

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Rob Bond called the meeting to order, and Jim Vanderhoof 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: Rob Bond, Jim Vanderhoof, Kathleen Jacobellis and Thom Forbes. Joel Servoss after roll call, 7:35 pm. Estelle Klein was present.

ABSENT: Mariano Gianni and Melinda Conti.

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

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC: No comments.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:

1. Phil went over his entire report and asked if there were questions.
 - Rob asked about item # 8, hiring temporary employee to fill in for Health Dept. employee. Phil said he talked to Mariano and asked if he wanted the temporary employee to attend a BOH meeting and Mariano said no, just do what you have to do.
 - Phil also mentioned that Fran Baldi is in San Antonio, TX attending The National Association of City and County Health Official Bioterrorism. She will return on Friday.
 - Phil said he was looking at an abandoned gas station in the area where there are some pumping treat devices on the property, he said he received a call, they talked about pumping the water into the sanitary sewer, when they asked about that Phil then sent them to Mr. Ward with the concern that that was a contaminated site at one time. Then the question was, could they pump into the storm drain. Estelle said the storm drain would be worse than the sewer; the sewer at least would get some treatment. Rob asked what is the pump and treat. Phil said they are trying to pump water out of the ground to get a huge tank in the ground, as long as you have water there, you can't get it in the ground. He said we are monitoring this situation.

SANITARIAN REPORT:

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

1. Rob asked about Hopatcong Health Family meeting. Kathleen said it is a program in town that is free of charge to families for children and or families in general with weight issues focusing on diet and exercise and healthy eating. She said they are hoping to get the program started in September, we have a date and it will be at the Civic Center. Phil said flyers with information were sent out with the tax bills, hopefully it will go well.

HEALTH EDUCATOR

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL

1. Rob asked what Dale does with a dead deer. Phil said, as of September 30th the State cancelled their contract (road kill). He said the Borough got a proposal from Space Farms. I will leave that up to purchasing; I have copies of proposals and sent them over there.
2. Phil said he is going to take a look at ACO call outs after hours because of the cost. It is costing us a lot of money to go out after hours; we are going to take a look at that. Estelle said, it is not his fault and Phil agreed. Estelle said you will have to settle that between the Board and the Police Dept. Phil said he would have something for the Board for the next meeting.

SWAT

1. Kathleen said there is a SWAT meeting next week, August 2, 2006.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Phil passed around a "Thank you" letter sent by The Senior Picnic Committee, thanking the participants.

2. Phil passed around a nice letter that was sent to the Mayor about Dale Sloat and a nice job he had done with an injured animal.
3. Phil read a letter that Mariano Gianni, BOH President had written to Mayor Hodson. The letter asked the Mayor to consider to fill a now show position on our Board, this person attended only two of the six scheduled meetings. The letter went on to say, in the past this person has been an asset, but I feel attendance should be a priority. Mariano also named a resident as a consideration to the Mayor and thanked the Mayor for his time.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jim asked if our Police Department found out anything about what happened to the Dog Pound truck. Phil's reply was no, not to his knowledge. Rob asked if it was damaged here and Estelle said yes, right here in the parking lot.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Portable toilets: Phil started by saying there are no regulations in the Municipal code that regulate portable toilets. He went on to say, it has been his only experience with them previous to this was, if someone had an event and they had five hundred people we would tell them how many they had to have. Estelle said the problem is they are showing up in residential areas. Rob asked if these places were under construction and Estelle said no. She said when you start down Hudson Ave. if you notice; there is only a strip of ground on the Lake side. The houses are all across the street. Everybody and I told the Town to correct this, because people who live in those houses across the street wanted to buy those properties that the Borough owned were told that they couldn't because they were not contiguous. The Borough went ahead and sold those lots to people that don't even live in Town. One guy from Chester bought one piece of the tiny strip of land on the Lake and that made him a contiguous property owner to the next lot. So this guy in Chester who doesn't even live here, has all this land along the Lake on Hudson Ave. Estelle said now they have Porta Johns on this property because they don't live here so where are they going to go to the bathroom. She said you will see more popping up because people that they allowed to buy the properties, don't live in Town. They should have let the people across the street buy them and not consider the road in the middle as not making them contiguous. Jim said he does not see harm in this. He said if you bought a piece of property right there and you have a Porta John on it that is your business if you want to go swimming. Estelle said she disagrees. Rob asked if it was an esthetic issue or a health issue. Phil said it could become a health issue, today it has not been but it could be.

Estelle said, think about those people that live there on Hudson Ave. would you like to look out your door in a residential area and see a Porta John. Joel said no, nobody would, I would think.

Estelle said she would like to hear what the Board of Health has to say about considering people who live across the street, contiguous. She said these families have lived in Town for probably fifty or sixty years, they turned them down but they sold it to the guy in Chester. Estelle said maybe the Board could write a letter expressing your concern about not selling it, when you have just a piece of land, a small piece of land across from houses that is Lakefront, why would you not consider selling it to the people across the street. That would eliminate the problem of Porta Johns.

Joel asked, if this guy from Chester that bought this whole strip of them, how about those poor people now, you change the rules, they were not allowed to buy now we change the rules. We could open a real can of worms here, changing the rules mid stream.

Rob said the esthetic thing; I don't know if there is much we can do about that from a BOH prospective, the issue you raised about proximity from the Lake, can they be five feet away from the water? Phil said yes, they are self contained. He also said he will make some inquiries and he will write a rough draft of a letter and run it past the Board at the next meeting.

Jim made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Rosemarie Mitchell