

Board of Health
Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
September 16, 2010 – 8PM

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by the President at the above time, date and place.

The Compliance Statement, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, was read by the President.

PRESENT:

Mrs. Scheulen, Dr. Miller, Mrs. Deppert, Dr. Valas, Ms. Bertini, Mrs. Roy, Mr. Meyer, Dr. Lincoln and Mr. Alvarez.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Robert Mancinelli, Borough Attorney
Ms. Lynn Gregorski, Park Ridge Resident
Ms. Kim Covello, Park Ridge Resident
Ms. Laura Mann, Essex, NJ Resident

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Valas motioned that the minutes of the June 17, 2010 meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Deppert. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Postage – June	\$	37.12
Postage- July		1.49
Postage – August		9.82
Tyco Animal Control Contract Payment – June		785.00
Tyco Animal Control Emergency Call– June		60.00
Tyco Animal Control Contract Payment – July		785.00
Tyco Animal Control Contract Payment – August		785.00
Tyco Animal Control Emergency Call – August		60.00
Hillsdale Child Health Conference – July 1 child		30.00
Bergen City Dept of Health Svcs –1 st half of 2010 Contract		24,047.55
West Publications – NJ Statutes Updated for BOH		69.00
Bergen Cty Dept. of Health Svcs- Bloodborne Path Contract		2,832.50

Ms. Bertini motioned that the above invoices for June, July and August 2010 be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr Valas. All ayes.

REPORTS

The following reports were electronically submitted by Mr. Hahn, Water Supervisor, to the NJDEP and are available on NJ Water Watch.

June 29 Tri Annual Lead & Copper Sampling
July 12 June 2010 Coliform Report
July 26 July 2010 Coliform Report
September 1 August 2010 Coliform Report
September 1 3rd Quarter 2010 THM Report
September 1 3rd Quarter 2010 HAA5 Report
September 1 3rd Quarter 2010 Nitrate (N) Report
September 1 3rd Quarter 2010 VOC Report
September 1 3rd Quarter 2010 Arsenic Report
September 1 3rd Quarter 2010 Sodium Report

The 2nd Quarter 2010 Disinfectant Residual Report was mailed certified mail; return receipt to Mr. Paul Smith, NJDEP.

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2009 Right To Know Survey Update- Mr. Robert Wright, Business Administrator, provided the completed 2009 Right To Know Survey Update, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services for West Ridge Elementary School, Eastbrook Elementary School, Park Ridge High School and Park Ridge Jr. High School.

Housing Authority of Bergen County- Ms. Esther Gatria, Executive Assistant, Housing Authority of Bergen County provided a cover letter and the completed 2009 Right to Know Survey for Woodland Gardens (Lehmann Gardens) 12-14 Sulak Lane, Park Ridge.

Park Ridge Health Consultation Program- Ms. Susan M. Jamieson, Department of Health Services provided the revised June 2010 and the actual August 2010 Statistics for the services provided at the Golden Age Club. There was no report for July 2010 as no meeting was held by the organization.

CORRESPONDENCE

June 14 Cover letter and invoice from Mr. Robert C. Siebert, Fiscal Analyst, Department of Health Services, County of Bergen, for Bloodborne Pathogen Training for 2010.

June 25 Letter and attachments to Mr. Scheulen from Ms. Marge Doremus, Department of Health Services, County of Bergen, advising of the termination of the Bergen County Community Partnerships for a Tobacco-Free New Jersey effective June 30, 2010 due to NJ State budget shortfalls.

August 8 From Mr. John C. Saccenti, President, NJ Local Board of Health Association, a cover letter discussing the Certification Program that will be offered on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Middlesex County Fire Academy. Attached were the following: Seminar Registration Form and Agenda for the program to be held.

September Received 3rd Quarter, 2010, Volume 17, Issue 2 of the National Association of Local Boards of Health Magazine, "NewsBrief".

September Received the 2010 National Association of Local Boards of Health Official Election Ballot.

Dr. Valas advised the NJ Local Boards of Health Association has withdrawn their membership from the national association. No vote was taken.

September 7 Letter from Mr. Howard Cohen, NJ Department of Health and Senior Services, announcing that funds are available from the Hepatitis Inoculation Fund for the reimbursement of costs of hepatitis B inoculations for certain emergency medical technicians, firefighters and police officers.

Mrs. Scheulen stated she has been in contact with Mrs. Fall, Borough Administrator, regarding the funds that are available.

September 9 The Board of Health received a reimbursement check from the County of Bergen for H1N1 related activities.

MS. LINDA QUINN, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

Ms. Quinn provided her reports for the months of May, June, July and August 2010 to the Board. Ms. Quinn talked with the Board Members about some of the items on the reports: The pool at the Bears Nest complex, the manager/owner at the Greek Corner Grill attended the required manager's health course, dog bites that occurred, the necessity for a Park Ridge family to obtain rabies inoculations, on grease trap inspections that have been performed, the possible relocation of Le Petite bakery, the Plaza Regency and Mill Pond Assisted Living have been nominated for the Gold Star award.

The Botanical Spa and Salon – Park Ridge Marriott – Mr. Mancinelli advised that a Continued Certificate of Occupancy for zoning has been provided.

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Summer Storm of July 6 & 7, 2010- Ms. Quinn advised that seven inspectors assisted with inspections of the eating establishments after the town lost power during the summer storm.

Ms. Quinn and Mrs. Tyler discussed the sighting of foxes, coyotes and deer in the area.

Dr. Miller requested Ms. Quinn to look into the keeping of chickens on a resident's property located on Third Street.

MRS. CAROL TYLER, TYCO ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

Mrs. Tyler provided an update on the recent animal census that was done in town during the month of June and the first weeks in July. The census takers were college students. The students had the required town identification and provided information on the census that was being taken. 2,914 doors were knocked on, 443 condos/apartments and 2,471 houses were visited. Over 200 cats and over 340 dogs had no licenses. Mrs. Tyler discussed the number of pets that were in a home. Mr. Mancinelli advised that the Mayor and Council would be discussing the census that was taken. The Mayor and Council will be "grand fathering in" the fees until the end of the year that is required for licensing a pet to those owners whose pets have not been properly licensed. If necessary, summons will be issued. Mrs. Tyler recommended to the Board that the census of animals be done every three to four years.

RABIES CLINIC

Park Ridge – October 19, 2010 Mrs. Scheulen advised that the next rabies clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2010 at 6:30PM to 8PM at the Park Ridge Utility Garage, 15 Sulak Lane. Volunteers from the Board are requested to assist with the program. Mrs. Scheulen requested Mrs. O'Donnell, Borough Clerk, to provide notification of the clinic to the residents in the Park Ridge newsletter "Progress" and the website. Mr. Mancinelli advised that notification of the clinic might be included with utility bills that would be mailed.

Saddle River – October 2, 2010 - Mrs. Tyler advised that the Borough of Saddle River is sponsoring an Adoption Day and Rabies Clinic on October 2, 2010 on Allendale Avenue behind the Fire House from 1PM to 5PM.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 52, DOGS, CATS AND OTHER ANIMALS AS OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE NEW JERSEY

Mr. Mancinelli, Borough Attorney, advised that the Ordinance was adopted in 1963. Mr. Mancinelli advised that the Mayor had requested him to review the present ordinance regarding the number of animals in a household. Mr. Mancinelli advised that this number of animals in a household has been discussed numerous times by the Mayor and Council. Mr. Mancinelli advised that an amendment was drafted and had additional language included concerning the cruelty to animals, disturbance of peace and quiet of the neighborhood and the animal becoming a public nuisance. Mr. Mancinelli advised that the limit of animals would be raised from three (3) to four (4), presently prohibits the number of cats, also include dogs. A Council Member requested that pet fostering of animals not be part of the limit of animals in a household with a time limit not to be established for the care and placement of the fostered animal. Mr. Mancinelli advised that he provided an original drafted ordinance to the Board of Health for review and comment and the changes recommended by the Board have been made.

Mr. Mancinelli advised that at the June 7, 2010 there were a large number of members of the public present who discussed their concerns about the proposed amendment to the ordinance. Mr. Mancinelli advised that the Mayor and Council agreed to table the amendment to the ordinance until the Board of Health, who would meet again in September 2010, is able to discuss the ordinance, the issues and concerns regarding the limit of animals in a household, required licensing and fostering of animals. Mr. Mancinelli discussed the previous concerns presented by the public for the requirements/guidelines for the fostering of animals.

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Mr. Mancinelli advised on the process that would be followed for hearing the public comments and for the Board to discuss the issues in open and closed session.

Mrs. Scheulen advised that she distributed to the Board Members information on this issue and tonight the Board would make a decision.

Ms. Bertini made a motion to open the regular order of business for public comment. Mrs. Deppert seconded the motion. All ayes.

Ms. Laura Mann- 14 Panoramic Drive- Sussex, NJ –

Ms. Mann advised that she grew up in Hillsdale and is a volunteer with Halfway Hounds. Ms. Mann advised that she has been part of the animal rescue program for approximately 12 years. The present dog she now has, she fostered and now is the dog's owner. Ms. Mann talked about the report presented by Mrs. Tyler, Tyco Animal Control Services, the purpose for the restrictions for the number of animals and the restrictions for the fostering of animals.

Ms. Kim Covello- 167 Mansfield Road- Park Ridge, NJ

Ms. Covello advised that she was contacted by Council Member Hopper and was requested to attend tonight's meeting. Ms. Covello stated that she has been in contact with Council Member Hopper discussing the issue. Ms. Covello discussed individuals who hoard animals, the cost these individuals incur and safety involved for hoarded animals. Ms. Covello discussed the animals that are taken in as part of the fostering program, organizations that are providing assistance to animals, abandonment and abuse of animals.

Ms. Lynn Gregorski – 108 East Avenue, Park Ridge, NJ

Ms. Gregorski stated that she forwarded her letter with attachments dated September 12, 2010 to the Mayor and Council. Ms. Gregorski is President of Halfway Hounds which is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and Halfway Hounds is a volunteer organization. Ms. Gregorski discussed the immediate medical attention that the animals receive when the animal becomes part of her program. She discussed the proposed regulations regarding fostering of animals and that rescue groups are advocates for animals. Ms. Gregorski mentioned the importance of dialogue with veterinarians, residents and obtaining as much information as possible.

Ms. Gregorski discussed with Ms. Bertini the registering of animals as an option to licensing for a rescue animal as the licensing decreases the revenue of the rescue group, pet owners who no longer keep their animal and become a rescue animal, discussed the number of animals to a household, responsibility of the owner to the animal.

Attendees discussed state legislation, number restriction for a fostered animal, feral cats, classes, regulation and requirement for fostering an animal, interaction with other animals in a home, length of stay in a fostering environment, importance of licensing an animal, registration would collect no fees to a municipality, but the municipality is still responsible for the day to day office/paper work that would be involved, reciprocating license by other municipalities and the importance of having the required tags on the animal at all times, the registration of the animal in the town that the animal lives in and the lack of collar and tags on cats and the appropriate collar that would be safe for a cat to wear.

Mrs. Scheulen stated that the public has presented their comments to the Board. The Board will be going into closed session to discuss the comments and the proposed amended ordinance.

At 9:50PM Dr. Valas made a motion to adjourn the meeting to closed session to discuss the Mayor and Council Ordinance Chapter 52. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. All ayes

RESOLUTION – CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Health desires to discuss the Mayor and Council Ordinance Chapter 52; and
WHEREAS, the said discussion falls within the provisions of Section 7 (b) (4), (7) and (8) of the Open Public Meetings Act; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Health deems it desirable to exclude the public from the meeting or that portion of the meeting in which the aforesaid matters are to be discussed.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Public Works of the Borough of Park Ridge that the public be excluded from the meeting or portion of the meeting in which the aforesaid matters are to be discussed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is not possible, as yet, to fix the time when or the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public.

At 10:10PM Mrs. Deppert made a motion to resume the regular order of business. Dr. Valas seconded the motion. All ayes.

Mrs. Scheulen advised that the issues and concerns regarding the Mayor and Council Ordinance Chapter 52, dogs, cats and other animals as of the code of the Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey, have been discussed. The Board will be voting on the following motion for resolution to the Mayor and Council.

“The Board of Health is providing by motion for a Resolution to reverse proposed Ordinance 2010-18 to limit the maximum amount of dogs and cats to four (4) of each species, per household;

To eliminate all reference to language with respect to fostering animals; and

That any animal brought and kept within the Borough of Park Ridge must be licensed within ten (10) days or upon obtaining a full set of permanent teeth in accordance with Sate Law”.

Motion was offered by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Dr. Valas.

Ayes: Mrs. Scheulen, Dr. Valas, Ms. Bertini, Mrs. Deppert, Mr. Meyer

Nayes: Dr. Miller, Mrs. Roy

Abstained: None

Motion was carried 5(ayes) to 2 (nayes)

At 10:20PM Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting to closed session to discuss municipal ordinances. Dr. Valas seconded the motion. All ayes.

RESOLUTION – CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Health desires to discuss the authority to adopt an ordinance and the revise and codify of the borough code and the Mayor and Council Ordinance to Amend Chapter 75C; and

WHEREAS, the said discussion falls within the provisions of Section 7 (b) (4), (7) and (8) of the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health deems it desirable to exclude the public from the meeting or that portion of the meeting in which the aforesaid matters are to be discussed. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Public Works of the Borough of Park Ridge that the public be excluded from the meeting or portion of the meeting in which the aforesaid matters are to be discussed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is not possible, as yet, to fix the time when or the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Closed Session can be disclosed to the public.

At 10:30PM Mr. Meyer made a motion to resume the regular order of business. Dr. Valas seconded the motion. All ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:34PM Dr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Deppert seconded the motion. All ayes.


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Carole Reen, Secretary