

SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 1999

Mayor Ganz opened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. and Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski read the following statement of compliance:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this special meeting was given on November 10, 1999. Notices were also posted on the Bulletin Board located on the First Floor of the Municipal Building and at the Maurice Pine Free Public Library, copies faxed to The News Beacon and The Shopper. The notice identified the meeting location and the time of the special meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayor Ahearn, Councilmembers Dobrow, Tedeschi and Trawinski.

Also present: Manager Sacks, Attorney Lustgarten and Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Tedeschi, it was unanimously agreed to read the following ordinance by title.

Ordinance No.1775-99

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF FAIR LAWN, 1981, BY AMENDING CHAPTER XXIII, ENTITLED, "HEALTH", TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR INOCULATIONS, BLOOD SCREENING AND OTHER SIMILAR DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES

Councilmember Trawinski wanted to be sure that this ordinance does not commit the Borough to a program but that it puts into place a mechanism that they can implement certain programs without having to change the ordinance every time. Mayor Ganz concurred.

There being no further comments by the public, upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Tedeschi it was unanimously agreed to close the time for public hearing.

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Dobrow, Resolution No. 326-99 adopting Ordinance No. 1770-99 was unanimously adopted.

DISCUSSION ON HEPATITIS B PROGRAM FOR FAIR LAWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - Manager Sacks advised that the Health Officer wants to implement a Hepatitis B program with the seniors at Fair Lawn High School. The budget contains sufficient money for the program, but she would like to charge a fee for the shots. She asked for the consent of the Council to begin this program.

Councilmember Tedeschi felt that Board of Education activities and Council activities should be kept separate. In response to a question from Councilmember Tedeschi, Manager Sacks advised that the Health Officer approached the High School and the Board of Education indicated that she would like to start the program because she felt this was a health issue. The purchase order has been encumbered but the order has not been placed. She wanted to be sure that the money would not be transferred out of the Health Department's budget. If the Council decides not to do the program, the funds can be unencumbered. She noted that CFO Eccelston had not advised her that the funds were to be transferred but he transfers all available funds if the Department Heads do not encumber them. In response to Councilmember Tedeschi's question, she indicated that logistically administering the program at the municipal building is much more difficult.

Councilmember Tedeschi wondered how those high school students at private school would get the shot. Manager Sacks thought they could come to the children's clinic. She and the Health Officer have discussed the possibility opening the program to other students. This is a beginning and this is the population they have identified that they can service this year. The students need this service.

Councilmember Tedeschi wondered why so much vaccine was being ordered. Manager Sacks stressed that the vaccine has not been ordered yet. The Health Officer is ordering as much as she feels is needed. They are estimating 250 people will take advantage of the program.

Councilmember Tedeschi pointed out that the Council was told that this was a health issue and that it was necessary. They were

also told that the Board of Education could not purchase the vaccine at the same price. He expressed concern that they are considering running a program that someone else can run even though they have been told differently. The program should be available to everyone and be run at the Municipal Building.

Attorney Lustgarten was excused at 8:25 a.m.

Councilmember Trawinski advised that h spoke to the Health Officers at Fairleigh Dickenson who advised him that an inoculation for Hepatis B was not a requirement for admission. He believed that the program discriminates against parochial and Yeshiva high school students as proposed. He did not believe that the Borough should undertake this program when the School Board will not undertake the program.

The consensus was to offer the Hepatitis B Program with Councilmembers Tedeschi and Trawinski dissenting.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Deputy Mayor Ahearn, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Kwasniewski, RMC/CMC/AE
Municipal Clerk