frank reported to the Board the Mock Regional Flu Clinic will be held September 13, 2009 at Bucks Mill Recreation Building along with Freehold and Manalapan Health Departments. Representatives from the VNA, OEM, First Aid and Police will all be helping. All volunteers are welcome to help with the clinic. Long Branch will be hosting another clinic simultaneously with ours with the Monmouth County Health Commission and Middletown Health

Department assisting them. This exercise should prove beneficial to see how we can stretch our resources and define our strengths and address any weaknesses found that may arise if regional clinics actually had to be set up.

The Novel H1N1 flu vaccine that is currently being trialed will be voluntary. However, the Center for Disease Control has provided a list of populations most at risk and recommended that they receive the vaccine first. The Board noted most senior citizens are not in this category unless they have some type of chronic or other underlying health condition and asked Mr. Frank to communicate this to the seniors so they are aware. Mr. Frank agreed to contact the Senior Citizens Club.

Mr. Frank told the Board he has been very busy putting together the mock flu clinic as well as regular day to day activities such as well and septic issues.

All food vendors at the Colts Neck Fair were inspected and found to be in compliance.

Ms. Gualario felt prevention should be promoted more such as vitamin supplements. The Board can not promote anything that is not recommended by the CDC. It was noted this virus is air borne and that is the primary route of transmission. It was agreed prevention is mostly common sense and people do need to be reminded to cover coughs and sneezes, wash their hands, etc.

Liaison Report – Mr. Schatzle was not in attendance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Liz Iacono at 8:20 p.m. and seconded by Dr. Boak and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is October 6, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Leininger