

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Joel Servoss 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 POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD MAINTAINED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joel Servoss, Craig Bradley, Selma Reichert, Thom Forbes and Mariano Gianni. Phil Morlock, Health Officer and Rosie Mitchell, Recording Secretary were also present.

ABSENT: Jim Vanderhoof and Rob Bond.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Thom made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mariano. 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.

1. Phil talked about his meeting with NJDEP Brownfields coordinator, Stephen Kehayes, our Borough Administrator, Joseph Moskovitz and the Mayor, Sylvia Petillo. He said they are looking at the entire area (River Styx area) as a combined environmental issue. It starts at the old Bd. of Ed. garage and then there is the marina and the Italian restaurant. The feeling is that this is being handled in a piece meal fashion. We want to see what kind of monies are available to do a total evaluation of the entire area. We are talking to the Brownfields people to see what kind of grants are available. In the meantime the water line was run down the street and across the road to in front of that garage. Phil said an application has been submitted to hook up to the curb box to supply water to the building because the DEP has said they are not going to maintain the POET system in the building any longer because of the expense.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

1. Phil said we just received 500 doses of Flu Vaccine. The Clinic dates are Oct. 23rd, 7-8 pm at the Health Dept. and Oct. 24th 2-3 pm at the Civic Center.

HEALTH EDUCATOR

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT: No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed around information for the Annual Health Officials Conference; Board members are invited to attend. This meeting is with the Commissioner of Health. It will be on the 23rd of October. Phil asked if any members were interested to see him.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Septic Management, discussion: Phil said the Borough has approximately 6000 realty improvements. Of those about 2800 are sewerred. That leaves about 3000 septic systems. One of the things we have been charged to do is identify them. Carl did this before and when they started to mess with some of the systems and open them, they collapsed and failed. Phil said he has reservations on this; there is no scientific data that shows that Septic Management will improve the quality of the ground water. Will it keep septic systems from failing, perhaps? Phil said he personally thinks it is not worth the effort, however it seems to be a State regulation and no one has stood up and said it is a waste of time. By May of next year we should have a list that tells us where they are. Phil continued, this not only tells us they have to get pumped, they have to get letters. If I send out 3000 letters at \$.40 a piece, we are looking at \$1,200.00 in stamps alone that is at \$.40. When all this data or lack of data comes back, we have to track it. We are looking at an administrative nightmare. I don't know how this is going to happen. Our first thing is to develop an inventory list; we are looking at various ways.

2. Animal Census: Phil said the Census has really been an enlightening experience. As of this date, we have signed 61 summonses. Mariano asked if the Census was completed and Phil said no. Weather permitting, and we have daylight, we will just keep going as long as we can. We want the animals licensed so they can get their rabies shot.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution # 5-2008: Refund of Male Cancer Screening fee in the amount of \$ 20.00. Thom read the Resolution in its entirety. Thom made a motion to refund the fee, seconded by Mariano. Roll call, Joel, Craig, Selma, Thom and Mariano, yes. All in favor.
2. Fatal dog attack: Phil said this has been an arduous journey which took us from the time of the attack until now. The dog was still owned by the victim's mother and the mother decided to have the dog euthanized, which was done this morning. Phil said he must stress to the Board, we had custody of the dog, not ownership. As a result of that the decision was made by her (dog owner) to have the dog euthanized. Phil said this was a very sad experience.

Mariano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Selma, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell