

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, and Jim Vanderhoof 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, Thomas Forbes, Joel Servoss and Selma Reichert. Estelle Klein was also present.

ABSENT: Craig Bradley

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Rob made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Thom. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: Estelle asked, is there anybody on this Board that does not wish to serve another term, we are very happy with the Board as is. No one commented.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Phil went over his entire report. He then asked if there were questions. No questions were asked.

1. Phil told the Board that Jamie Breiten has been at school for the last two days for training on the new food establishment inspections. The State changed the forms and the law, but didn't get us any forms or manuals. We want to make sure that when we do it, we do it the right way and are in compliance with the state regulations. We will start doing the food inspections in the winter; the summer is too busy around here. Rob asked about the regulations that will take place in the year 2010. Phil said that is the training, we are looking at that too. He said he would like to get Jamie trained and perhaps the Health Educator and run the course ourselves. If you went to take the course today, it would cost you \$150.00. We would like to be able to do it ourselves, charge a nominal fee to our people and save them some money and charge a premium rate to those who want to come from outside the town.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

1. Jim said, down here at the market, I would like to see Jamie go in there. They have the doughnuts out and they have paper on top of them. Just to go in and tell him what has to be done. Phil said he will take care of this.

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR:

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT: No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed around an invitation to the SWAT meeting that was on the same night as the BOH meeting. Rob asked if there was a list for the school year of the meeting dates. Mariano said, no they pop them up when they are going to happen.
2. Phil received an email that stated that someone died in Minnesota from rabies; he grabbed a bat and threw it off the back porch. It was never reported, when he was in a coma and on life support his family realized that he had a little tingling on his hand, there was no evidence of a bite and he perished.
3. Phil talked about a letter concerning the POET (Point of Entry Treatment) system on River Styx Road. The letter is from the State, NJDEP has completed a review of the Remedial Investigation Work Plan received on Nov. 5, 2007. The Department has determined that the Remedial Investigation Work Plan is in compliance with the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation. Phil said, what the State is going to do, they are saying they are not finished with this cleanup. He said, I think what they want is a Vapor Recovery System put in there to pull some of the gasoline out of there and some of the vapors.

OLD BUSINESS: Phil asked the Board if they wanted to go to New Business first. All agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution # 9-2007: Mariano read the resolution in its entirety. The resolution is for refund of three Female Cancer Screenings. Jim made a motion to pay the refunds, seconded by Thom. Roll call, Mariano, Joel, Thom, Rob, Jim and Selma, yes. All in favor.
2. Attorney bill for 2007: The total for 2007 is \$ 530.00; Jim made a motion to pay the attorney, seconded by Thom. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Thom, Joel and Selma, yes. All in favor.
3. St. Clare's Contract-Male Cancer Screening: Phil said we were getting a free ride as far as the phlebotomist is concerned. Now we will be paying \$ 20.00 an hour for the phlebotomist. When we have a clinic they charge us for about 2 ½ hours. Usually we have two, so it is about \$ 100.00. Also the PSA test went from \$ 20.00 to \$ 29.40. The physician fee is still \$ 50.00 an hour. Thom made a motion to continue with the services from St. Clare's, seconded by Jim. Roll call, Mariano, Joel, Thom, Rob, Jim and Selma, yes. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trapping cats, discussion: Phil said he has instructed the staff, if someone comes in and want to just have traps, we don't just give them to them; you have to tell us what your problem is and sign a complaint. Estelle asked, what we are doing about the cats, has he picked up any more cats. The answer was yes. Estelle said, no, this has got to stop. You don't have the room to keep anymore cats. You tell the people no, we don't have anymore room. Mariano said, then you are refusing the public. Estelle said it doesn't matter, you have to refuse the public if don't have room to keep the cat. The State is not going to do anything, they can't do anything. Mariano asked why. Estelle said, you have to keep cats so many days, you have to by law and if you have no place to keep them, you don't keep them. Phil said, this is a major problem because the cat population, they keep producing where there were 15 cats five years ago is 75 cats now. And yes, it is costing us money. The State is saying, based on what I've read that we are supposed to do this. If we don't have to do this, I wish they would tell us. Estelle said, what about the people that don't pick up cats, there are some towns that don't pick up cats. Rob said, they are in violation of the state statue. Estelle said, they have been in violation for years of the State statue, what has the state done about it. The state has never done anything about it and never will do anything about it.

Mariano asked, what would happen if we received a letter like Byram. Estelle answered, you tell them sorry we are filled up, no more room at the inn. When we get more room at the inn we will take more cats. We have to call a halt till we get some room, very simple.

Joel asked, what is the number that we currently have in the pound. Estelle said about 33. Phil said we are below 30 now. Joel then asked what is the number that we are capable of holding. Estelle said we shouldn't have more of 20 cats. Joel said, when it drops under twenty you can call the first person on the list, that is not a direct refusal.

Estelle asked Phil what he is doing about the garbage from the pound. Phil said he is waiting for the budget freeze to go and we are looking at that trailer option. Jim said that is a waste of time, he is going to put it in the trailer, hook the trailer up and bring it down here, that is a waste of time. Put it in the truck and bring it down here. Phil said, the stuff smells so bad they don't want it in the garbage truck, now we put in back of the truck where the animals go. Thom said, the garbage goes in the truck anyway so what is the difference. Phil said, they throw it in as they are leaving for the dump, they don't want to drive around with it all day in the back. Rob then asked what the discussion was with the trailer. Phil said, we have budget freeze right now, we are looking into getting a small trailer and some garbage cans that are animal proof and hauling it down once a week. Phil said he will leave it up to Ron Jobeless, whatever he wants to do. Back to cat trapping discussion. After another discussion, Rob asked Phil to talk to some of his collogues to find out how they are handling the cat problem. Mariano asked who is the town attorney. Estelle answered, John Ursin. Mariano said, let him look at this (the state statue and our ordinance) and then you come to us next month, if you don't mind. Mariano then asked for a motion to table this until next month, Rob made a motion to table this discussion until the December meeting, seconded by Thom. All in favor.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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