

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, and Jim 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, Joel Servoss, Craig Bradley and Selma Reichert.

ABSENT: Thomas Forbes.

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: Estelle Klein was present, no comments.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Phil went over his entire report. He then asked if there were questions.

1. Rob asked about item # 6, Flu Pandemic Grant. Phil said he had a manufacturer in here on March 27th. He said he looked at some equipment, masks with the batteries on the back. We had some Health people from Mt. Olive, the EMS squad and also Mayor Hodson sat in for awhile. Rob asked, what is the shelf life of these masks. Phil said, very long if you do not use the filters. He said his concern would be that we are protecting our EMS people. If they went out and they picked somebody up with a communicable disease, they would be protected, that they felt confident to go and they will not expose themselves and bring a contagion back to their families.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

1. Rob asked if Fran Baldi, PHN, was done with the Ambulance Squad Training with the protective equipment. Phil said we should be basically done, if there are some stragglers out there, and if we get the new equipment we will need some more training. Officer Haffner is trained to do the fit testing; if we had to pay someone to do the fit testing it would cost \$ 35.00 per person.

HEALTH EDUCATOR

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT:

1. Phil talked about the letter he sent to all Board members. The letter explained when the SWAT meetings are and who runs the meetings. He asked the Board if they should send someone to these meetings, he said he will leave this up to the Board. Phil said he spoke to Jackie Tillison and he asked her to please email him when there is a meeting and he will then forward them to all Board members. Rob said he strongly encourages one of the members to be there, maybe two that could change off. Selma asked when the next meeting will be, it will be sometime in May. Selma will attend this meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed around a copy of Food Talk. This is a newsletter that is sent quarterly to all food establishments in Hopatcong.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 1-2007: Mariano read the title, ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION §248-18 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "VICIOUS DOGS OR CATS". Meeting open to public for comments, no public. Closed. Rob made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as read, seconded by Jim. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Joel, Craig and Selma, yes. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 7-2007: Phil explained that because of Civil Unions, we have amended our Ordinance to read, copies of all vital statistics will be \$ 10.00. The cost was \$ 7.00. We are just amending an existing ordinance. Mariano read Ordinance # 7-2007 in its entirety titled ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 251-4 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "SCHEDULE OF FEES". Rob made a motion to publish the revised ordinance as read, to pass the first reading, seconded by Jim. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Joel, Craig and Selma, yes. All in favor.
2. Appointing Dale Sloat, ACO, Animal Cruelty Investigator. Phil explained this would be in addition to his duties; this is in case animals are in deplorable conditions. Mariano read Resolution # 5-2007 in its entirety appointing Dale Sloat, ACI. Rob asked, assuming we adopt this resolution, is this something we might want to offer Stanhope in the next agreement. Phil said we could look at this. Rob made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Selma. All in favor.
3. Discussion: To require the drilling of a well before the construction of a new home. Phil said historically when you get a construction permit you do test holes and get a septic permit. There is no use putting a house in where you can't put a septic. The last thing they do is put the well because sometimes they move the house or move the bed slightly and if you have the well in there it no longer has enough casing or it is in the wrong place. In this situation (the home in discussion), there is not enough yield. In order to avoid this, Wantage put on their website, "Before you build your house, drill your well". Phil said, we could do that as we did with the septic systems on smaller property. Jim said a well has to be 100' from the field and 50' from the tank. He also said there are quite a few towns in the county here that you have to drill your well and put your septic in first. He said you call for 50' of casing; I always put 60' in. If you had to move that bed 10' you are covered. After a long discussion on this, Rob asked what are we trying to protect, the homeowner doing a foolish act or are we trying to protect public health. Phil said we are trying to protect the homeowner from himself. Rob then said that is not our job. Estelle then said, we are trying to guard against people not getting water and going to the Borough Water Supply which is in scarce supply. This is something to think about because the town can't keep hooking people up when they can't get water. We don't have the water to hook them up to. Rob suggested that for now you just try to make people aware that they might want to consider drilling that well first on the new property, to make sure you have adequate water. This will be tabled for now.
2. Joel talked about the recent article in the Star Ledger concerning geese. He said they (Morris County) have reduced the goose waste throughout the whole county. He said they gather them up put them in trucks and gas them. He said you can only kill resident geese. You can tell by the times of the year that they are here. Estelle said you can addle the eggs and Joel said there are no efforts underway in this county. Estelle said the Board of Health should make a recommendation to Mayor and Council that we put some money together to addle the eggs. She suggested that this Board take the lead in instituting something to do something with this.
3. Hudson Ave: Estelle said the one gentleman that owns several pieces on Hudson Ave. came before the Zoning Board and was told he can not put up anymore docks. He has all the docks that is allowed. She said you are only allowed a dock every hundred feet. He has two hundred and seventy feet; he is only allowed two docks. He was told he has to make an application to spin off the last piece that he just bought from the town and was told to contact the gentleman across the street that wanted to buy it originally. They said they will work with him to spin that piece off. Estelle said the other property owner; his pieces were subdivided way back in the forties. He has four individual pieces of property; there were never docks on them. The Zoning Board is not going to grant him permission and are making him tear the docks down that he put up. He will only be allowed one dock. This is just an update.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell