

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, Craig Bradley 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, Thomas Forbes and Craig Bradley. Kathleen Jacobellis, after roll call. Estelle Klein was also present.

**ABSENT:**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Rob made a motion to accept the minutes from the July meeting, seconded by Jim. 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. Phil talked about the contract the Borough of Hopatcong has with Space Farms to pick up deer carcasses. The cost is \$ 25.00 per pickup and they assured us it would be within 24 hours. The County will pay for the ones on the County roads. Phil said there is a form he designed so we have a tracking mechanism, and we will keep that here. Thom asked who pays the \$ 25.00 and Phil said it comes out of the Borough's budget.

**SANITARIAN REPORT:**

**BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:**

1. Rob asked when did Fran Baldi, PHN go to Texas and if we ever heard the results or the usefulness of this trip. Phil said the usefulness is that we found some very interesting information from the CDC concerning what we are doing, which he provided to Thom. We've mimicked what they designed and what Fran found down there. He said if you like, he will show you the folder and the DVD on how to train and use that equipment.

**HEALTH EDUCATOR**

**REGISTRAR REPORT**

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Hopatcong/Stanhope

1. Rob asked about the number of cats impounded relative to the number redeemed. It was high on the impounded side. It was pointed out to Rob, on the report there is a number of cats that were adopted out with the help of KISS Rescue. Rob said that is much better and it is great that that many have been adopted out. Estelle said, the Animal Haven has already donated \$ 2,000.00 to Dale to get cats, in our Pound, spayed and neutered so they can be placed. There is no point putting out animals that are only going to reproduce some more, that defeats the purpose. Rob asked how many spay or neutering that would cover. Phil said he will look at the invoices and get back to the Board on this.

**SWAT:** No report.

Kathleen just arrived from the Hopatcong Healthy Families meeting at the Civic Center. Phil asked her to give us a report on what they just did. Kathleen said it went very well. She said it was the first meeting and there were about eight families that came and brought their kids. Kathleen also said Fran was the presenter and did an excellent job. She said the program will run once a week for a six week period.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Phil passed around a letter from the Mayor concerning the open vacancy on the BOH (Craig Bradley appointed).
2. Phil passed around a newsletter from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association.
3. A thank you letter addressed to Dale Sloat, ACO was passed around.
4. Phil read the After Hours Call Criteria for Animal Control.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Phil said, as directed by the Board, I contacted our attorney to get an ordinance together concerning porta-johns in residential areas. We had to get an ordinance together to define the words and terms, that is the first ordinance.

Phil said we then did the actual ordinance for the porta-johns in a residential neighborhood. We went into the existing ordinance which regulates some of the sanitation in the Borough, Section 274, what we did; we amended that to include porta-johns on residential property.

Mariano read Ordinance # 34-2006 titled 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 V11 DISPOSAL in its entirety. Mariano then asked if there were comments. Rob suggested deferring the vote to accept Ordinance 34-2006 until we read Ordinance # 35-2006. All agreed.

2. Ordinance # 35-2006. Rob said he had a question, he understands the issue of not wanting to have outhouses in residential areas, and he said his issue all along has been, what's the public health issue. He then quoted a sentence from the ordinance, "the Board of Health feels that certain amendments to 274-54 entitled Outhouses and Privy Vaults needs to be made to further protect the health, welfare and safety of the Borough and its residents". He then asked, what exactly the public health issue is, I just want to know. Phil said when someone has a house; they have a toilet in that house. There is no reason for them to have one of these things on their property. We will limit their use to avoid any unsanitary situation from developing. There was a long discussion on the wording of the Ordinance. Rob then asked, what service are we providing, why are we collecting \$ 50.00? Phil said the existing code lists a \$ 2.00 charge. Thom said they just had a fund raiser and they had to have porta-johns and the company provided them for free, a donation. Now we would have to spend \$ 50.00 a pop. Phil said we could amend this if you wish. Mariano suggested that it would be \$ 50.00 for one and anything up over that would be \$ 10.00 per. The Board agreed with this. Jim said he was against this whole thing of charging people.

Mariano read Ordinance # 35-2006 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 V11 DISPOSAL. Rob made a motion to accept the first reading as read by title with amendments to the permit fees of \$ 50.00 for the first temporary outhouse and \$ 10.00 for all subsequent outhouses, seconded by Thom. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Kathleen, Thom, Joel and Craig, yes. All in favor.

Ordinance 34-2006, Mariano read the ordinance by title only (see above Item 1). Rob made a motion to accept this ordinance as read by title, seconded by Kathleen. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Kathleen, Thom, Joel and Craig, yes. All in favor.

5. After hour's pickup fee for the Pound. Phil said right now if we have someone's dog in the Pound and the people want their dog back, that entails us to calling out Dale on a Friday or Saturday night. For him to come out we pay overtime. We did a projection and for 2 ½ hours, it costs us about \$85.00. However they are already paying the \$ 30.00 pick up fee. Talking with Dale, we only get about eight of these a year. The Board has to decide how you want to handle that. My feeling is people sort of get upset when they can't get their dog. Estelle said she is for them just paying the \$ 30.00 pick up fee. Rob asked if it is worth changing the fee just to save \$ 440.00 and annoy some people. Joel suggested that we do not accept this ordinance and if we see that this gets out of hand, we can always do this. All agreed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Resolution # 4-2006, refund Male Cancer Screening Fee. Mariano read the resolution in its entirety. Jim made a motion to refund the fee, seconded by Thom. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Thom, Jim, Joel, Kathleen and Craig, yes. All in favor.
2. Resolution # 5-2006, appointing Rosemarie Winfield Temporary Alternate Deputy Registrar. Rob made a motion to pass the resolution as read, seconded by Joel. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Thom, Jim, Joel, Kathleen and Craig, yes. All in favor.
3. Jim asked what is going on with the gas station in the center of town. Estelle said the Musconetcong Sewer Authority has given the permission to take the water that was at the bottom of the tanks, to put it through the Sewers. Phil said they will put treatment devices on there to filter out anything that contests to make sure that

there is no chemical going to the sewer plant. He said sewer plants are not designed to take chemicals, they take normal organic waste from us and they treat it.

4. Rob said the Mayor had asked the Board members if they were willing to put their email addresses on the website on the list of BOH members. He said he is the only one listed there. If anyone wants their address listed, send it to the Mayor.
5. Phil talked about the equipment he purchased with a grant, it is Pandemic Flu money. He said we will be assembling kits for the Ambulance Squad. We got together with a contractor and used the information that Fran brought back from San Antonio. There is a whole training procedure, a DVD on how to put it together. He said he plans on using our Health Educator to train people from the squad and certify them so they know how to put on this equipment. We can put together about forty kits with the \$ 1100.00 (approximately). Long term I've asked for more money so I can integrate what the Police have as respiratory protection and try to use the same type of gas mask.

Rob asked if at a future Board meeting, Phil could do a demonstration, Phil said yes he could do that. He also added that should we have an event here, a normal OEM function is that the schools are your shelter; they are under contract with the Red Cross to run that shelter.

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thom, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell