

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, and 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, Kathleen Jacobellis, and Joel Servoss. Estelle Klein was present.

ABSENT: Rob Bond, Melinda Conti and Thomas Forbes.

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: Estelle said the Board has the proposed ordinance in front of them. We felt the need to pass this because people did not understand if they did not put the septic in first, and then built a house, they might not have room for the septic on a substandard lot, under 15, 000 sq. ft. Then there were other people that would try to bilk the system, contractors who put the house up and claim it was a hardship that they couldn't put the septic in. Most people would let them put the septic in. This is to correct that situation. Phil added this would only apply to new construction.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

1. Phil said, on Saturday we had Mayor's Health Day. Kathleen said it was not that successful on our end. She said there were a lot of people there but they were there for registration for summer rec and sports programs. It was not well advertised. She said there were a lot of people willing to give their services, but not many people there to take advantage of it.
2. Phil said he attended the Governmental Public Health Partnership meeting on May 23rd. There are a number of things going on over there that does not impact us at this point in time.
3. Phil said he attended the Sussex County Domestic Preparedness Task Force meeting on May 18th. On June 1st and 2nd we have the First Responder Plan; we are going to exercise that. We will simulate drugs coming down here and being passed out to the fire, police, health and other people.
4. Squire Field: Phil said there was a question about some water that is standing there now, I called County Mosquito Control and we met them down there. They sent a report out, I will pass it around. The water was treated for mosquitoes and will be treated monthly.
5. Phil said there is an on going issue with a property on Lakeside Ave. The seepage pits were leaking into the lake. We then put the gentleman on a holding system, plugged up the tank and right now he is pumping it. An engineer is trying to put in an interceptor drain to see if we could put a system in and avoid putting in a holding system. We took water samples out there today to make sure the curtain drain is working. We will take this step by step. If we find something that is not working, we are going to stop it. We are trying to work with the owner.
6. Phil said he submitted a request for deer carcass removal to a contractor. He said he filled out all the paperwork, faxed it to him and called him and never got a response. We also have a proposal from Space Farms to come pick up the animals. The cost is \$25.00 per animal. Phil said he spoke to Chief Swanson and we average about three deer a month. At that rate, we are looking at nine hundred to a thousand dollars.
7. Phil said he has been issuing summonses for school smoking. Two of them, the person who was supposed to be the complainant was not a teacher, but a teachers aide. She is out ill and will be unavailable until next year, she is unavailable to testify in court. That is two summonses that I will lose. Phil said he will do everything humanly possible on his end to keep the program going. If the teachers then are unable to appear, I have no complainant. Phil said he signs these summonses on information and belief.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

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: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 23-2006, Introduction, First Reading: Mariano read the entire Ordinance titled, **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.**

Phil opened the meeting to the public and asked if there were comments. Kathleen asked if this ordinance came about because of the Council. Estelle said, no, because people putting their houses up and then their septic systems and then they can't get the septic system in, they don't have room for it and then they plead hardship. Then they want him to perform miracles to get the septic system in there. Estelle said this has been going for years, we just decided to end it, put an end to it. After a brief discussion, Jim made a motion to pass this ordinance on First Reading, seconded by Kathleen. Roll call, Mariano, Jim, Kathleen and Joel, yes. All in favor. Second and final reading, June 28, 2006.

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

Rosemarie Mitchell