

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
December 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 Boak, Iacono and Sokoler and Messrs Boak, Delle Donne and Faistl

ABSENT: Mesdame Flood

ALSO PRESENT: Messr Frank and Mesdame Leininger

Dr. Boak made a motion to approve the October 6, 2009 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Dr. Faistl and unanimously carried.

Old Business – None

New Business – The Board reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2010 which will be adopted at the January meeting. A motion was made by Marilyn Boak adopting the meeting date of January 5, 2010 and seconded by Liz Iacono and unanimously carried.

Discussion – Mr. Frank told the Board about a month ago Dr. Kasun, Superintendent of the Colts Neck Schools, sent home a survey to find out how many wanted their children to be immunized for the H1N1 so he would know how much vaccine was required. About 600 affirmative responses were received. He was finally able to get enough vaccine to hold a H1N1 clinic for the Colts Neck schools. A tentative date has been sent, pending key personnel availability. As soon as the date is confirmed a letter will be sent out to parents from Dr. Kasun giving all the details. Of course volunteers are needed and welcome.

The Board was concerned the clinic would not be open to all Colts Neck residents but Mr. Frank explained this is a private clinic that will address a C.D.C. defined target population. Mr. Frank also stated he has 3,000 doses of vaccine backordered, once he receives more we can hold more clinics. As per the State's current direction, if we held a public clinic it would have to be open to everyone, it can not be exclusive to Colts Neck residents. Weekly meetings are held Monmouth County Health Officers to make sure everyone is kept up to date.

Mr. Frank also told the Board that we were approved to receive a \$53,000 Grant to off-set the administrative costs of running these clinics. The majority of the money will be used for nursing costs. The Board wanted to personally congratulate and thank Mr. Frank for taking the time to apply for the grant. In these tough economic times a \$53,000 grant is a huge accomplishment.

Health Officers Report – Mr. Frank stated we had two seasonal flu clinics for senior citizens with over 300 in attendance in October. Everything ran very smoothly. Dr. Faistl was thanked for sending staff to administer the shots.

The Ashley Lauren Foundation held an Apple and Pumpkin Festival on November 7, 2009. Mr. Frank told the Board he attended to check on all the food vendors. There were a few initial issues with food temperature, however the vendors were very responsive to his concerns and corrected things right away.

Our annual rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2010 at Bucks Mill Park Community Center from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. This was a new location last year that worked very well so we decided to utilize the site again. The date is earlier than in previous years to better coordinate with our current Township licensing schedule.

In the interest of pursuing non lethal methods of controlling the geese population, a new laser prototype was tested. Unfortunately it did not work very well.

The new fee schedule will go into effect January 2010. This includes increases to annual dog licenses as well as retail food establishments. Mr. Frank told the Board he sent a letter to all food vendors advising them the revised annual fee will be changing and will now be calculated by square footage. The letter was sent as a courtesy so that they are not surprised when they receive their renewal application.

Liaison Report - Mr. Schatzle was sick and unable to attend the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Boak at 8:30 p.m. and seconded by Pam Sokoler and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is January 5, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Leininger