

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, August 24, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Thomas Forbes called the meeting to order, and Mariano 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, Kathleen Jacobellis, Rob Bond and Joel Servoss, after roll call. Estelle Klein and Fran Baldi were also present.

ABSENT: Melinda Conti

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Rob made a motion to approve the July minutes, seconded by Jim. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No comments.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS:

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

1. Rob asked about item number three, court on August 8, 2005. Phil said the individual had a summons signed against him, he came in and signed an agreement to pay in installments and then he reneged on the agreement.
2. Byram Cove: Phil said we took a water sample at Byram Cove, it came back good. Jamie went out on Joel's boat and took the sample on a Monday morning. Phil also said he talked to the DEP and no one knows who is in charge of the lake.
3. Tidal Wave: Phil said the Tidal Wave is looking good. He had asked Dan Wills to go and check the recycling. They seem to be in pretty good shape in getting it together there.
4. Emergency Plan: Phil said every municipality and county in the State of New Jersey is required to have an emergency operation plan. There is fire, first aid and public health. Periodically that has to be updated. He and Fran sat down and revised it and brought it back into what present day realities are. Thom said he talked with Chief Swanson and the Chief has made a lot of changes in the OEM plan. Fran said the Chief is very good and doing a great job.
5. Phil said there is Executive Order # 50 from Governor Codey that is going to require a number of people in leadership roles in municipalities to attend an incident command class. The thought is to do it here with the Administrator and political leadership and everybody that is involved, so if we had a major emergency we would know what to do. I would ask that the members of this Board attend. No date as of yet.

SANITARIAN REPORT

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT

HEALTH EDUCATOR

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL:

1. Rob asked about the mileage for Animal Control again. Phil said in the spring, the mileage goes up. He then presented the mileage for the same months in question with higher mileage for the year 2004.
2. Kathleen asked about the eight animal cruelty checks on the report. Phil said Dale has not been appointed ACI (Animal Cruelty Investigator) as of yet but we still go out and check. Dale has been certified but not appointed.
3. Joel asked if the dead animals, raccoons and groundhogs are tested for rabies. Phil said only if there has been an exposure to a domestic animal or human being. He also said, the most important part of what Dale does is quarantine animals. From a public health point of view, we've got to know this is the dog that bit. We also have to know that ten days from that bite, that dog is still alive and healthy. If that dog dies, we need the brain tissue.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil read a letter he had written to Steve Ward, Administrator at the Board's request. The letter stated the Board's concern for the ground water and the lack of rain. Phil then read the response Steve Ward had written explaining he talked with the Borough Engineer, Borough Water Operator and the Governing Body. Steve stated the Borough is monitoring and will continue to monitor the indicators of reduced ground water supplies very closely. Steve also asked if Phil, in the event of an unusually high rate of requests to deepening wells, to please provide this information to him.
2. Phil said on Sept. 21st the County is having a meeting concerning immunizing first responders should there be a biological event. Phil said he will be attending that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution # 8: Thom read Resolution # 8 in its entirety. Refund of a dog license that was purchased twice. The refund is for \$ 13.00. Roll call, Thom, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Kathleen, and Joel, yes, all in favor.
2. Flu Vaccine: Fran Baldi explained to the Board the cost of administering the Flu Vaccine to our residents. She said last year the Flu Vaccine cost \$ 4251.44. There were 432 people vaccinated because of the needle she used gave you extra and the vials that had ten draws, she got eleven out of them. This year Fran said she tried to order 520 doses but the government had a formula that they used by what you used last year and she was allowed a maximum of 420 doses. The price is \$98.51 per ten doses. That is \$4137.42. We are guaranteed them and Fran received a confirmation call stating the vaccine will be coming between August 24th and September 9th.
Fran said this year the State decided to add this vaccine to the Federal Vaccine Adverse Event Program. All vaccines are under that program and you get an excise tax on all vaccines. That raised the price by \$415.00. The total is \$ 4,552.00 for this year. We will not give Pneumonia Vaccine this year. If someone needs the vaccine, they will be directed to their physician.
Fran said everyone that received the flu vaccine last year; we should be able to cover all of them this year.
3. SARS: Kathleen talked about a meeting she attended with Phil. The subject of the meeting was SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). SARS was started through a man who ingested what they in Hong Kong consider a delicacy, a Hideki cat. Apparently this cat had the virus. After the man ate this he went back to his hotel and infected five people. One person was from Ireland, one from the US, one from Canada and two remained in China. The focus was on the man who went to Canada. He went home and infected his wife and son. He then went to the hospital and infected three other patients and seven health care workers. They thought it was Pneumonia and they gave him antibiotics and sent him on his way. He went home and continued to infect other people.
They ended up calling a voluntary quarantine of thirty thousand people. That was successful in containing this. Forty four people died of this. At this point there is no treatment for this virus.
Phil said SARS or Avian Flu or something of this nature is more of a possibility than a terrorist blowing up the River Styx Bridge. This could be brought in here by someone. He said the reason he attended this meeting is if this happens here, we have an idea as to what happens and what to do.
4. Rob asked if anyone attends the Sussex County CAT meetings. Fran said Kris Wilsusen our Health Educator is involved with this and whenever possible Fran attends the meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Grooming Parlor Inspection Criteria: Phil explained to the Board that the Health Dept. came up with inspection criteria for grooming parlors. He asked the Board to take a look at this to see if there are any changes or additions. Rob asked, if this is the right criteria, do you have to say yes to all questions in order to get licensed? Phil said he would not hold up any license. We have to take a look at the severity of the problem. To be addressed again next meeting.

Mariano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell