

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Thom Forbes called the meeting to order and James Vanderhoof 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: Thom Forbes, Mariano Gianni, Selma Reichert, Rob Bond, James Vanderhoof, Craig Bradley and Joel Servoss.

Councilman Howard Baker and James Breiten, REHS from Sussex County Environmental Health were also present.

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Mariano made a motion to accept the minutes from last month's meeting, seconded by Jim. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No comments.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

PRESIDENT REPORT: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT:

1. James talked about the resident that was suspected of not having running water in the home. The resident is still resisting to let James in. The resident came to Borough Hall to speak to Gloria Quenault about his financial situation, he is tangled up in court with Zoning and summonses. James said he sent him a Notice of Violation so he can send him a summons, he has not written them because this resident is due in court in September with the Zoning Officer.

REGISTRAR REPORT:

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope/Jefferson

SWAT: No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thom passed around a copy of Gov. Christie's Reform Agenda. This was at the request of ACO, Dale Sloat.
2. New Jersey Local Boards of Health Assoc. sent the Board information on a Certification Seminar held on Saturday September 25, 2010 in Sayreville. Thom passed this around for the Board's review.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rob asked if there was anything to report back from last month's meeting concerning Mutual Aid with Roxbury. Thom said he and Mariano met with Catherine Steinel and for a period of time the Mayor was also present. Catherine explained that she did not view the Mutual Aid Agreement that we reviewed last month, she didn't feel that that agreement was still in force because she doesn't recognize the automatic renewal of mutual aid agreements. There was also a concern about insurance. She did offer to establishment an inter local service agreement with Roxbury and to date, they have not responded to her offer.

Joel said as he understands it, this is a one way agreement. Thom said that was the way it was described to him also. Joel said if something happens to Dale, we have no coverage. Mariano said Catherine stated that we should advertise for a substitute. Joel asked if it was ever brought to her attention or was it discussed at all that perhaps if she is going to cancel a contract it would nice on her part to go through the BOH or at least notify people here. Mariano said her reply was, that was not a contract, that was just an agreement between town council and Roxbury and after one year it dissolves it's self. It cannot be recurring.

Howard said an agreement between governing bodies cannot be automatically self renewing without those governing bodies taking action each year. Mariano responded that since 2004 when it was initially installed, I guess we as a town are ignorant she is the only one that brought it up, we had three

administrators. If Dale goes down and somebody gets hurt we are in trouble as a town. Howard said the position we were in, if I understood her correctly, if we called them up and said Dale not feeling well today send your person over, they would say no and it wouldn't happen. This is not enforceable and they are looking for one way benefits for them.

Rob said it sounds like the Administrator is not supportive of these type of agreements. Howard said she is not getting the level of cooperation out of Roxbury. She had the impression that their ACO has not come to our aid in the reasonable past. Thom agreed, he said she perceived it to be an unbalanced situation where our ACO went to Roxbury more frequently than theirs came here.

Rob asked Dale if there were records of this and Dale said he would have to go through his activity reports to find them but he could not tell how many times Roxbury has been here.

Jim suggested that we place an ad in the paper and hire a part time ACO so when Dale is gone, we have somebody. Rob agreed, if we have day time coverage with a part time ACO, maybe that is the simplest way to go. Then there was a long discussion on whether this part time ACO would have their Rabies Vaccine.

Thom said the Board will do two things, we place an ad in the paper for a part time ACO position and secondly we will approach the other issue with the inter local agreement. Joel suggested approaching the second issue before placing an ad. Thom said he will get a contact for the Health Officer in Roxbury and speak with him or her.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Mariano made a motion to move to Executive Session, seconded by Rob. Closed at 8:30 pm. Back to Regular Session at 9:05pm.

Mariano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Rosie Mitchell