

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, and Jim Vanderhoof 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, Thom Forbes, Joel Servoss, and Selma Reichert.

ABSENT: Craig Bradley.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Rob requested a clarification to the previous minutes. Under Old Business, item # 3. If there would be an increase in Animal License fees, it would take effect in June of 2008. Thom made a motion to accept the minutes with clarification, seconded by Joel. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No comments.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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

1. Phil said he issued five additional summonses for failure to connect to the Municipal Sewer System on May 21st. He said he has three court cases left; most people are signing agreements and coming in to connect and pay their fees. Jim asked what if these people can't afford this. Phil said they can get HUD Loans, Farmers Home, there is a way to do this. Phil said, all we want is compliance.
2. Phil said he met with a Mine Safety Appliance representative along with OEM coordinator. He said, we decided to purchase Air Purifying Respirators; the Grant is paying for 99.9 % of these. This way the First Aid Squad can operate.
3. Jim said all these people in this town, you get something going on, how are you going to notify them. Phil said we talked about the sirens and Jim said, the sirens do not work. He also said he is going to get them fixed; everybody has to be notified if there is an emergency. He said one siren works in this town, there are three more and one does not work because some guy pulled the plug, he does not want to hear it. Jim said that in 1979 all the sirens were working when he was Fire Chief. Phil will look into this and report back to the Board.
4. Phil passed around photos and explained them to the Board. He said a business owner (River Styx Road) came to the Health Dept. and said he smells gasoline in his drinking water and in the toilet. Phil said this issue goes back to 1997, he called the DEP and they came out, we found out there were still two tanks in the ground. They were yanked out; you could smell gasoline in the monitoring wells. He said he had concerns, people working in there with gasoline on their hands and all that stuff was going to the sanitary sewer. Jim asked if there was anything in the tanks and Phil said yes about eighteen inches of water and gasoline, leaded gasoline. Phil said now we are looking at the cost of running the water line down there. One property has a water buffalo on it supplying it with water. There is also a tanker there supplying the two businesses.
5. Phil passed around an estimate for the potential construction to the Municipal Pound. The estimated cost is \$ 190,000. There was a long discussion on this, to be discussed further, next meeting.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR:

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

1. Joel had a question on a report for Stanhope. There were several calls for one person. Phil explained that when you set a trap, it is very labor intensive. You have to go out in the morning to set the trap, end of the day go back to decommission the trap.

SWAT: No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed a Thank You letter he had written to Bob Modick for allowing the Health Department to use Fire Department # 3 for the Rabies Clinic.
2. Phil passed around a pamphlet for the Annual Local Health Officials Conference.
3. Food Talk was mailed out to local food establishments and one was passed around for the Board's perusal.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Animal Licensing Fee Ordinance Amendment is in the works with our Attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Phil said we are getting complaints of cats running on people's property and they are complaining their property is getting damaged. He said he is going to recommend that if they know whose cat it is or dog and it is destroying their property, they can sign a summons under Paragraph C 1. That is what we are going to be recommending, if a neighbor's cat is coming on to their property tearing their lawn furniture apart, they can sign under this. There is also a repellent called Boundary to keep cats off property. The trouble is, when it rains it gets washed away. Phil said the problem we are having is, these cats are multiplying. In one place Dale pulled out about twenty cats. The more cats we take to the Pound there is more animals that have to be spayed or neutered and more animals we are trying to get adopted. Joel asked if these cats are fixed before they are adopted out and Phil answered, yes.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

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