

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, Rob Bond 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, Joel Servoss, and Craig Bradley. Thomas Forbes, after roll call. Estelle Klein was also present

ABSENT: Kathleen Jacobellis, excused. Kathleen is the presenter at the Hopatcong Health Families meeting tonight.

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. Rob asked if the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Grant was a one time thing. Phil said the way he submitted for it; he said it was only a partial installment because we have to go a little bit further.
2. Rob asked if the whole minimum standards issue, has it settled down or are the people still talking about that. Phil said the Performance Standards are out there, they are National Standards, I have a problem with this because as I said before, they are National Standards we participate in the Governmental Public Health Partnership and we do a lot of things. I think there is a lack of appreciation for what goes on on the local level. This is hands on public health.
3. Estelle said she was up at the John Eskilson's office today, the County Administrator. She said Mr. Eskilson said, we have to give you credit, Hopatcong does a superb job in handling their own health. Phil said he was glad to hear this and it is a team effort. Estelle said, this town gets great service by this Board of Health being in this town.
4. Phil said he met with Mike Francis, Zoning Chairperson. The meeting concerned using seepage pits and septic tanks as dry wells. We talked about seepage pits and the criteria for using them and also one of the things we came up with was to use old septic tanks if they were pumped out and cleaned and actually bang holes in the bottom and then filling them with an inch and a half stone. If you had holes in the bottom, it would act as a dry well. Rob asked if any procedures have been set in place yet and Phil said no.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT: No report.

Estelle asked that Phil and Jamie go up to Tufts Trail and find out what they are doing up there because there are Wetlands there. She said Jamie called the surveyor and he refused to tell Jamie for whom he was doing the surveying. Estelle said she does not think that information should be kept from Phil considering that is in Wetlands. Phil said he will go up and find out.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil said he received a request from Roxbury Township for a proposal for cat and dog impound services. He said he talked to Mr. Grisi, Health Officer over there and Phil told him there is just no way, we have five runs. Rob said, didn't we talk about expanding the Pound and there were issues about disturbing the residents with additional dogs and lights. Estelle said she thinks it would be a great opportunity to get our facilities upgraded. Mariano said he remembers that we were told because of the neighbors around, too close to the Pound, the noise. Rob asked if we could get the minutes from a year or two ago, the discussion about this. The response was yes.

2. Phil passed around Food Talk that is sent to our food establishment every quarter, courtesy of the Hopatcong Health Department. There was also a letter that was sent to the food establishments asking for their email and or fax number.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ordinance # 34-2006: 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 public. Thom made a motion to accept Ordinance # 34-2006, seconded by Jim. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Thom, Joel and Craig, yes. All in favor. Second and final reading.
2. Ordinance # 35-2006: Craig asked if there would be any discussion on this. Mariano then 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. He then opened the meeting to the public. Craig asked if we are zeroing in on Hudson Ave. Estelle said this will apply to any porta john. Craig then said he was talking to a resident there and this person asked Craig, where was the town when they put all these docks in there, now they are going to take the porta john away so they will all be urinating all over the place. Craig said, our purpose is to keep this place clean, I think we are approaching it the wrong way. Phil said as the BOH, we don't control people building docks and operating marinas. Jim said the town is the one who screwed up, in the beginning, they sold the property. Craig said this resident said, he would rather have the porta john there, the BOH should be looking out for our health. Rob said there were some issues about the legalities of a business being run in that area which is nothing that we have to do with, it is being looked at by another part of the Municipal Government. He also said there are two parts to the equation, we are addressing one part. We have to assume that the other half of the equation, the business part will be taken care of. Craig also said he does not feel that we should charge, they are trying to keep the area clean, maybe charge \$ 2.00 like before. To charge \$ 50.00, a person will say, well then I won't put a porta john there. Estelle said maybe you want to reduce the price. Jim said if you put two porta johns in, one for a man and one for a woman, it would cost you \$ 60.00. He said he has to agree, it is a lot of money. Phil said to make it \$ 5.00 across the board; Jim said he would vote for that. This ordinance will be reintroduced and advertised. The wording will be changed. It will read as follows. C. A permit shall be obtained from the Board of Health before erecting any temporary outhouse, and a fee of \$ 5.00 per unit shall be paid for same. Thom made a motion to make that change, seconded by Joel. All in favor.
3. Animal Control Call Out Criteria: Phil said a couple of things came up since we reviewed the criteria that we have gone over. One of the issues we discussed was the after hours pickup of the animals at the pound. During this last two week period we had one when someone called during the week to pick their dog up. We did go up to the pound to release it. We talked about Friday and Saturday because they would have to wait till Monday, we will not make them wait, and if the Board is in concurrence with that we will continue to do that. Phil said he just wanted to clarify this. Thom said in the interest of good will, we will continue to do this. Phil said the other thing that came up was that if a domestic animal, someone's dog is lying in the road, and they call us to come get their cat or dog. We are doing that now, but this is one of the things we have not discussed. If the Board is in concurrence with that, we will continue with that policy. The Board agreed.
4. Jim asked what is going on with the Shell Station; he said a month has gone by again. Estelle said the MSA has given the permission to put their stuff down the sewage pipe. It met all the requirements, there is nothing in there they can't treat. It has to be put down in small increments you can't put the whole thing down at one time. Jim asked if they were going to try to pump this out. Estelle said they are going to try to get the ground dry enough.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Phil said our Health Educator just received her Masters Degree and she is asking for an increase from \$ 35.00 to \$ 40.00 an hour. He said he and Fran discussed this and the prevailing rate for someone with a Masters Degree who is a Health Educator is \$ 40.00 an hour. If we used all the hours we contract with her for, it would be \$ 700.00 in increased cost. Phil asked if Fran had anything to say. Fran said our Health Educator is worth it, and yes we probably could get somebody cheaper, and in between having her ten years ago when she left the

position, we had seven people in between her. I would advocate keeping her. Fran said she needs the Masters to be an independent educator anyway.

Phil said he has a contract here and would like approval from the Board. This contract period is Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31, 07. Phil said he would recommend that we proceed. Mariano made a motion that we increase the Health Educator's salary by \$ 5.00 an hour for the new contract year 2007, seconded by Jim. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Thom, Joel and Craig, yes. All in favor.

2. Budget: Fran and Phil explained to the Board how they completed the budget for 2007. Fran explained the price of the Flu Vaccine and the increases over the years that she has been here. The cost was \$ 140.00 per 10 doses plus \$.75 per dose. When the State contract finally came around they dropped it to \$110.00 per 10 doses plus the \$.75 per dose surcharge. Fran said she left the original price in the budget, if she drops it to \$110.00, next year it might be up to \$ 120.00.
3. Jim said someone called him the other day to go look at the porta johns in the parks. He said they were disgusting. Phil said he received complaints on this and the contractor was called to come out. Jim said he tried to look at the date to see when it was pumped and they don't even put new stickers up. He added that the other one at Veterans Field is just as bad. Rob asked if Phil could find out if they pump on an as needed basis or do they wait for someone to complain. Estelle asked who takes care of this and Phil said that he thinks Recreation handles this, but he was not sure.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thom, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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