

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 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, Rob Bond, Thomas Forbes, James Vanderhoof, Selma Reichert and Mariano Gianni.

ABSENT: Craig Bradley.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Mariano made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Jim. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

1. Dale Sloat: Dale said he just needs to know a couple of things. My first problem is, Stanhope is leaving Dispatch in January. They are still having Animal Control with us, my orders from Mr. Morlock , I have to prove every time I am called out with a card from the police. If Stanhope is in Sparta, I won't be able to get that. Rob asked, what would be the mechanism when Stanhope needs your services, you would be contacted, is that clear. Dale said this is unclear at this moment. Jim said we don't know if Stanhope will even hire us again (Animal Control Services). We should find this out first.
2. Byram Animal Control: Joel said Sparta has an ACO and Byram is using them now? Dale said yes, they did not have a choice. I don't know if this contract is signed but they told me that is what they needed to do. Joel said, Byram did not come to us they talked to our Administrator and she said no, I do not know exactly why that went that way, we had no knowledge as a Board that they were even looking to have Hopatcong provide their Animal Control. We could have had a contract with them that would have brought money into the Borough just like Stanhope does. Let's find out if they still have not signed into a contract with Sparta, second we have to find out if Stanhope wants to resign a contract with us for the next two years. Rob said if Stanhope is staying with us, we will address your issue of how Stanhope is going to contact you (Dale) and what kind of paper trail we need to set up.
3. Dale Sloat: Dale said his vacation is coming up next week, Friday and I haven't been approved by the Administrator as far as I know, but I am going. Joel said we have two resolutions in place tonight that we need to vote on hiring two emergency Animal Control people on a per diem basis. We have interviewed and it is pretty much agreed on, we need to vote and who makes the connection is the Council. The Council does the final vote to hire them. Howard said if you pass these Resolutions tonight, they should be over there tomorrow. Rob said we can take care of both issues in terms of the part time ACO and check on the vacation issue, check on that to see if there is something we are not aware of here that is holding things up.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

PRESIDENT REPORT: No report.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT:

1. Rob asked James Breiten about the issue from last month, a sump pump that was pulling in effluent from the leach field. James said the home owner has hired an engineer and they will try to eliminate the sump pump.

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope/Jefferson

SWAT: No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Joel said we have two Resolutions that have been prepared relating to the hiring of our part time emergency Animal Control Officers, Brian Dunster and Joseph Lupo.

Resolution # 11-2009: Joel read the Resolution in its entirety hiring Brian Dunster as part time, per diem ACO at \$ 20.00 per hour at a three hour minimum on all emergency call outs. Jim asked who set the price per hour and Joel said we did, that is the prevailing rate. Joel said we sat with the Mayor and the Administrator and we told them what the issues were and we told them the prevailing rate and this is an emergency call out thing. It is not like they will be here ten times a week, it is a two or three times a year type of thing, they were in agreement with that. Thom made a motion to approve this Resolution, seconded by Mariano. Roll call, Joel, Thom, Rob, Selma and Mariano, yes. Jim, no. Craig, absent.

Resolution # 12-2009: Joel read the Resolution in its entirety hiring Joseph Lupo as part time, per diem ACO at \$ 20.00 per hour at a three hour minimum on all emergency call outs. Mariano made a motion to approve this Resolution seconded by Thom. Roll call, Joel, Thom, yes, Rob, Rob said I am hesitating on this because of the fact that he does not have Rabies (vaccine) and there is that sick animal issue and I am not sure if there are liability issues associated with the Borough having a part time employee like that so I am going to vote no. Jim, Selma no. Mariano, yes. Craig, absent. Rob said he would ask for clarification on this either from the Administrator or our Attorney.

2. Resolution # 13-2009 Veterinary Contract: Joel stated that Catherine was nice enough to write this Resolution for us. There are some things in here that I don't understand and there are some things that it says we have done but haven't done. I don't know that we can pass this. Joel would like all the Board members to read this and we should clear some of these issues with Catherine before we actually pass this. We will revisit this next month along with Resolution # 14-2009, Podiatry Services.
3. Septic Contractor License: Joel said we currently license our contractors in this town and we are the only town in the whole County who does that. Joel asked James Breiten his advice related to this. James said he thinks the reason Hopatcong had it in the past was they did not always use engineers, Carl and Gary wanted to know that the contractor had knowledge of systems because there was no engineer to oversee it. The County has engineers on everything, the only thing that gets done without one is just a tank replacement. Jim asked what the fee was, \$ 100.00. After a brief discussion the Board decided to leave this in place.
4. Attorney bill: Joel said this bill is for \$ 2,073.00 and it's for all work that our Board Attorney has done related to the Dale Sloat issue with the Administrator. Nothing that we undertook on our own. Rob asked if this was beyond the bill that we paid last month and Joel said yes. There was a long discussion on this and then Joel said we will not approve this at this point. We need to find out where that money is coming from, who is going to pay it. Rob suggested talking with Catherine about this whole issue, us getting bills for which were not directly involved and authorizing unless we want to make some kind of a blanket authorization for our attorney to be involved in something we can't really discuss. Joel will talk with the Mayor on this.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mariano, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Rosie Mitchell