

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, and Rob Bond 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 POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD MAINTAINED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mariano Gianni, Rob Bond, Jim Vanderhoof, Thomas Forbes, Joel Servoss and Selma Reichert. Craig Bradley after roll call.

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Thom. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No public.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Phil went over his entire report. He then asked if there were questions. No questions were asked.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

1. Phil commented, if you look at Fran's report, 500 doses of Flu Vaccine was given out. Rob asked if there is a fee that covers the cost of the vaccine. Phil said yes there is a nominal fee (\$10.00).

HEALTH EDUCATOR

1. Rob commented on the Health Ed. Report. He said she has a little summary of the SWAT Municipal Alliance meeting which is nice especially since this meeting conflicted with our BOH meeting. He said he finds this useful to have this here; at least we have some way of keeping track what they are doing.

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT: No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil talked about a letter he received concerning the property on River Styx Road with the gasoline tanks. He had a copy of the letter that was sent to the homeowners, about twenty homes. The State wants permission to come out and take water samples. Phil said one resident came into talk with him and Phil told him, you don't have to let them on your property if you don't want to. If you do and they take a sample and it comes back good, God bless you. If it comes back bad, ask for another sample. If you have two bad samples, then the DEP may be forced to hit the Spill Fund to either put a POET system in your house, pay for a new well which I do not recommend because if one is contaminated drill another and you might as well shoot craps and three, perhaps pay for a municipal water line extension. That is where we are right now it is in the hands of the DEP. The people who own the property have been given a notice by the DEP, that they supply some reports back to the DEP by the 14th of January. We will see what happens then.

Phil said, the Spill Fund which you hear about from time to time is funded through a tax on petroleum products and chemicals. The manufacturers pay, it is not found money. It is money that has been generated. He also said, if there was contamination in a well and if was a private home and someone wanted to live there and wanted to drink it, they could. As soon as you rent the property, then the water has to be potable. If it is a rental property, then we as the Health Dept. have to insure that water is completely safe.

Joel asked how do you know that that property is a rental. Phil said, if there are four cottages and one owner, I am sure he does not live in all at the same time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trapping cats, discussion: Phil said we have had two complaints, we told people that our Pound is full and we cannot accommodate them at this particular point in time. They sort of understood that, however if they wanted recourse I told them they could send a letter to the Board, they could come to the Board meeting if they wished. That is where we are right now. Phil said he did check with Mt. Olive, Roxbury and Vernon.

They do take cat complaints and they do trap when they get a complaint. When they get a complaint, they notify all the neighbors and leave door hangers that state in a week they will start trapping cats. They put traps out for public health nuisance. Feces, urine, scratching, they consider that a public health nuisance. They take the animals back to their pound and they hold them for seven days and if they are not adopted, they will meet their demise. Roxbury does not have a pound; they contract with a local vet.

Rob requested, could Phil keep the Board informed on a monthly basis in terms of where we are at with the cat occupancy. Phil said yes he will do this.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thom. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell