

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 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, Craig Bradley and Selma Reichert. Intern, Scott Aui from Montclair State was also present.

ABSENT: Jim Vanderhoof and Thom Forbes.

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No comments.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT: Phil went over his entire report. He then asked if there were questions.

1. Phil talked about COOP (Continuity of Operations). Rob asked what is the objective of getting yourself back operational. Phil said there are certain things that you set up to do right away. For example, you get Animal Control running, you get our inspections running. If we had a hazmat spill or a sewage leak, we could respond to that right away. Phil said he has back up radios here that we have been working on and we did a lot of things like that. Rob asked if there are objectives related to certain services. Phil said yes, we prioritized them to see what they are and each Dept. was asked to submit a survey, which I did. Phil said the thing that would hurt us the most is not having is not having access to our files. Rob asked, in terms of the paper records, could you do something as simple as grabbing a scanner. Phil said it would be too much, the cost, the amount of paper and the blue prints, the cost would be horrendous.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

1. Phil said James Breiten has been busy with the beaches, inspecting and bringing them into compliance. Rob asked if there have been any water quality issues. Phil said yes, one of the beaches, they had two bad samples. They re-sampled immediately and they were fine. Phil said the beaches are very critical to us because of the liability issue.

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

1. Phil told the Board that Fran Baldi, PHN, went to Las Vegas for training. Phil said the Government paid for Fran's trip, it had a lot to do with decontamination and radiological events. Phil said the Army was there and asked Fran for her name and address if they need her.

HEALTH EDUCATOR:

REGISTRAR REPORT

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 pamphlet around stating the State Health Commissioner will be at the Farmstead Golf Club here in the County, 8 Lawrence Road on Wednesday, September 27th. Board of Health members are invited. The subject will be Nutrition. Phil said, if someone wishes to attend, please let him know.
2. Phil talked about a septic system in Hopatcong that is raised and has a curtain drain. There were some complaints made to the Township Attorney, John Ursin, Mr. Ursin responded to both homeowners who are having a dispute. Basically the letter stated, from their review, it does not appear that there is any present Building, Zoning or Board of Health violations that can be addressed by the Borough of Hopatcong. Phil said, Jamie was up at the site and took a sample of the curtain drain to make sure everything is ok and they are not polluting the lake. Also we found out about this letter which basically says we did our jobs, we saved the homeowner from having to put a holding tank in, and we were able to work with the engineer to put a somewhat sophisticated system in. We are very happy that so far it has gone so good but the dispute continues

on. Phil said he wanted the Board to know in case this comes up and rears its ugly head in the future, this letter does exist.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Animal Licensing Fees: Phil said the Board Attorney is working on these fees that will go into effect on June 1, 2008.
2. Pound Expansion: Phil said Estelle asked him to hold off on discussing this. She is talking with the Town Administrator in Roxbury. We will table this.
3. Rob asked about the issue Craig Bradley brought up at the last meeting, porta john and the illegal marina on Hudson Ave. Phil said, there are three lots there, every one of those lots are allowed to have three or four boats. The law applies to each lot individually. Rob asked, they are not in violation? Phil said he did not know at this particular point.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pound Improvements: Phil said he just wanted to let the Board know that in the last week we had the septic pumped and we had the roof treated for carpenter ants. On Saturday we are due to put new steel doors and replace the frames. The electrician is looking at one of the fans there, which is in the works. We are now looking at fencing the back and across the one side to create an area to walk the dogs. We also got a quote on ¾ inch stone. Some things have to be cleaned up there. There is a lot of work going on up there but incrementally, I did not want to kill the budget.
2. Rob asked Scott Aui if he had any questions. Scott did not have questions, but he did say he really appreciated Phil and Jamie having him as an intern. He said he grew up in this town and Jamie and Phil really showed him quite a bit. He also said he appreciated the Board having him here at the meeting. Mariano thanked Scott for coming tonight.

Rob made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell