

The regular/reorganization meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Phil Morlock 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, Jim Vanderhoof, Thom Forbes and Joel Servoss.

ABSENT: Craig Bradley.

NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT: Jim Vanderhoof made a motion to nominate Mariano to President again, seconded by Joel. There were no other nominations. All in favor. Mariano will be the BOH President for 2007.

NOMINATION FOR VICE PRESIDENT: Jim nominated Joel, seconded by Rob. There were no other nominations. All in favor. Joel will be the BOH Vice President for 2007.

NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY: Rob nominated Thom, seconded by Mariano. No other nominations. All in favor. Thom will be the BOH Secretary for 2007.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH ATTORNEY: Phil said our present attorney, Peter King, would like to have the job at the same rate and he stated he had Resolution # 1-2007 naming Peter King Board of Health Attorney for the year 2007. Jim made a motion to have Peter King our BOH Attorney for 2007, seconded by Joel. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Thom and Joel, yes. All in favor.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER: Phil read Resolution # 2-2007 in its entirety naming the The New Jersey Herald as the official newspaper for the Board of Health. Mariano made a motion to accept the resolution as read, seconded by Rob. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Thom and Joel, yes. All in favor.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES FOR YEAR 2007 THROUGH JANUARY 2008: Mariano and Thom said that Wednesdays work fine for them. Everyone agreed. Jim made a motion to leave the meeting dates the same, seconded by Thom. Phil said the standard meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday and when we move into November, December and January it goes to the third Wednesday. There was a discussion about November's date. November 21st is the day before Thanksgiving. Jim suggested making the November meeting the 28th, everyone agreed. Phil said he would ask to amend the previous proposal to make the November meeting on the 28th in 2007. Mariano made a motion to change the November meeting date to the 28th verses the 21st for the year 2007. Meeting dates are as follows, Resolution # 3-2007, Feb. 28, March 28, April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 19, 2007 and Jan. 16, 2008.

RULES OF ORDER: Thom made a motion to adopt the Rules of Order as presented for the calendar year of 2007, seconded by Rob. All in favor.

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

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: No public.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT/YEAR END:

1. Phil went over his entire report and asked if there were questions.
2. Phil announced the changing of the Senior Clerk Typist in the Health Department. We will have a new employee effective January 22nd.
3. Phil announced that he and Rosie are required to go to Civil Union training on February 15th of this year.
4. Phil said Estelle did talk to the town manager in Roxbury (shared pound services). I will ask the Board for an approval to contact the Health Officer, Frank Grisi. The Board agreed to have Phil contact Mr. Grisi.

YEAR END REPORT:

1. Phil said the Health Dept. generated some significant dollars here; some of the Registrar fees go to the State. Jim asked if the amount is higher than the year before and Phil said yes. Rob asked if Phil looked at any of the numbers to compare them to previous years. Phil said he has not gotten into this too heavily at this point.

SANITARY REPORT

1. Rob asked about the Pickerel Point Report. Phil said the Health Dept. was requested to look at the homes on Pickerel Point that are drawing lake water. The people made a petition to Governing Body to have a water line run down in there. Phil said he and Jamie went and took a look at it, we searched the files and apparently, just about all those houses are drawing lake water. It is very tough to draw lake water, what happens if the pump breaks in the winter time in the lake. Jim said they have been doing it for years. Phil said this depends on the Borough Council and how much money is available.

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT/YEAR END:

Rob asked if Fran Baldi got rid of all the Flu Vaccine, Phil said she has a little bit left.

HEALTH EDUCATOR REPORT:

1. Phil told the Board; on this report both James Breiten and Fran Baldi signed their approval. He said if Kristine is working with Jamie and Fran they will both sign off on the report.

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: *Hopatcong/Stanhope*

SWAT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed a letter around thanking Dale Sloat for helping a resident.
2. Phil passed around a copy of a check for \$ 168.00 that was donated to our Animal Fund. This check was from Pedigree.
3. Phil presented a letter he had written to the Chief of Police and EMS concerning training for the Bio suits.
4. Phil passed a copy of Food Talk, a newsletter sent to food establishments in Hopatcong, courtesy of the Hopatcong Health Dept.
5. Phil read a letter he had written to Kathleen Jacobellis thanking her for her years of service on the Board. All the members will sign it and it will be sent to Kathleen.
6. Phil said he received the forms today for the Annual Report for the State Health Department. He said before he submits this report, he is supposed to get the Board's blessing because we will not have a meeting before the report it is due, February 15th. Thom made a motion to send the report before our BOH meeting, after Mariano looks it over on behalf of the Board, seconded by Rob. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Phil said he sent our Attorney, Peter King a letter seeking clarification on terms used in our Animal Ordinance. He would like to table this until next month.
2. Phil said there is a situation going on right now with seven Labradors living in a house, this is the third house the woman has lived, and they have not gone outside to do their business in six months. The house is full of feces and urine. It comes down to animal cruelty, Dale signed 51 summonses. He said every animal is considered a separate count. He then said he would like to contact the Board Attorney and appoint Dale as our Animal Cruelty Investigator. Phil said Dale is certified but not appointed. The Board would have to tell me to contact the Attorney to tell us how to go about doing this. Phil asked for a motion to contact the Attorney to see what we have to do to appoint Dale as the ACI. Mariano made a motion to contact our lawyer to see what it would entail to appoint him, seconded by Joel. Roll call, Mariano, Rob, Jim, Thom and Joel, yes. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lake Hopatcong: Jim said the State is not doing anything with the weeds this year. They cut it out completely. Joel said they have enough money until mid April 2007. He said the Lake Hopatcong Commission is planning on folding up. Joel said this happened one time before and the DEP came up with a half a million dollars to get them through the year, and there is a possibility of that maybe happening again but the DEP Chairperson, Jackson is dead set against it. This person who is a underling of hers said there is an alternate way and there is a possibility they will get enough money to run it through the year. As of now they will go to April 10th. Jim said he weather is so warm; the weeds are growing right now. Joel said since the weeds got a head start, this will be probably one of the worst year for weeds ever.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemarie Mitchell