

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, November 15, 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, Rob Bond, Joel Servoss, and Craig Bradley. Estelle Klein was also present.

ABSENT: Jim Vanderhoof, Thomas Forbes and Kathleen Jacobellis.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Rob made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, 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 and asked if there were questions.

1. There was a brief discussion on Pickerel Pt. homes and their use of lake water. Phil said the homes there are using the lake for their water. He said we are just gathering data and submitting it.
2. Phil discussed Senate Bill 2244, which local health departments would be forcefully eliminated. People would then have to go to the County for health services. He said if you have a health department that is doing the job as requested by the citizens and the political leadership and doing it very cheaply and efficiently, why would you want to do away with that. The idea would be to reduce taxes. Mariano asked where this is coming from and Phil said, from Senator Bob Smith. He said that he and Jamie attended a meeting at Bergen County Community College to see what was going on there. Phil said there was a table loaded with legislation for consolidation, doing away with school boards, fire districts and all kinds of stuff. Phil said he took copies and sent them over to our Mayor.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

1. Phil said Jamie ran a Food Handlers Course that was well received.

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR

REGISTRAR REPORT

1. Mariano commented on the report. Phil said a lot of people come in to get a certified copy of their marriage license to renew their driver's license. You need this to prove the name change, so you will see a lot of certified copies.

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT: No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed a letter around from Jennifer Siegel concerning the porta johns in the park that Jim Vanderhoof brought up at our last meeting. The letter states that usually before an event or after an event they are notified and they hadn't been because someone else was running the event.
2. Hopatcong Pound Expansion: Phil said we looked through past minutes from the BOH meetings and found that there was a concern because it was close to a residential neighborhood and the noise was an issue at that time.
3. Phil passed a sample ordinance around from Mayor and Council concerning "Mandatory Connection". Phil read the ordinance in its entirety titled, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG ENTITLED "PUBLIC SEWER" BY ALLOWING FOR A LIMITED REUSE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS FOR ALTERNATE PURPOSES.

Estelle said this is coming up at the next Council meeting in the form of an ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 35-2006: Mariano read this ordinance 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, CHAPTER 274: SANITARY CODE, ARTICLE VII DISPOSAL. Mariano opened the meeting to the public for comment. No comments. Closed to the public. There was a brief discussion on the changes from last month then Mariano asked for a motion, Rob made a motion to accept Ordinance 35-2006 as read by title, seconded by Joel. This is the second and final reading. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Joel and Craig yes. All in favor.
2. Rob talked about the discussion concerning our pound. He said that Roxbury asked us again (to share services). Phil said they asked to rent space, not make a capital investment. He said he would be glad to call them. Rob asked what their situation is with their pound. The answer was, they do not have one and they use an animal hospital to impound their animals. Phil will get back to the Board on this after he talks with Roxbury.
3. Phil talked about the emergency kits that Fran put together for OEM. He said there are forty kits and they will be spread around to ambulance, the OEM trailer and some will be stored here. He said at least we have something to protect our first responders.
4. Estelle asked how we are doing with cats. Phil said we have more then we would like to have. Estelle said we are not really equipped to pick up the number of cats that Dale picks up. She said the Pound was designed for dogs but I agree with you they should pick up cats too. It is in our own ordinance that if you want somebody to pick up a cat you have to come in and physically sign a complaint for Dale to go out to pick up a cat. She said the Animal Haven donated \$ 2,000.00 and a resolution was passed that the cat licensing money would be used for spaying and neutering the cats. Phil said he and Dale will discuss this.
5. Craig said that the porta john was still there on Hudson Ave. Estelle said you couldn't get rid of it till after you pass this ordinance. Rob asked if they were taking the individual to court. Estelle said the guy from Chester, he is going to court. Estelle said he has a massive dock and it is all one dock and one property. You can only have four boats otherwise it's a marina. The other guy, they will handle him in a different way because those are all individual lots, they can have a dock on each individual lot.

NEW BUSINESS: None

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

Rosemarie Mitchell