

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Thomas Forbes 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: Thomas Forbes, Mariano Gianni, James Vanderhoof, Rob Bond, Kathleen Jacobellis, Joel Servoss and Melinda Conti, after roll call.

ABSENT:

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Rob stated that in the minutes, K.I.S.S. donated \$ 1,000.00 to the Borough Pound; he asked if a thank you letter was sent and if not he suggested we do so. Phil said it will be done. Mariano made a motion to approve the October 26th minutes, seconded by Joel. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: Caroline Estiverne and Coreen Williams are Registered Nurses and are employed with Morristown Memorial Hospital and are also students of St. Elizabeth College. They are here to observe a BOH meeting for school.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

REPORTS:

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

1. Phil said he signed eight summonses on Nov. 1st for failure to connect to the Sewer System.
2. Phil said he attended the Governmental Public Health Partnership meeting. One of the issues that came up was the flu clinics and how many the supermarkets provide. We don't know when or where or how many people they do. A letter will be sent to the State saying this is no way to manage this particularly if we had a serious problem such as SARS or the Avian Flu.
3. Dupont Ave.: Phil said a realtor came in requesting info on the septic for a house on Dupont Ave. When Phil looked in the file, there was no septic system. It was a holding system in the ground. The owner that purchased it two years ago was never told it was a holding system. Phil requested a professional engineer to look at this. The previous owner drilled holes in this tank. We have photographs with holes in the bottom of the tank. Rob asked if there was a question as to what owner actually drilled the holes in this tank; Phil said we could only assume it was the previous one. When the PE's report comes in we have been instructed to send it to the DEP.
4. Phil said he attended the First Responder meeting with Thom Forbes and Chief Swanson. Hopatcong was well represented.
5. Phil said he amended the submitted budget because of a memo received from Sanofi Pasteur stating an increase in costs for the Flu Vaccine for 2006. The increase is approx. \$ 1,500.00.
6. Phil returned to item # 4 and asked Thom to speak a little on this. Thom said there will be a plan in place to deliver medication or prophylaxis to first responders in the County. Phil said the plan is to take a look at what it is going to take to get to the people who provide governmental services, EMS, fire, police and public health, to treat them first. Thom said there are about 3000 essential personnel. Phil said it is his understanding that the County is talking with the Chamber of Commerce and pharmaceutical companies to see if they will stock pile some antibiotics. We will see where this will take us.

SANITARIAN REPORT

1. Northwood Inn: Jim asked about this and Phil said Jamie did the pre-op inspection. Everything went well.
2. Rob asked if nineteen plan reviews stated on the report was an unusually high number. Phil said yes but it is October and things will slow down a little, the cold weather is coming.

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

1. Rob asked how the Flu Clinics went in Hopatcong and the reply was, they went well. There will be another clinic this Friday. Kathleen said the schools in Hopatcong will be giving the flu shot on Dec. 14th.

HEALTH EDUCATOR

1. Rob wanted to know what is meant by the Health Educator stating, the Principal of Tulsa Trail didn't approve the smoking prevention program for spring 2006. Phil will talk with Kristine and get back to Rob.
2. Melinda said she is the VP of the MOM's Club of the Stanhope area. She said she thought Kristen, our Health Educator, understood she would be volunteering to speak at the club's meeting, but now she has billed the Borough one and a half hours. Melinda said Kristen did speak but the club is three communities Byram, Stanhope and Hopatcong. When Candice Smith, President of the MOM's club, approached Kristen, she said it would be volunteering. We just need to clarify this. Phil will look in to this.

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL:

SWAT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed around a letter complementing Dale Sloat, ACO.
2. Phil printed up an email that stated the County is going to receive a grant for \$35,000 to run the First Responder Drill that we talked about earlier. Phil said he would like to see the Borough get some equipment out of this.
3. Jim asked, if there was a disaster how are the people in this town supposed to know? He said for years there is one siren in this town that works. The last time the rest worked was 1979 because when he was Chief, he bought new ones. Every one in this town has to be notified, in case of an emergency. Jim said the Board should write a letter to the Chief and Mayor and Council to get these things fixed. Phil said if this is something that needs to be looked at, we will do so.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. St. Clare's Agreement: Phil explained this is an agreement for 2006 for all adult health screenings. He also said there was no increase in the fees. These are the fees for the doctors for the screenings. Everything is the same as the 2005 contract, he and Fran reviewed this. Melinda made a motion to approve the contract for 2006, seconded by Mariano. Roll call, Thom, Melinda, Mariano, Jim, Kathleen, Rob and Joel, yes. All in favor.
2. Jim commented about item # 3 from Correspondence. Phil said he would talk to Chief Swanson before the end of the week. Thom asked if anyone tried to talk with Steve Ward, Administrator. The answer was no.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Rob asked about the APEX and the Governance process being reexamined by the State. Are they still looking at it? Phil said they looked at it, they say they will stay with it and the person who ran it is doing a presentation to the American Public Health Association. The County is sending a letter of protest saying if it didn't work, why you are presenting it at the meeting. They have made a commitment and they are sticking with it. We will participate because we are required by law to do so.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mariano. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell