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The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. Robert Bond called the meeting to order, and Melinda 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: Robert Bond, Dennis Twyford, Thomas Forbes, James Vanderhoof, Mariano Gianni and Melinda Conti.

ABSENT: Catherine Cokelet

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Mariano made a motion to accept the September 24th minutes, seconded by Thomas. All in favor. Rob had one question, the letter that was mentioned in the minutes about recognizing one of the school resource officers, aren't there two school police officers? Melinda said the reason she is looking at recognizing Officer Dave is because he did all the coordination work for Project Alert. All of the additional work, above and beyond his resource officer position for Project Alert for the community was the point beyond the recognition.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

1. Girl Scout Troop # 997 was present to observe leadership in action.
2. Sealed Septic System, 8 Caribou Tr.: Chuck Digney was to be present, meeting will be opened to public when he arrives. Jim made a motion, when he arrives, we will talk to him. Seconded by Tom.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

1. Melinda asked about the new security safety paper, for certified copies, that will be required on January 1, 2004. Carl answered, it is secure proof with watermarks and numbered. If you don't use it and someone shows a document that is not this paper, they will be turned away.
2. Rob asked about item number eight: New Practice Standards for Local Boards of Health. Carl said that is pretty much on hold. They just wanted us to register, and we already did.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR REPORT: September

REGISTRAR REPORT:

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT: Next meeting November 25th.

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: Melinda made a motion to open to the public again at 7:45, seconded by Dennis. All in favor.

1. Chuck Digney was now present. Carl asked Chuck why the sealed system. Chuck answered, even for Hopatcong; this is an exceptionally poor lot. We tried to put a system in there that was going to be very small. They excavated both sides of the house and we ran into a problem with the wells. Jim made a motion that the Board sends a letter to Mayor and Council stating that the Board endorses the application for a sealed system, seconded by Thomas. Roll call, all in favor.
2. Wet bars and water softeners: Estelle asked if the Board is saying to the Governing Body that will not allow people who have wet bars or water softeners, they can't utilize their existing septic to put that water in. They cannot use the sewers. Rob commented, that in terms of the Board's thinking, the risks out weigh the benefits.
3. Estelle asked who is going to go around when the sewers are hooked up and check out the septic systems. Carl said it would probably be this department. Rob asked if we should talk to Mayor and Council about this. Carl said yes, it is really important that they be abandoned properly. Carl will make some inquiries.
4. Estelle brought up the subject of sharing Hopatcong's Pound facility with Mt. Olive and Roxbury. She said she could see it going down to defeat. She asked the Council to table it because she thought they

didn't quite understand it. Estelle asked Carl to attend a closed session for a Mayor and Council meeting to explain what this is all about.

MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Carl had a Surveillance Report for Weldon Industries for their NJDPES permit. They do a good job and are in compliance.
2. Carl read a letter he had written to Richard Robinson about Doodles, a potentially dangerous dog that has been at our pound for about four months. Carl explained that Rich came into the Health Dept. saying he does not have any money and he is trying to buy the insurance necessary for the dog. I will write another letter stating that I need to know the update on where he is with purchasing insurance.
3. Carl passed around a copy of Food Talk, a newsletter that the Health Dept. sends to food establishments in Hopatcong.
4. Carl presented a bill from Eric Bernstein and Associates for drafting Ordinance 21-2003. The cost is \$ 370.00. Thomas made a motion to pay the bill, seconded by Jim. Roll call, all in favor.
5. Carl read a thank you card Fran Baldi had received from the staff of Little Angels Daycare. Also a card from a resident thanking Fran for meeting with them and two letters, one for Fran and one for Kristen Wilsusen, Health Educator for Hopatcong. The letters were from Hopatcong Seniors. Carl added that Fran goes out there and works with the people. She really is great.
6. Carl passed the Nitrate Advisory around the table. Melinda asked Carl to talk a little about this. Carl said we have a number of wells that feed into the system. They are sampled individually. Three of the wells on line were high for Nitrates. There is a boilerplate notice that was sent out to all people on the system because it is a blended system. Rob said the letter was a bit alarming. It did not reflect the realities that you are not getting water from one of these wells. Rob asked if the Board thinks they should request Carl to talk with the Water Dept. about future incidents to have the Health Dept. consult with the language that goes in the cover letter out to the community. Every one agreed, also should be copied to Mayor and Council, Borough Administrator and John Ruschke.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Just Inkin Tattoo: Carl said Melinda had questioned licensing the individual. Carl said it is in the State's Regulation. It is not necessary to cover it in the Licensing Ordinance. The Ordinance was introduced on first reading. It was read in full on September 24th and then tabled. Rob read the Ordinance by title. Mariano made a motion to accept the Ordinance on it's first reading, seconded by Jim. Roll call, all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Carl asked the Board's support on asking for a little more money for Fran Baldi, PHN. Carl will write something to the Administrator while he is preparing his budget for a little stipend for her for what she does for us, the population and employees such as her should not go unrecognized. Thomas made a motion to endorse Carl's letter, seconded by Jim. Roll call, all in favor.
2. Carl said Dale Sloat, ACO, approached him today and asked to euthanise animals. Carl read Dale's memo that he had written. He would euthanise sick or injured wild life instead of calling upon a police officer to shoot the animal in question. Also for bats that have be tested, instead of bringing it to the vet for euthanasia. Those are the main reasons. He needs the Board to approve it.
Melinda said she would like to see the processes that are going to be behind it. She would like to see this happen in a reasonably manner. Carl will follow up on that with Dale.

At 8:55pm the Girl Scout Troop left and at Melinda's request, the Board went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Mariano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thomas. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell
Recording Secretary

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