

Park Ridge Board of Health
Minutes of the Meeting
Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ 07656
December 10, 2015 7:40pm

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

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

Present:

Mr. Spies, President, Ms. Deppert, Vice President, Dr. Lincoln, Ms. Szot, Dr. Valas, Ms. Roy

Absent:

Dr. Miller, Ms. Scheulen

Also Present:

Ms. Bertini, Council Liaison

Ms. Quinn, BCHS Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Ms. Gina Waluk, BOH Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Deppert made a motion to approve the November 19, 2015 Board of Health Meeting Minutes with changes. Ms. Szot seconded the motion. Members of the Board approved the motion.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Tyco Animal Control Services, November 2015 \$ 875.00

Dr. Valas made a motion to approve the invoices. Ms. Deppert seconded the motion. Members of the Board approved the motion.

REPORTS

1. Ms. Quinn, Principal Registered Environmental Health Consultant, October and November, 2015
Lead Case -15 Park Ave.: BCHS Lead Inspector issued a summons to the property owner since lead abatement has not commenced. The court date is set for next week.

Public Health Nuisance -209 Alberon Place: After BCHS inspection, the 209 Alberon Place complaint received on November 12 has been referred to the Building Maintenance Department for follow-up.

Public Health Nuisance – S. Fifth Ave.: The chicken complaint filed in October has completed arbitration and Ms. Quinn is working with the animal owner to ensure that he relocates the chicken coop to comply with the zoning requirement of 50 feet from the neighbor's property line.

Sewage - Pesto Italian Bistro: Emergency occurrence of new sewage back-up caused restaurant to close on Friday, November 20. Ms. Quinn has followed-up with owner, PR Water & Sewer, PRPD, BC Hazmat and supervised kitchen cleanup and sanitization. Repairs have been completed and sewer lines were cleared and redirected.

Rabies Control - Dog Bite: Ms. Quinn consulted with dog owner, Tyco Animal Control and confirmed Animal License/Rabies Certification. Bite report and confinement report completed.

2. Mr. Hahn, Water and Sewer Supervisor, Coliform Report, November 2015

3. Ms. Maria Colasante, BCHS Immunization Audit Reports, October 2015

4. Ms. Karen Alelis, BCHS Park Ridge 5-Year Communicable Disease Report Summary, December 2015
The Board reviewed the report and asked Ms. Szot to send a request to BCHS Disease Prevention and Control Manager for an Epidemiologist Report on Trends in our area with recommended interventions that they are spearheading with partner health departments.

5. Secretary Report, BCHS Sanitary Inspectors Monthly Analysis, October and November 2015

6. 2016 Animal Licensing New Jersey State Law mandates that the rabies vaccination must be valid through October 31 of the license year. The State provides a Certificate of Exemption from Rabies Vaccination (VPH-28) which can be found at their website (www.nj.gov/health/animalwelfare) and completed by the Veterinarian.

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2016 Animal Licensing (Cont'd.)

Park Ridge Borough Clerk, Kelley O'Donnell, has authorized that at the time of Animal License Renewal, a resident can provide written authorization from their Vet stating that the pet will receive their rabies booster within two months of February 29 license renewal deadline. Resident must provide the Rabies Certificate to Borough Hall once the booster is administered.

The Board discussed the option of providing rolling animal licenses to borough residents. This discussion focused on changing animal license renewal from the current calendar year schedule to a rolling license renewal throughout the year. The group agreed that a rolling license renewal program would place a large burden on the borough in managing each animal's renewal date. The borough's database management system is not set-up to handle this process.

The Board requested that the BOH secretary review the NJ Certificate of Exemption form with Ms. Karen Prezant, PR borough employee currently responsible for processing PR animal licenses. BOH secretary will provide Ms. Prezant with copies of the form so she can distribute it to residents who may be interested in this option. The Board secretary will also review PR Clerk's policy to allow a two month rabies certificate extension with vet's authorization.

Linda Quinn, BCHS Sanitarian mentioned that although a rabies vaccine provides protection from the disease for three years, it is believed that the vaccine is most effective for the first two years. It is recommended that pets be vaccinated early, sometime during their third year, to best protect the animal from the rabies disease.

7. 2016 Board of Health License Applications – Applications for Food Licensing, Group Home, Prepackaged foods, Nursery School, etc. were mailed this week. Fees are due to Board of Health by December 15, 2015. The Board agreed to compare Park Ridge License Fees to neighboring towns. The secretary will provide a spreadsheet with comparison of fees within the 1st quarter of 2016.
8. Tobacco 21 and e-Cigarette Legislation
The Board reviewed the draft of the BOH Tobacco 21 and e-Cigarette research summary and recommendation. Ms. Szot is planning to draft an Executive Summary of the document for the January 2016 Meeting.
9. 2016 Bergen County Health Services Contract
The Board discussed the recently submitted Bergen County Health Services 2016 Contract. They agreed to review the document more closely over the next month as the pricing structure and some of the services provided have changed. There is a concern that the contract no longer allows the Environmental Health Specialist to inspect restaurant grease traps with a DPW licensed plumber. Ms. Quinn typically inspects over 35 grease traps in Park Ridge four times per year. It typically required three days to cover the entire territory. The Board requested that the Secretary invite Ms. Nancy Mangieri, BCHS Director to the February 18th Meeting for the purpose of addressing questions and aide the negotiation process.
10. 2016 Child Health Conference Contract
Hillsdale BOH submitted the 2016 shared services contract for the Child Health Conference. President Spies signed the Contract. Fees have not been increased from last year's contract.
11. 2016 Tyco Animal Control & Census Contract
Tyco submitted the 2016 Animal Control Service Contract and the 2016 Animal Census Contract. The Board agreed to sign the Resolutions for 2016 at the January BOH Meeting.
12. 2016 Board of Health Budget
Preliminary plans were discussed for the 2016 BOH Budget. Once all contracts are submitted and negotiated, the 2016 BOH Budget can be finalized.

CORRESPONDENCE

December 2, 2015	Press Release: BOH December Meeting Date Change
December 2, 2015	PR Zoning Notice of Violation: 209 Alberon Place
December, 2015	Woodcliff Lake Public School Special Services Child Find Notice
November, 2015	<i>Critical Skills for the Nurse Educator Seminar</i>
December 2, 2015	"Potentially Dangerous Molecules Detected in e-Cigarette Aerosols", Science Daily

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00pm, Ms. Deppert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Spies seconded the motion. Members of the Board approved the motion.

Gina R. Waluk
Gina R. Waluk, Secretary