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The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Rob Bond called the meeting to order, and led the salute to the flag.

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, NJSA 10:4-1 ET. SEQ. ANNUAL NOTICE HAVING BEEN FORWARDED TO THE NEW JERSEY HERALD, THE SUSSEX COUNTY NEWS LEADER, THE DAILY RECORD AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD MAINTAINED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Rob Bond, Thomas Forbes, Dennis Twyford, Mariano Gianni, Catherine Cokelet, James Vanderhoof and Melinda Conti.

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Dennis made a motion to accept the March minutes, seconded by Mariano. Rob wanted to make a point on item two. He wanted to clarify that when he stated we were in closed session, he meant that we were closed to the public.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

1. Catherine asked about item number one. She asked if there was a plan in the case there was an emergency in the schools. Carl said Barry Worman who is the County Superintendent of Schools said all the school districts in Sussex County have to have a plan. Seventy five percent of the schools have submitted their plans. Barry should be bringing the plans to Wayne Threlkeld, Superintendent of Hopatcong Schools. Catherine wanted to know if something happened at her school, she could count on a number of people coming. Carl said he would talk to Fran, Borough Nurse. She has been meeting with the County Public Health Nursing.
2. Rob asked about item number five, was the Food Handlers Course well attended? Carl said the course turned out well and there were about twenty-six people that attended.
3. Jim asked about item number eight. Firehouse #4, if they needed a new septic system. Carl said they probably had some blockage there. Everything seemed to be fine.
4. Melinda asked about number six, financial assistance for sewer hookups. Carl said there will be money for those who qualify financially. The aid will be for the connection, not the fees. Melinda also commented that the contractors close the roads and do not tell anyone. You drive down a road and then you can't go anywhere because it is closed. There was a school bus that went down a road, when they were half way down the road was closed. School buses legally are not supposed to back up.
5. Rob asked about number eleven. Hiring of the Animal Control Officer. Carl said tonight is the Mayor and Council meeting. They will vote on the White Collar Contract. If there is not a problem, if it would pass tonight, there will be a second reading. Carl explained that the balance of the salary for the position will be paid out of the trust fund. It is not against the taxpayer. Trust fund is revenue from the license and user fees. The fund is used for anything that pertains to animals.

SANITARY REPORT

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR: February/March 2003

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: *Hopatcong*

SWAT: Next meeting, Tuesday April 29, 2003.

ALL REPORTS: Jim made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Melinda. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Carl read a Violation Nitrate Standard Advisory; it pertains to the Hopatcong Water Utility, Rand Street System. The maximum for nitrate standards have been exceeded for the first quarter for 2003. They will

keep that well and blend it with other water. That will reduce the nitrates. It makes more sense than to do nitrate removal for the one well.

2. Carl read a form from The New Jersey Boards of Health Association, requesting that the BOH join and support as a member. He passed a pamphlet around explaining the cost, \$75.00 and purpose of the association.
3. Carl read a letter from Norwescap thanking Fran Baldi for attending a meeting and explaining the services available from the Hopatcong Health Department. There was also a letter from the County of Sussex thanking Fran for her assistance in the Flu Surveillance Program.
4. Carl talked about the request to Mayor & Council to make a decision about sewer allocation on empty lots that people are trying to build on. The Borough Water and Sewer System is not accepting new connections except in cases of an existing home where the well becomes polluted or dry. The sewer system does not have gallonage set aside for empty lots. The gallonage allocated to the Borough through the MSA would just cover the existing homes and businesses. Construction, planning and zoning applications should not be issued on the assumption sewage gallonage would be available. Rob asked if he had an empty lot could he build on it. Carl said yes, with a septic system. This could cause a problem because there is a mandatory sewer hook up. He said he thinks they will have more than enough gallonage.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Carl talked about 41 Berkely Ave. There is a new well at that address. It turned out to be a five hundred and fifty foot well, with two hundred foot of casing. Jim said the water still looks red. Carl said her biggest problem is the iron bacteria, which is found in the upper confines. That bacteria does not grow down in the depth. The units that she has might be able to take care of the iron. We will go and take a sample.
2. Rob said since Jim was not at our last meeting, he would like to talk about the Board's decision to give the Rules of Order for Boards of Health a trial run for six months. They are what we are doing now, if you notice that something is done different, please bring it to our attention, either at the time or afterwards.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Carl announced that the Rabies Clinic will be on May 3, 2003. The hours are 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Anyone who has a pet and needs a vaccination, or knows of someone's pet, bring them in.
2. Carl talked about Practice Standards for Boards of Health. Under Minimum Standards of Performance, they changed what is required from local boards of health. It is now required that you people have education too. To be a board member, you will be required to take some educational courses. This is something that was just passed on Feb. 18th. They invited the Health Officer to bring a board member to a meeting on May 21st in Morris County. Also the Mayor was also invited to attend. The time is 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. It will cost money to the local towns, more personnel are required. Carl said when he gets more info he will let the members know. Melinda expressed an interest in going according to her schedule. She also asked if the Board wants to consider joining The New Jersey Boards of Health Association (\$75.00). The Board agreed to join. Dennis made a motion, seconded by Thomas. Roll call, Rob, Dennis, Thomas, Mariano, Catherine and Melinda, yes. Jim, no.
3. Melinda brought up smoking in the High School. She wanted to know if it was progressing in the right direction. Carl said Gary went to the High School and then we received a letter from Wayne Threlkeld, he also wrote a letter to the Judge asking to re-institute the fines. That is still up in the air. The teachers seem to be more active in the enforcement. I now get slips attached to the reports from the teachers. Mariano said they now have a female custodian in the girls' bathrooms. She goes in all the bathrooms constantly. Carl said that will deter some of it.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Melinda. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie Mitchell
Recording Secretary

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