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The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Thursday, December 13, 2002 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 AND THE SUSSEX COUNTY NEWS LEADER AND DAILY RECORD AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD MAINTAINED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Rob Bond, Estelle Klein, Thomas Forbes, Dennis Twyford, Walter Dora and Robert Woods.

ABSENT: Catherine Cokelet and James Vanderhoof.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Estelle made a motion to accept the November minutes, seconded by Dennis Twyford. All in favor.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: There was no public

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

SANITARY REPORT:

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR REPORT: *November*

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: *Hopatcong/Stanhope*

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

SWAT: The November 26th meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The next meeting will be on January 28, 2003.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Rob read a letter from Roxbury, they are currently seeking proposals for impound services for cats and dogs. In addition to impound, services for euthanasia and disposal are also requested. Estelle said we couldn't handle their load. It is a huge Borough. We only have seven runs. Thomas said his concern is our ability to service our own community. The suggestion was to have Carl write a letter declining and also suggesting to them to build their own facility.
2. Rob passed around information mailed to the Board from GASP (Group Against Smoking Pollution). There was also a pamphlet listing Smoke Free Dining.
3. Rob read a letter Carl had written at the request of the Board, addressed to Mayor and Council. The letter discussed the salaries of the two clerks that work in the Board of Health.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 36-2002: Rob read the Ordinance by title. He asked for a motion to accept the Ordinance on second reading. Estelle made a motion to adopt the Ordinance quoted by President Bond, seconded by Dennis Twyford. Roll call, all in favor.
2. Discussion Board Attorney/2003: There were two resumes submitted to the Board. Rob read the cover letter from Peter King. The second was from Eric M. Bernstein's firm. He said this is something the Board will have to take up at their January reorganization meeting.
3. Resolution for Smoke Free Dining/Parma John and Mario's: Rob read the resolution and asked if there was a motion to adopt this. Estelle said she agrees that they should be commended for making a smoke free establishment, but I don't believe all this other stuff; local health departments have this responsibility to encourage local retailers to go smoke free. I don't feel I have a responsibility. My feeling is, if they are not excepting government money, who are we to tell somebody what to do. Rob said we are not telling them, we are just encouraging them. Estelle would like to commend the establishments that go smoke free, but I am not condemning those that don't.

Dennis said we could take an extra step to try to help to make people aware that there are potential problems and hazards associated with a certain type of activity. As a Board we can promote what we feel to be more beneficial activities, I don't see a problem with that.

Estelle said the bottom line is perfect, The Hopatcong Board of Health supports their decision to make their food establishment Smoke Free.

Dennis proposed that the resolution be put forth, but eliminate the first three whereas statements. Estelle made a motion to accept Resolution # 3-2002 with the first three whereas removed. We put Mario's in one resolution and Parma John's in the other and we frame them and present them to them. Thomas seconded the motion. All in favor.

Rob said that CAT (Communities Against Tobacco), would be willing to hold a dinner and invite the Board and the restaurant owners. The Board declined. Rob suggested to have Carl call Sheila Risley, let her know what we have adopted, and talk to her about what they might want to do.

4. Rob talked about the ANJEC meeting in Mt.Olive that Carl, Rob, Gary and Dennis attended. The subject of the meeting was Septic Management for Clean Water. Margaret McGarity from Byram Township talked about their experience there. Rob said Carl made a good point, you can't manage bad septic.
5. Estelle said while we are on this I will bring up the subject of the sewers. The bids had come in before and they sent them back, they were way over. They came in over again. My question to the Administrator was, why did accept them if they were over. He said well this could go on forever. Estelle said maybe this has to go on forever. Maybe you have to forget the project until you find more money. You told the people of this Borough that you were going to keep this figure for the homeowner for \$830.00 for the year including the usage. If you go over that \$830.00, I am going to the newspapers and I'm going to the radio station. He said they are not talking about raising the fee; they are talking about cutting back. I said you are going to spend all this money and by the time it gets done, you would have done about ten blocks. Bear in mind that they made this a utility. A utility means no one but the people using this service can be paying for it. My point being you have to cut way back. Another question Estelle had is, are they making these contractors take out an insurance policy? Suppose when they drill, the shallow wells that they blast; a lot of them will go dry. Who is going to pay for those shallow wells that go dry or is each contractor putting money away in a fund to compensate people who have liability damage or is the liability falling back on the town. She also said Carl wanted to wait and see what part of the town will be sewerred before going back to pumping of septic tanks. Now it is way up in the air. Rob thanked Estelle for the information.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Animal Control Ordinance 248-12: Estelle started by saying Carl wanted to change the Animal Control Ordinance because he is retiring in two years. Carl has worked with the Animal Haven wonderfully for over the last quarter of the century. There was a discussion about the changes that Estelle had made. Rob said this is something we cannot take action on; the next Board will have to look at this. Rob asked if Carl would provide the Board, for the January meeting, with the original text along with the revised text for them to look at.

COMMENTS:

1. Rob thanked everyone for a good year.
2. Dennis wished Estelle well and regrets only serving one year with her on the Board.

Robert Woods made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Estelle. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Rosemarie Mitchell

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