

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Mariano Gianni called the meeting to order, and Jim 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, Thom Forbes, Joel Servoss, Craig Bradley and Selma Reichert.

**ABSENT:**

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Jim made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Rob.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:** Dan Wills, Jr., a student from Rutgers University, introduced himself. He said his class required him to come to a Public Health meeting to see how it works. The Board welcomed him and introduced themselves to Mr. Wills. Estelle Klein was also present.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

1. Estelle talked about Ordinance # 23-2006 the BOH passed that stated people have to put their septic in before they can build a house. She said she came back to the BOH and said maybe you ought to have people drill the well before they can build their house. She said there is a new house and they went down five hundred feet and not a drop of water.

**SANITARIAN REPORT:**

1. Phil said if you notice on the report, the State changed the Food Code and he has some concerns about this. Virtually no training. They are requiring gloves and a few lower temperatures. Phil said they are doing inspections now and adding in what the new codes are saying.

**BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:**

1. Phil said Fran Baldi is over at the First Aid Squad tonight running a class on how to use the Bio Protective Suits and then we will issue them. He said, this is all paid for by grant money.

**HEALTH EDUCATOR**

**REGISTRAR REPORT**

**ANIMAL CONTROL:** Hopatcong/Stanhope

**SWAT:** NO REPORT. Rob asked if we ever received the new dates for the SWAT meetings. Phil answered, no. He said he would be glad to call and get some information. Rob explained that SWAT is a group that is organized through the school and also there is a Municipal element of it that meets jointly to discuss substance abuse, prevention. They are school related programs; they used to meet once a month. We try to have someone from the BOH, to keep us in the loop.

**ALL REPORTS:** Jim made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Joel.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Ordinance # 1-2007 titled **248-18 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "VICIOUS DOGS OR CATS"**. Phil said one of the changes made to this Ordinance is, we added veterinarian and certified animal behaviorist to determine a dog or cat vicious and then submit a report to a judge. We remove all doubt, prior to that is was only the judge's call. Phil then said, had this happen, you had to erect an enclosure. What happens if the dog is not kept outside, it is inside. What we said here, if the dog is kept outside, you have to build the enclosure. Phil said another change was, the Municipality may require liability insurance. Before the ordinance stated that you have to have it, now it says we may require it. He said at that particular point we would make a recommendation to the judge one way or the other. Selma added that most insurance companies will give you a list of breeds that they won't even touch and would ask you to get rid of the dog. Phil said they will give you the option to get rid of your dog or canceling you.

- Rob asked that in the future the attorney would us change bars (when amending an ordinance) so it will locate exactly where the changes are so you are not relying on your memory and we can all actually see what was changed. Phil agreed and then asked for a motion to approve this ordinance on the first reading. Mariano read Ordinance # 1-2007 by title only. Thom made a motion to accept the first reading as amended and discussed, seconded by Joel. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Thom, Joel, Craig and Selma, yes. All in favor Second and final reading, March 28, 2007.
- 2. Animal Cruelty Investigator: Phil said he would like to table this; there has been some discussion as to who would make this appointment. Estelle said, the Board makes it, she said the Animal Control Officer is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health, which is an autonomous Board. This will be discussed next meeting.
- 3. 2006 Annual Report: Phil said the State postponed the due date for this report and that is why it was sent out to everyone. He then asked the Board for any comments or questions they may have. He then went on to explain to the Board about the report and said he could not submit this without the Board's approval. Rob made a motion to accept the Annual Report for the Health Department as discussed, seconded by Jim. All in favor, yes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Rob asked about the Labradors that Dale Sloat, ACO removed from someone's home; he asked if this has been resolved. Phil said we are talking to Lab rescue. Phil said Dale did a nice job with this; we still have the dogs and are in the process of getting them adopted out.
2. Phil said that because of Civil Unions, for certified copies, we list birth, death, marriage and domestic partnership. We want to get rid of all of that and just call them Certified Copies. Also we want to change \$ 10.00, now they are \$ 7.00. Mariano asked for any comments, no comments.
3. Resolution # 4-2007 appointing Vicki Pasquali Alternate Deputy Registrar. Jim made a motion to appoint Vicki, seconded by Rob. Mariano read the resolution in its entirety. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Thom, Jim, Joel, Craig, and Selma, yes. All in favor.
4. Phil asked the Board for approval to pay the BOH Attorney for the year 2006 in the amount of \$ 250.00. Jim made a motion to pay the attorney, seconded by Thom. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Thom, Jim, Joel, Craig and Selma, yes. All in favor.
5. Food Talk: Phil explained the Health Department sends this to the food establishments, quarterly, in the Borough. The cost is \$ 146.92. Rob made a motion to renew the subscription to Food Talk for the dollar amount Phil mentioned, seconded by Joel. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Thom, Jim, Joel, Craig and Selma, yes. All in favor.
6. Phil said the new Food Code will require extensive training for people by 2009 or 10. This is training we cannot provide. Rob asked why we cannot provide this training. Phil said you have to have certain criteria and education in order to do it. It doesn't pay for us to go through all that. If we had like the County, four or five hundred food establishments, then it might pay to do it. When you are dealing with the number we have, it just doesn't pay.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Thom, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell