

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, December 21, 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, Rob Bond, Kathleen Jacobellis, Joel Servoss and Melinda Conti, after roll call.

**ABSENT:**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Mariano made a motion to accept the minutes for the November meeting, seconded by Jim.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:** Estelle Klein stopped in to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and explained there is a Mayor and Council meeting and could not stay for the BOH meeting.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

**REPORTS:**

**HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:**

1. Phil said he attended the National Incident Management System Training that is required by the Governor, he said he attended and will send Fran Baldi and James Breiten. Possibly some BOH members will also be going. This is so we know what to do in case of an emergency.
2. Phil said he met with the County LINC'S people and reviewed how we handle LINC'S communication. We now have the First Aid Squad receiving all the health alert messages.
3. Phil said he met with a gentleman from RACES (HAM Radio). We are looking to put an antenna on the building here so we would have communications, should everything go south. Thom said this is very important the first 24 to 48 hours. This would be the only communication we have.
4. Phil said on Friday afternoon, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, the water line that goes across the River Styx Bridge collapsed. The bridge is decaying and the hooks that go along the side of the bridge that holds the water line, they ripped out and about seventy five feet of water line went into the Lake. Phil passed around pictures showing the problem. He said work is being done to the bridge now. They had to fabricate new brackets, make them out of steel. There was a Boil Water Notification because of this. He said he called the County and asked them to come and take a look at their bridge, the bridge is crumbling. He said, hopefully this will be resolved by Tuesday of next week.

**SANITARIAN REPORT:**

1. Phil said Jamie changed his report, the last meeting there was a question on how many plan reviews there were. We had grouped the building addition reviews with the normal plan reviews. From now on we will separate them.

**BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:**

**HEALTH EDUCATOR:**

1. Rob asked if item # 1 was the item in question from last month that Melinda talked about. Kristine Wilsusen Health Educator for Hopatcong charged the Borough for speaking at the MOM'S Club. Melinda said it was made clear to Kristine that she would be volunteering. Phil said he talked to Fran and Kristine and it was under the impression she would be paid. Melinda said she spoke to the President of the club and she said she made it very clear that she was volunteering to do this. Phil said it was not clear to Kristine or to Fran and in the future Kristine will not be providing services to the MOM'S Club.
2. Rob asked about Tulsa Trail not approving a smoking prevention program. Phil said he found out that CAT (Coalition Against Smoking) presents us with different programs. The program that was given to us by CAT was presented to the school. If they do not like the program, they do not have to go with it. In this case they did not like the program. Rob asked if they were not presented an alternative. Phil said a number of programs come here from CAT. There are all kinds of programs that they are looking at.

**ANIMAL CONTROL:**

1. Kathleen had a question on the Stanhope report. A resident from Stanhope called Dale to report a grooming parlor was dirty. Dale stated on his report, everything checked out OK. Phil added we will

start inspecting our grooming parlors Jan. 1, 2006. Dale inspected this establishment in Stanhope on a complaint, our inspections will be routine.

**SWAT:**

1. Kathleen said there was a meeting a couple of weeks ago and basically they are trying to find ways to promote positive messages to the community. Talking about using some of the bill boards in town. On January 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a program in combination with HEPTO, Assets for Children. Tools to give them to make better choices. Melinda added this is also geared toward adults. This will be at the Tulsa Trail School.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Phil passed around a thank you card Dale Sloat received from the Women's Club for speaking at one of their meetings.
2. Phil passed around a thank you letter Dale had written to KISS for their donation of cat cages to the Borough Pound.
3. A resident made a \$ 300.00 donation to the Mt. Olive Veterinary Clinic on behalf of the Borough of Hopatcong Pound.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution # 11-2005 to refund a resident for Flu Vaccine Fee. Thom read the resolution in its entirety. Rob made a motion to pay the fee, seconded by Joel. Roll call, Thom, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Kathleen, Melinda and Joel, yes. All in favor.
2. Attorney fees: the amount is \$ 760.00. Phil asked for the Board's approval to pay the fees. Jim made a motion to pay the fees, seconded by Melinda. Roll call, Thom, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Kathleen, Melinda and Joel, yes. All in favor.
3. Application to join the National Association of Local Boards of Health. The annual fee is \$ 95.00. Kathleen asked what we receive for the fee. Phil said we get information; they let us know what is going on nationally as far as Performance Standards, Bioterrorism and grants. Phil suggested we table this until he looks into this more.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Sussex County First Responder Plan Implementation: Phil said it is a plan where we are to provide antibiotics to our first responders, police, health, fire and everybody else. He said early next year, the State will be sending out the forms to see how many people are in your families. The Chief will receive them and send them out to the various departments. They are planning to do this in mid January. Phil said he will keep the Board updated on this at the next meeting.
2. Rob asked what our plans are in terms of the Board Attorney. Are we going to stay with the present one? Phil said he is very pleased with our attorney. The Board agreed.
3. Rob said at the next month's meeting the Rules of Order have to be reviewed and voted on. He asked that they be sent out to all members for review.
4. Rob asked about the home on Dupont Ave. with the holes drilled in the bottom of the Sealed System. Phil said the engineers report has been sent to the State. He said his concern is that the State goes after the present owner, when the present owner is the victim. He said he talked to the State about that. He will follow up on that.
5. Melinda asked about the home on Crestview that the Health Dept. was working with for an approved septic system. Phil said they put a system in and so far hopefully it is working.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob. . All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell