

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, October 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Thomas Forbes 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: Thomas Forbes, Mariano Gianni, James Vanderhoof, Melinda Conti, Rob Bond, Kathleen Jacobellis and Joel Servoss. Fran Baldi and James Breiten were also present.

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Rob had a question about water softeners. Melinda said the Borough will not allow the backwash from the softeners to go into the sewer system. It will be funneled into abandoned and filled leach fields or pits. Jamie added, you are allowed to use old seepage pits, filled with stone to eliminate the collapse hazard. Jim made a motion to approve the September minutes, seconded by Mariano. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No comments.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS:

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

1. Melinda asked about the tape made for a Borough resident of the Sept. 28, 2005 BOH meeting. Jamie said this person requested it and then picked it up.
2. Dupont Ave: Melinda asked about item two on the report. This residential property was sold with the impression there was a septic system on the property. When the owner went to sell it five years later, it turned out to be a sealed system according to our records.

SANITARIAN REPORT

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR

1. Melinda said she belongs to a group called the “Moms Club” of the Stanhope area and Kris Wilsusen our Health Educator will speak next month, Nov. 3rd, (Health and Safety Issues) also promoting Health Dept. programs.

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL:

1. Kathleen asked if Dale is certified to perform animal cruelty checks. Jamie said he is certified but is not appointed by the Borough as of yet.

SWAT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Domestic well report: Jamie said there were quite a number of wells that went dry this summer, possibly ten or eleven. We were asked to take a look at these wells to see which ones were in the sewer areas and which were septic. Turns out that out of the eleven, one of those properties were on sewers. Jamie added the town has been helpful by supplying these residents with water buffalos when they can. This will allow these residents to flush their toilets.
2. Jamie passed a card around that Dale Sloat received from K.I.S.S. (Kitties in need of Someone Special) along with a \$ 1,000.00 donation for our Pound.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 636 Lakeside Ave.: Jamie explained there was a septic issue at this address that started before he came our Health Department. Gary had the owners cap off the septic tank and use it as a sealed system. By law this can only be allowed for 180 days, this is passed 180 days and they have submitted plans for a new system. We will not approve these plans until the Lake Hopatcong Commission and the DEP take a look at these plans and we get State approval. We also asked for the town Engineer’s approval it is a pump system, pretty complex. The problem being he has run out of his 180 days, by law we have to

require him to apply for a TWA for the sealed system. We are asking for the Board's approval. If the Board endorses this, we will send a letter to Mayor and Council. Melinda made a motion to provide a letter of support for the application for a temporary sealed system, seconded by Rob. Roll call, Thom, Melinda, Mariano, Jim, Kathleen, Rob and Joel, yes. All in favor.

2. Resolution # 10-2005: Thom read the resolution in full, to refund the Female Cancer Screening fee for a resident. The amount was \$ 20.00. Jim made a motion to refund the money, seconded by Kathleen. Roll call, Thom, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Kathleen, Melinda and Joel, yes. All in favor.
3. Melinda said somewhere near the Middle School there are chickens. She said they have been there for a long time. They are owned by someone, they are kept in coops behind a fenced in area. With all the hype of the Avian Flu, there have been some questions, should these things be allowed to run around. Fran said the chickens probably cannot be contaminated unless some wild bird, who is contaminated, mingles in with them. None of this area has chickens with Avian Flu. Jamie said he will ask Dale to look into this.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Thom read Ordinances 34, 35 and 36-2005 by title, second and final reading. Rob made a motion to accept the second and final reading of Ordinances 34, 35 and 36-2005 read by title, seconded by Melinda. Roll call, Thom, Melinda, Mariano, Jim, Kathleen, Rob and Joel, yes. All in favor.
2. Flu Vaccine: Fran said we have 420 doses of vaccine. That is all she was allowed to buy by State Law because last year we used 438 doses, they cut you down a certain amount. Fran said she tried to order 500 and the State would not allow her. She said the ad for the Flu Clinic appeared in the paper on Oct. 4th and the 10th and she also went to the senior meeting and center and registered as many seniors as she could that way. We also put out flyers on this. We are now fully booked. We will have a third clinic.

Our clinics are Nov. 4th 2 to 3 pm at the Civic Center and Nov. 10th 6 to 7 pm at the Health Dept.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mariano. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.