

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Health Department Building on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Thom Forbes 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: Thom Forbes, Mariano Gianni, James Vanderhoof, , and Joel Servoss. Craig Bradley after roll. James Breiten, REHS from Sussex County was also present.

ABSENT: Rob Bond and Yvonne Syto.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mariano. All in favor.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

PRESIDENT REPORT:

1. Thom said he spoke to Howard Baker and he will not be attending tonight's meeting. Howard may be reached by phone if the Board needs him to bring anything to the Borough Council.
2. Yvonne Syto will not attend this meeting due to a prior commitment, she extends her apologies.
3. Joel and Thom spoke to Kelleyanne McGann, CFO regarding the shed purchase that we discussed at our previous meeting. We were told we need BOH approval and as long it is under \$2,600.00 we do not need to put it out to bid.

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT:

1. James said 311 Maxim Road; they had issues with the septic failing. This individual went to court and pled guilty and paid a couple hundred bucks to the court for his fines. He also had a plumber and contractors to clean the line.
2. James said 44 Elba was getting oil in his sump pump and was pumping into Lake Hopatcong. We were monitoring and then it was increasing. James said he called DEP and Emergency Response. They are now treating the water coming out of his house and they are testing on his property to determine where the oil is coming from.

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: Hopatcong/Stanhope

SWAT: Thom said Yvonne will be our SWAT liaison.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Thom read a Resolution from Mayor and Council dated May 4, 2011 appointing Yvonne Syto to the Board of Health to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Reichert. Term expires 12/31/2012. That makes it official.
2. Thom read a thank you card for Dale Sloat. Dale adopted a dog to this family and they wanted to thank him.
3. Another thank you letter to Dale for helping someone remove a deer carcass from their property at 54 Stevens Trail.
4. The Hopatcong Woman's Club gave Dale a check for \$ 95.00 for the Animal Pound.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Property Files: Thom said since we last met, Joel and I met with the Mayor and she expressed a desire for the files to be digitized by the County and retained there essentially forever. Thom said he does not see a reason to bring them back to the Borough. Jim asked if someone comes in here for a file, they cannot get it. James said that Rosie will have access through the internet. He also said he is using the program, you just type in the block and lot and works out pretty easily. Thom said having discussed the option of storing the files at the County level, should we vote on this? Mariano agreed the Board should vote and made a motion to permit the County to come and take the records to digitize them and hold them, seconded by Joel. Roll call, Thom, Mariano Joel and Craig, yes. No, Jim.
2. Board of Health Fees: Thom said we had a discussion last month regarding the prospect of retaining, reducing or eliminating the \$ 100.00 fee for septic service. Jim said he is against paying \$ 200.00 for that.

When the County took over, we weren't supposed to pay them; the money was coming to Hopatcong. Now they are charging \$ 100.00 and we are charging \$ 100.00 here and these people are paying \$ 200.00. I do not go for that. James said the Mayor reached out to his supervisor. His take on it was, the County's intention to charge fees was not to have towns to stop charging their fees. If you still have a Board of Health and you still have staff and provide some services then get your money.

Jim said these septic are \$ 15,000, \$ 20,000 and you add \$ 200.00 more, and I am against that I will tell you that right now.

Joel said he and Thom sat with the Mayor and talked about this, she is dead set against dropping any fees. This is critical to her.

Thom said James's point is well taken; this fee focuses on the people using the service as opposed to distributing to the people not using the service. Thom said Joel's point is well taken also, if the sewers increase the problem will resolve it's self over time.

Thom asked the Board if they agree to table this until next month and our liaison would be present, the Board agreed.

3. Thom said back in 2009 this Board passed a resolution to make arrangements to hire Brian Dunster to fill in for Dale in his absence. That arrangement is still in place. The fee is \$ 20.00 per hour should there be a need to cover for Dale. The Board made a request to have Dale call Brian to see if he is still available.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Food Talk renewal: Thom said this is a newsletter that is sent to the food establishments in Hopatcong. It is sent courtesy of Hopatcong Health. Mariano made a motion to pay for the subscription \$ 161.00, seconded by Joel. Roll call, Thom, Joel, Mariano, Jim and Craig, yes. All in favor.
2. Thom asked Joel to discuss the shed issue with the Board. Joel said they went and spoke to Kelley McGann and she said there is no problem at all. This is in the purview of the BOH. As long as it is under \$ 2,600.00 there is no bidding, you don't have to get involved with that. All we need to do is go through the Administrator. Since the Administrator just arrived, we will give him a week or two before we see him. Kelley suggested that the Board make a motion for the spending of funds to purchase a shed for the Pound. Joel suggested we get Dale to go with them to get the shed. He also added that we would not need a permit if the shed was under a 100 square feet. Thom said another option is two smaller sheds. The price on the 10 x 10 sheds is about \$ 800.00 each.
Joel made a motion that the BOH go forward with the purchase of a shed or sheds as deemed appropriate for the dog pound, seconded by Mariano. Roll call, Thom, Joel, Mariano, Jim and Craig, yes. All in favor.

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

Rosie Mitchell