

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Thomas Forbes called the meeting to order, and Mariano 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:** Thomas Forbes, Mariano Gianni, Kathleen Jacobellis, Rob Bond and Joel Servoss. Estelle Klein and Fran Baldi, PHN were also present.

**ABSENT:** Melinda Conti and Jim Vanderhoof.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Rob made a motion to approve the May minutes, seconded by Mariano. All in favor.

**MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:** No public.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

**REPORTS:**

**HEALTH OFFICER REPORT:**

1. Rob asked about the status of our Animal Pound. Phil said the cages have been put in the ACO van, and yesterday this department processed a purchase order for the ventilation system. The construction official, Bill O'Connor will take a look at this to make sure what we are doing is correct. We anticipate a re-inspection from the State towards the end of July. I think we have covered all the bases. When we are done, we will spend in the area of \$ 4,000.00.
2. Kathleen asked about item # 8. Phil said he was in court for two residents who failed to connect to Municipal Sewers. He also said on Friday, he will be signing eight more summonses. He added this is a last resort to sign summonses.
3. Rob asked about item # 9. Phil said he and Dan Wills attended the Sussex County Solid Waste Advisory meeting. He said that Sussex County is listed as second to the lowest recycling rate in the State. Why, I don't know and I found it hard to believe, I think there may be some issues how they do their data. Dan Wills, at the meeting, stated that we need some teeth in the recycling situation regarding the law. Phil said the State said they will charge \$3.00 a ton for every ton of garbage. That is supposed to go back to the municipality depending on how much recycling they generate. I don't know where this is going on a State level.

**SANITARIAN REPORT**

**BOROUGH NURSE REPORT**

1. BOH Clinics: Fran said, because of her surgery in December, she was out in January and she was unable to pick the dates for the screenings. Because of this all the screenings were in May. Normally there are two in May and two in June.
2. Fran said she is involved with Child Health Consultant which is working with the daycare centers. She said FEMA sent her a video to talk to kids about disaster and loss. She was going to the daycare centers doing that as part of the training with them. She did a medical training with the teachers, how to dispense medicine and how to keep it. She's also done one on emergency preparedness. Fran also stated everything went very well and she has a good rapport with the daycares here in town. She also said Child Health Care Consultants is now something that has been added by the State.
3. Fran said she added a new clinic done by a chiropractor. It is a spinal screening. We have tried twice to do this, now we will try to have it at night. We are also involved with Morristown Memorial providing personal floatation devices for children to ten years old. August 3<sup>rd</sup> there will someone here to fit them. That will be our baby clinic. We will also do water safety. We have sent letters to the daycares and baby clinic people to get people into it. It is provided by a grant from someone from Morristown Memorial Hospital.

## **HEALTH EDUCATOR REGISTRAR REPORT**

1. Kathleen asked if the Borough ever issued a Domestic Partnership. The answer was two.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL:**

1. Kathleen asked if Dale Sloat, ACO has had any incidents since he is the Animal Cruelty Investigator for the Borough. Phil said we have not appointed Dale as of yet. He said he just received an interpretation from our attorney of the law. This will be further discussed under Old Business. Phil also added he talked with Roxbury and they don't have a policy, when ours is done, they would like to see it.

### **SWAT:**

1. Kathleen said there was a meeting last week; it was the last one until September. She said the consensus was, the last function they had was successful. The students did a skit on drinking and they are the most effective speakers. Fran said the skit was so good, Hopatcong High School performed it at a National Drug Conference at Selective Insurance and there must have been at least a thousand people there. Kathleen added they have been asked to perform this at several functions.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Thom asked the Board if it would be ok to move to New Business at this time. The Board agreed it would be ok.

1. Fran started by asking the Board if everyone remembers the Governance Tool that was completed for the State and also the Apex. She said we were supposed to receive the results of the Apex, well that is not going to happen because they mixed up some of the towns; they had to resend to some of the towns and ask that they redo their reports. We were not asked to resubmit, ours was fine. Now we have to move on to CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) and MAPP (Mobilization Action through Planning Partnership). Dee Dee Holland is the coordinator or setting up the partnership. We now have a new tool. Now each Health Officer is supposed to fill this out with the same group that did the last one. This one will go to Dee Dee and she will correlate it and at their next meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup>, they will see if anyone has a glaring difference from one town to the rest of us. Fran went on to explain the questions on CHIP and MAPP. She said it is the State's requirement and we are working on answering this local APEX report again, which is going to come out looking very badly for us. She went on to say she wants the Board to understand, this has absolutely nothing to do with what we do. I monitor the people in town by being involved with them. There was another long discussion on the APEX. Fran said she wants the Board to know that we are keeping up with the State, we are in compliance. It may come to a point where it becomes too much.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Phil passed around a letter he received about Dale Sloat, ACO. Dale helped a resident that was appreciative and thanked him.
2. Phil passed around the letter from the State stating that Phil's letter about the corrections for the Pound was acceptable.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Phil talked about the proposed, revised fee ordinance for the BOH. He asked the Board to take it home and review it for our next meeting. He said we will not do anything with this until October so we have time. He said once the Board gets back to him on this, he will then submit it to our attorney.
2. Animal Cruelty Investigator: Phil said he would like the Board's approval to contact our attorney on how we would go about appointing our ACI. Phil said the ACI works under his direction as the Health Officer. The Health Officer has every right to give direction to the ACI and ask to be consulted if there is a question. Phil said as of yet, Dale has not been appointed ACI. This will be done under an ordinance. Rob made a motion to authorize contacting our attorney to investigate an ordinance to appoint Dale as ACI and have our draft policy reviewed, seconded by Mariano. Roll call, Thom, Mariano, Kathleen, Rob and Joel, yes. All in favor.
3. Phil said he was contacted by the Police Dept and they are planning to use REBEL kids for Tobacco Age of Sale Enforcement. Phil said he will not speak any further on this at this time. He did say his experience doing this at the County was not good. He would hope that it will work better here. He did share his experiences with our Police.

Rob asked if the REBEL Kids receive training and the answer was yes. Rob asked if the Health Officer would be involved and the answer was no. It will be done by the Police.

4. Phil told the Board that tomorrow, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, he and James Breiten, REHS for Hopatcong, will be attending an all day affair on the PWTA (Private Well Testing Act). Phil said I support the legislation and its intent; however we have four thousand private wells in this town. At one point in time this year we may receive four thousand laboratory results. At that point in time, I don't know who will read them all and send follow up letters. This goes into unfunded mandates. I am going to this tomorrow with an open mind and to see what they are proposing for us to do. They are saying if you have a private well you will have to test it every five years, routine testing.

Mariano made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathleen. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.