

Park Ridge, NJ
June 19, 2008
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: Ms. Bertini, Dr. Miller, Dr. Valas, Ms. Roy, Dr. Lincoln

ABSENT: Ms. Deppert, Ms. Scheulen, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Viscovic

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Linda Quinn, Principal Environmental Health Specialist,
Bergen County Department of Health Services
Ms. Joen Ciannella, Council Liaison
Ms. Phyllis Schleifer, Park Ridge resident

INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL LIAISON: Ms. Bertini introduced Councilwoman Joen Ciannella, the newly appointed liaison to the Board of Health.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Ms. Roy motioned that the minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Miller. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

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| • Postage – April 2008 | \$ 25.60 |
| • Postage – May 2008 | 29.49 |
| • Thomsen West – NJ Statistics/Title 26 | 54.00 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – Contract Pymt – 4/08 | 725.00 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – Contract Pymt – 5/08 | 725.00 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – 1 emergency response – 5/08 | 50.00 |
| • Bergen Care Home Health – Contract Pymt – 5/08 | 120.00 |
| • Bergen Care Home Health – Contract Pymt – 6/08 | 120.00 |
| • Boro of Hillsdale-Child Health Clinic- 4/08 – 3 children | 90.00 |
| • Bergen County Dept of Health Services – Contract Pymt | 19,355.50 |
| • Bergen County Dept of Health Services – Bloodborne Pathogen Program Professional Services Agreement | 2,460.00 |

PARK RIDGE PICNIC

Ms. Bertini reported that the picnic went well. The representative at the Board of Health/OEM table from the Bergen County Department of Health Services was very helpful. Residents took a lot of the literature provided. Mr. Ned Barber of the PKRG-TV Station provided photos taken at the Blood Pressure Clinic, which is held monthly at the Golden Age Club meetings, and photos of rabies inoculations being given to pets.

REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST – MAY 2008

- LOLLIPOP NURSERY SCHOOL – Ms. Quinn inspected the pool at the nursery school. She was informed that the house next to the school may be torn down, and that the property would be used for additional parking.
- HOUSING INSPECTIONS - Ms. Quinn informed the Board that Matt Kent was hired as the Park Ridge Housing Inspector, and that she will be called on to do inspections when he feels that there are health violations.
- 71 MADISON STREET – An inspection was done at an apartment at this residence. It was filthy and unsanitary. Ms. Quinn consulted with the Building Department and the landlord concerning the legal issues regarding the rental. The resident was eventually admitted to the Bergen Regional Medical Center.

- SALMONELLA OUTBREAK/TOMATOES – Ms. Quinn stated that the FDA was investigating the possibility that the raw tomatoes seemingly causing the outbreak were from farms located in Florida and in Mexico. She visited with all food handling establishments in Park Ridge to advise them of the problem. She informed the Board that the problem with fresh produce is that whatever is in the ground or in the fertilizers being used goes right into the plant itself.
- RAT PROBLEM - The manager of Citibank called the Board of Health to report that there were rats seen in the parking lot of the bank. Ms. Quinn investigated and saw rat burrows near the grease trap outside the Dragon House Chinese Take-Out Restaurant. She advised the manager of Dragon House to get an exterminator to bait the burrows.
- ARTIFICIAL TURF - Ms. Quinn spoke to Mr. Tony DeCandida, Director of the Bergen County Department of Health Services Environmental Department, regarding the Park Ridge field with artificial turf. He said that if the Board would like him to attend one of its meetings, the members should write him a letter voicing their specific concerns. Ms. Bertini stated that one of her concerns is what happens if the turf starts to break down in the future. A copy of the CDC Health Advisory regarding artificial turf was given to each member. Dr. Valas suggested that the Bergen County Department of Health Services generate an informative statement regarding the turf.
- PERCHLORATE - Ms. Quinn said that she attended a meeting regarding perchlorate in the water supply. Representatives from the NJDEP were there stating that letters were sent to homeowners with private wells, and that the State would pay for filtering in certain of the wells. Ms. Quinn informed the Board members that at the meeting it was stated that perchlorate is also present in many foods.

DOG/CAT LICENSING - Ms. Bertini stated that the Park Ridge Police are not conducting any canvassing of pets, as required of them by Borough Ordinance 52-17 entitled “Dogs, Cats and Other Animals”. She said that she would contact Chief Madden regarding the issue. Dr. Valas suggested that the Board make up a canvassing form to be put on the Borough website, or in the newsletter. This form would be filled out by pet owners and returned to the Borough. Ms. Bertini said that she would work on it for the September meeting.

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER - It was decided that information regarding the Rabies Clinic in October, the Flu Clinic in November, the Child Health Clinic located in Hillsdale, and the Blood Pressure Clinic conducted monthly at the Golden Age Club meeting, be put into the newsletter.

2008 BUDGET APPROVAL - The Mayor and Council approved the 2008 Board of Health Budget at their meeting on May 13, 2008.

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| Legal Advertising | \$ 350. |
| Postage | 450. |
| Printing & Binding | 350. |
| Books & Publications | 350. |
| Office Supplies | 700. |
| Conferences & Meetings | 2,500. |
| Professional Association Dues | 250. |
| Office Equipment | 400. |
| BC Dept of Health Services Contract | 38,711. |
| Board of Health – Hepatitis | 2,500. |
| Health Promotions | 200. |
| Flu Clinic | 1,200. |
| Tyco Animal Control | 10,500. |
| Bergen Care Home Health | 1,440. |
| Hillsdale Child Health Clinic | 600. |
| Bergen Care Home Health – Home Visits | <u>1,000.</u> |
| | \$61,501. |

BOROUGH CODES

Ms. Bertini asked the Board members to read over certain of the Borough Codes during the summer -- Chapter 52 "Dog, Cats and Other Animals", Chapter 75C "Massage & Somatic Therapy Businesses" and Chapter 88 "Swimming Pools"-- for review when the Board reconvenes.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Dr. Valas stated that the relationship between the Office of Emergency Management and the Board of Health should be reviewed. Ms. Bertini said that there are a lot of "overlaps" between the two.

Dr. Valas brought up the possibility of Park Ridge hosting a municipal POD (Point of Distribution), in the case of a medical emergency. At the present time, there is no clearly defined plan for the PODS. A number of volunteers will be necessary and will need to be trained.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM – Ms. Bertini asked if anyone would be interested in volunteering for a Community Emergency Response Team. These teams are part of a national initiative to train and prepare people for emergencies. Dr. Valas, Dr. Miller, Ms. Bertini, Ms. Roy, Dr. Lincoln and Ms. Ciannella all voiced their interest in volunteering.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Park Ridge Utilities – 2nd Qtr 2008 Sampling Report for Haloacetic Acids Five THM4
- Park Ridge Utilities – May 2008 Coliform Report
- Park Ridge Utilities – Arsenic Monitoring Report by Leggette, Brashears & Graham, Inc.
- Park Ridge Utilities – Quarterly Reports for Nitrates
2nd Qtr 2008-Well #13
- NALBOH Newsbrief – 2nd Qtr 2008
- Bergen County – Board of Chosen Freeholders re: Bergen County Human Services & Health Forum – June 24, 2008/10AM

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,