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The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held in the Board of Health Building on Thursday, November 14, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Rob Bond 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 THE SUSSEX COUNTY NEWS LEADER AND DAILY RECORD AND POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD MAINTAINED IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICES.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Rob Bond, Estelle Klein, James Vanderhoof, Dennis Twyford, Walter Dora and Thomas Forbes.

ABSENT: Robert Woods and Catherine Cokelet.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: James Vanderhoof made a motion to accept the October minutes, seconded by Estelle Klein. All in favor.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC: There was no public

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT:

1. Jim questioned number six, new vehicle for Animal Control. Carl said the truck has to be air conditioned for the animals. The truck we have now is so broken down, the compartments; there are no big compartments. A van is lower and easier to get animals in.
2. Carl said he advertised for the Animal Control Officer's position. There is someone that I have in mind but we can wait until January till we actually hire someone. There are some things to work out.

SANITARY REPORT:

1. Rob asked about the Air Quality Inspections. Carl said we are bound by the County Environmental Health Act to do these inspections.

BOROUGH NURSE REPORT:

HEALTH EDUCATOR REPORT: *September/October*

REGISTRAR REPORT

ANIMAL CONTROL: *Hopatcong/Stanhope*

ALL REPORTS: Estelle Klein made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Dennis Twyford. All in favor.

SWAT: The next meeting is November 26th.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Carl read the letter he wrote to the Planning Board (Policy on Building Expansions). Estelle said she talked with Bill O'Connor, Building Inspector for Hopatcong. He felt the size of an addition (two hundred and twenty five square feet) that triggered the open tank inspection was too small. Rob said we have adopted this policy, let's let it run for a while and see how it goes.
2. Carl read a letter from Bill Fitzgibbons. Basically he states in the letter, he does not think it is appropriate to accept an appointment until the end of the year. This is based upon his representation of a Planning Board applicant. We are now without an attorney.
Estelle said she called a few of the local guys and nobody wants it. There is one possibility, a firm from Bridgewater, Eric M. Bernstein & Associates, L.L.C. They faxed a resume and Carl passed the info around the table. Jim suggested asking Bill Fisher. Carl said he would send letters out and request they send an intention and a price list. You can look at them at the next meeting and then you can decide.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Carl said the new bid opening for the sewers is Dec 4th.
2. Jim asked about the water situation. Carl said they have rejuvenated all our wells. That is keeping up with our demand now. The State wants us to move on conditional supply. We need to do something.
Jim said the town is drilling eight-inch test wells. They should drill six-inch test wells. If you get fifty, sixty gallons a minute, drill an eight-inch well. It is double the money. They think they can turn it into a production well right away. It does not turn out that way.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Carl read ordinance # 36-2002 by title, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODIFICATION AND REVISION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HOPATCONG,

COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SAID CODE; REPEALING AND SAVING FROM REPEAL CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE THEREIN; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY FOR ALTERING OR TAMPERING WITH THE CODE; AND MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES. Rob asked for a motion to introduce the ordinance on first reading and read it by title. Estelle made a motion to introduce Ordinance # 36-2002 on the first reading, seconded by Dennis. Roll call, all in favor.

2. Carl announced a meeting, Septic Management for Clean Water Dec. 4th at 5:30pm in the Municipal Building in Mt. Olive. The Board members are invited to attend.
3. The Borough Christmas Party will be on Dec. 7 at Firehouse #3. Parma John's caters the party and there will be a D.J. All Board members are invited to attend.
4. Estelle made a motion to write a letter regarding Rosie and Laura. The New Year is here and they will be discussing salaries. Carl said he sent a memo with the budget request that he wants something to be done. Estelle made a motion to write another letter. Thomas said we should make it strong, the issue is still not resolved and we are concerned. Dennis seconded the motion. All in favor.
5. Rob said that since Parma John's Pizzeria had gone non-smoking, I want to see what the Board thought about adopting a resolution recognizing the fact that they have gone non-smoking. Pointing out the public health benefits of a non-smoking environment. Carl said he would have a resolution ready for the next meeting for review.
6. Private Well Testing Act: Estelle suggested writing a letter to Bradley Campbell, carbon copied to Sussex County League of Municipalities and Phil Morlock. The letter was regarding the meeting they attended the night before, Private Well Testing Act. Estelle said the State wants you to do certain things, but they don't give you the money to implement them. Rob asked Carl if that is a problem for us at the moment. Carl said we are actually doing less. We used to do more before. We used to get the sample, we got the results, we had to do the mailings and we had to talk on every single sample. Answer the questions from real estate agents and residents.

Rob said he wasn't clear on what the letter should be. Estelle said she thought Carl wanted to write the letter to support the man. Carl said he was not clear on what the letter should be either. Do we object to the law, the intent of the law, or the fact that they ask us to do what we are doing? We just have to make sure these records remain confidential. Estelle asked if Carl wanted to skip on writing this letter. Carl said it is up to the Board. The letter would not be written.

Jim Vanderhoof made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Estelle Klein. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Rosemarie Mitchell

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