

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 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, Jim Vanderhoof, Thom Forbes and Joel Servoss. Estelle Klein was present.

ABSENT: Rob Bond, Melinda Conti and Kathleen Jacobellis.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting, seconded by Joel. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No comments.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

1. Phil went over his entire report; he then asked if there were questions or comments.

- He discussed item 10, Criteria to request hook up to public water system when home owner has no water. He then read the list of questions the Board of Health would ask if contacted by a homeowner to connect to the public water system in the event of a well going dry. Jim then asked if they are hooking up anyone and Estelle said the Council will allow twenty emergency hook ups a year. The Council will decide on who will be hooked up.

Jim also stated that the town is running a business with the water line and why should you pay for the main going down. Jim also said he could see paying for your hookups but not the main going down the road because they are running a business. Estelle added that the Water Department only recently within the last maybe two years, has become a Public Utility. For many years the whole town was paying for the people that were on water.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

1. Jim said, I see there were four beach samples, how did that water come out? Phil said they were OK. Jim said the reason he asked was down by Elba Point there are fifty to sixty geese there every morning.

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL

SWAT

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed around a copy of an email addressed to Chris Margo. The person wanted to thank Chris, she adopted a cat from our Pound through Chris and wanted to let her know how pleased she was.
2. Phil passed around a copy of Food Talk, a newsletter sent to all food establishments in the Borough, courtesy of the Health Department.
3. Phil talked about the letter the Health Department sent to all the beach clubs. He said we sent this out in April telling the beach clubs about the safety equipment and that we would come out and meet with them. Phil said he has to enforce this and give everyone an opportunity to comply. If someone were to drown, an attorney will come in and ask to see our inspection report. We could cut no one any slack without incurring a tremendous liability on our part.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Phil said, we had an inquiry about if people would have lights on and shining in their neighbors windows and they can't sleep. We examined that to see how we should handle that should someone come to us. Phil said we would use the Public Health Nuisance Code from 1953. It is sort of a generic code. The Borough has adopted this Ordinance by reference, it is not in the Municipal Code Book but it is referred to. It gives us a sort of broad interpretation of what a nuisance is, anything that interferes with the quality of life. If we had a

complaint like that, we could proceed in a very generic way. The code requires that we give a notice and so many days to abate. If they fail to comply, we can sign a summons. Where we would hang our hats in this, should we have to do this, **Section 2 Nuisances Defined and Prohibited 2.1 The following matters, things, conditions or acts and each of them are hereby declared to be a nuisance and injurious to the health of the inhabitants of this Municipality, A: any matter, thing condition or act which is or may become detrimental or a menace to the health of the inhabitants of this Municipality.** Phil said he has used this many times with junk, litter and that kind of stuff.

2. Ordinance # 23-2006: Mariano read Ordinance 23-2006 by title only ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG SANITARY CODE, CHAPTER 278 ARTICLE 1, SECTION 278-5, CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Mariano then opened the meeting to the public, no comments, closed to public. Roll call, Mariano, Jim, Thom and Joel, yes. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Phil talked about the Flu Pandemic Grant, he said he wanted to get a status report from Thom to tell us where we are at and also from Chief Swanson to figure out what we will do with this, he said the grant is \$ 1068.00 and how that works is once we receive a letter of intent, we send it over to finance, finance then has to go to the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton and ask for a budget modification so that we can spend the money and then be reimbursed from the grant. He said he has until October to spend the money.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell