

Park Ridge, NJ
April 17, 2008
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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 Secretary.

PRESENT: Ms. Bertini, Dr. Miller, Dr. Valas, Ms. Roy,
Ms. Deppert, Ms. Scheulen, Dr. Lincoln

ABSENT: Mr. Meyer, Ms. Viscovic

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Linda Quinn, Principal Environmental Health Specialist
Bergen County Department of Health Services

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – Ms. Deppert motioned that the minutes of the March 20, 2008 meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lincoln. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

- Postage – February 2008 \$ 27.87
- Postage – March 2008 38.25
- Registrars' Assn of NJ – Annual Spring Meeting/
Joan Higgins, Registrar & Liz Maggio, Deputy Registrar 70.00
- Rutgers – registration fee for Joan Higgins to
attend a registrar recertification class 122.00
- Rutgers – registration fee for Liz Maggio to
attend a registrar recertification class 122.00
- Bergen-Passaic Registrars Association –
membership dues for Joan Higgins and Liz
Maggio 20.00
- Maco Office Supplies 12.40
- Maco Office Supplies 16.06
- Tyco Animal Control – contract payment – 3/08 725.00
- Tyco Animal Control – 2 emergency responses 50.00
- Bergen Care Home Health – contract pymts –
January-April 2008 480.00
- Boro of Hillsdale-Child Health Clinic-2 children 60.00

Dr. Miller motioned that the invoices be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Deppert. Unanimously approved.

REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST – MARCH 2008

- ITSY'S GOURMET – Ms. Quinn reported that the establishment was out of business. She had a call in to the Borough Attorney to inquire as to whether or not the Health Department could go into the store to see if there was any food remaining on the premises.
- 125 PASCACK RD – There was a problem with the heat in one of the apartments. The resident had to use space heaters over the winter, which resulted in an extremely high electric bill. Ms. Quinn contacted the owner of the property and told him to have the furnace checked. It did need repair, which he took care of.
- LUKOIL – There was a report from the police that cigarettes were being sold to minors at the gas station on Pascack Rd. It was investigated, but could not be proven.

- 111-117 KINDERKAMACK RD – As per request from the Board, Ms. Quinn found out that the inquiry made by an environmental company about the property was routine. When Eckerd Drugs changed over to become Rite Aid, an inspection was automatically done regarding the site.

NOISE COMPLAINT/SIREN – As per request from Ms. Jean Viglone, resident at 77-Broadway, the issue of the excessively loud siren in front of her home was looked into. Ms. Quinn learned that the siren on Ridge Avenue is not tested every day at noon, and does not go off after 7PM. She stated that Ms. Viglone might be satisfied if the same was done with the siren in front of her home. Dr. Miller said that what the protocol is on Ridge Avenue should be okay for the other sirens. Ms. Quinn spoke to Mr. Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator, who said that he was unaware of the problem and would like something in writing from Ms. Viglone, which will eventually be given to the Fire Chief.

Ms. Deppert asked if the siren was even necessary, since there is a siren a short distance away at the Municipal Building. Dr. Valas, who is in charge of the Park Ridge Office of Emergency Management, informed the Board that the sirens are not only used for fires, but are also used in the event of other emergencies. She asked Ms. Quinn to speak to Capt. Coughlin of the Park Ridge Police Department and to someone at the Tri-Boro Communications Center in Ridgewood. Ms. Quinn said that when she receives the letter from Ms. Viglone, she will bring it to Mr. Vinci and then contact Capt. Coughlin. Ms. Bertini stated that she will then request a meeting with the Fire Chief to discuss the issue.

Dr. Valas stated that Ms. Bertini and Ms. Roy are the representatives from the Board of Health to the Office of Emergency Management.

LEAD TESTING - MEMORIAL PARK FIELD – The Department of Health and Senior Services found high levels of lead in some artificial turf materials. Artificial turf fibers were randomly tested at 12 sites, Park Ridge Memorial Field being one of them. After testing, the result was that the turf fibers at the field “do not appear to present a concern with respect to concentrations of lead”. Dr. Valas asked if it was possible to find out from the vendor what materials the turf is made from. Ms. Deppert voiced concerns about what happens when the turf ages. The Board asked Ms. Quinn to call Mr. Glenn Pulliam, Occupational Health Consultant, working for the DHSS Health Assessment and Consultation Unit, Hazardous Site Health Evaluation Program, and ask him if there are any dangers that could occur in the future and if there is an ongoing program of testing.

TOWN PICNIC – Ms. Bertini asked Ms. Quinn to bring a sampling of pamphlets and/or information offered by the Bergen County Department of Health Services to the next meeting. The Board of Health will be sharing a table with the Office of Emergency Management at the Town Picnic on June 14, and she would like to have a supply of materials for distribution to the residents. She would also like to use certain of the information for publication in the Borough Newsletter.

DOG AND CAT LICENSING - Dr. Lincoln suggested that the Board review the Park Ridge ordinance regarding the licensing of dogs and cats. Ms. Bertini stated that it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting. The members were asked to bring their copies of the handouts given to them, when the issue was addressed in the past.

May 15, 2008 Meeting - It was suggested that the May meeting of the Board begin a half-hour earlier at 7:30 pm, because of a busy agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Scheulen. The motion was seconded by Dr. Miller. All Ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- NALBOH NewsBrief – 1st Quarter 2008
- NALBOH – 2008 Membership Welcome Packet
- NJLBOH Newsletter – Spring 2008
- Park Ridge Utilities – 1st Quarter Report for VOC's
- Park Ridge Utilities – 1st Quarter 2008 Radionuclide Results for TP-022050 (Well 20)
- Park Ridge Utilities – 1st Quarter Report – Disinfectant Residuals

As there was no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Scheulen. The motion was seconded by Dr. Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,