

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, and Joel Servoss 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, Jim Vanderhoof, Thomas Forbes, Joel Servoss and Craig Bradley.

ABSENT: Rob Bond and Selma Reichert.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Joel made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous 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. He then asked if there were questions.

1. Phil said he signed six summonses for failure to connect to the Municipal Sewer System. Estelle asked why they were signed. Phil said after notices and agreements and them assuring us they were going to connect, they got extensions. They fail to comply with what they have agreed to do, and then I am instructed to sign a summons. Estelle asked, what happens if someone can't afford to connect. Phil said, they can apply for a HUD loan, they plead hardship. He went on to say, there's monies out there. Estelle said she wants to know that there is some revenue for the people that can't afford to hook in.
2. Phil said he signed five warning letters for children smoking in the High School. He signed an additional two warning letters on September 14th. He said, however on the second violation he signs a summons. If he signs a summons, that means the teachers have to show up as witnesses because he is only signing summonses on information and belief. If the teachers find it not pleasant to appear in court and decide that they do not want to do that, I will not be signing any summonses. Phil said going to court without the teacher as a witness being there is absolutely useless.
3. Phil said he attended the NJ Health Officer Assoc. Meeting and Training at PNC Arts Center. He said there seems to be a big riff in the HO Association between local health officers and county health officers. There seems to be a situation now where the local health departments feel all the money goes to the county health departments and they feel that is not right. There is an effort to wipe out local health departments on part of the State Health, indirectly. The funding is all going to the counties.
4. Phil said he submitted the Pandemic Flu Plan to the State Health Dept. on Sept. 4th. He said he is happy to tell the Board, the State sent him a letter and they are sending us a check for \$ 8,300.00 to pay for the equipment (Powered Air Purifying Respirators).
5. Phil said the Health Dept. will be purchasing Hep B vaccine for our firefighters, EMS and police officers.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

1. Mariano asked Phil about the tanks that were removed on River Styx Road. Phil said there is a Point of Entry Treatment Device in there that is being tested by the DEP. The Health Department is now out of it.

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR:

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT: No report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed a letter around from Paul Roman, President of Local Boards of Health Association. There is a Health Officials Conference and all Board members are welcome to attend.
2. Phil said there was a request from Steven Ward, Borough Administrator, to provide attendance sheets for all Boards (members).

3. Dale Sloat, ACO did a presentation at West Side Methodist Child Care and the children sent a bunch of thank you cards. Apparently they loved it.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed pound expansion: Phil said, acting on the Board's direction, he asked for a quote from the contractor who gave the first one. This is to add an additional five runs to what we already had. We had five initial runs proposed and we want to go to another five. Even with ten runs, given Roxbury's volume we won't have enough. I then asked to add another five that would make it fifteen. The new quote is \$260,000. The original quote was \$ 190,000 for five additional runs. Phil also said any more specific specs on this; you would need more definitive drawings. If you go out for bids, you need detailed plans.
2. Estelle asked, we don't have any money to do this and Phil said no, we do not. Our money is going for pumping the septic, carpenter ants, garbage bags, for veterinary bills, heating bills. Estelle asked about the veterinary bills. Phil said it is for spay and neutering, rabies shots and everything else we have to do to these animals before we adopt them out. He said, there is no issue as far as the price, it is just sheer volume. Estelle asked why is the volume so high, why are we picking up all the cats. Phil said, we are bringing them in on complaints. Estelle asked what kind of complaints are we bringing them in on. Phil said some cats defecating in someone's yard and Estelle said that is not a legitimate reason. She said there is no law against cats running loose in this town. Phil said there is an ordinance about someone's cat or animal creating a nuisance on someone else's property. Estelle said no, read very carefully, it does not say that. Phil will look at this tomorrow.

Jim said looking at the estimate, the excavation, the town could do that. He said if you need a building, you need it. He said you could probably cut the price in half. Estelle said she would talk to Ron Jobless.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution # 7-2007: Refund of Male Cancer Screening Fees. Mariano read the Resolution in its entirety. Jim made a motion to refund the fee, seconded by Thom. Roll call, Mariano, Thomas, James, Joel and Craig, yes. All in favor.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell