

Park Ridge, NJ
March 20, 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. Valas, Ms. Roy, Ms. Deppert,
Ms. Scheulen, Dr. Lincoln, Mr. Meyer

ABSENT: Dr. Miller, Ms. Viscovic

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

Mr. Max Lerner, Rutgers College Student

Ms. Jean Viglone, Park Ridge Resident

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – Ms. Roy motioned that the minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scheulen. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

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| • Postage – January 2008 | \$ 55.11 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – contract payment – 1/08 | 725.00 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – 2 emergency responses | 50.00 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – contract payment – 2/08 | 725.00 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – 2 emergency responses | 100.00 |
| • NALBOH & NJLBOH memberships for 2008 | 190.00 |
| • New Concept Office Supplies | 29.99 |
| • Registrars Association of NJ-Membership Dues for Joan Higgins and Elizabeth Maggio | 50.00 |
| • Park Ridge Florist-Dish Garden for June Bertini | 65.95 |
| • Borough of Hillsdale-Child Health Clinic | 30.00 |

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

MSRA VIRUS - In January, a third grader in the Park Ridge Schools was diagnosed with a case of the MSRA Virus and was hospitalized. Dr. Valas stated that cases of the virus are reported to the town where the child lives.

AERIAL SPRAYING – A letter was received by Mr. Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator, from the County of Bergen Mosquito Control Division. Permission was requested to perform aerial spraying for mosquito larvae, during the breeding months. The Mosquito Control Division was given permission. The Borough made a request to receive a spraying schedule, so that the residents could be notified in advance of the event.

REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2008

- A&P DELI - Ms. Quinn gave the Deli a conditional rating because of temperature violations, and because there was no hand-wash soap at the sink.
- A&P PRODUCE DEPT – A conditional rating was given to the Produce Dept. The swab samples that Ms. Quinn took from the cutting board table were not satisfactory. She advised the employees that they have to sanitize every ½ hour.

She also advised them to get cutting boards to use on the table rather than using the table top itself. Mr. Meyer stated that in the restaurants that he supervises, sanitizer timers are used as reminders. Ms. Quinn informed the Board that she attended a class on sanitizing. She learned that pathogens on produce are very hard to wash off, and that there should be more prevention at the farms.

PLAZA REGENCY - E-coli was detected in the salads when tested. Ms. Quinn advised that the salads be purchased from an outside source rather than being prepared at the facility. Ms. Quinn stated that there is a frequent turnover of the kitchen management at the nursing home.

111-117 KINDERKAMACK RD - An inquiry was made by an environmental company about the property. The Board asked Ms. Quinn to find out more about the inquiry.

PARK RIDGE DINER - There was a problem with the operation of the grease trap at the diner. Ms. Quinn consulted with the Water Department, the Fire Department, and the management at the Diner. The problem was solved.

POLICE PROTOCOL/ DOG BITES – Ms. Quinn spoke to the police chief regarding dog bites. She was informed that one warning is given before a summons is issued. Ms. Scheulen asked why a warning is even given in the instance of a dog bite. The Board members asked about a dog being considered potentially dangerous. Ms. Quinn said that for a dog to be deemed potentially dangerous, the bite has to be unprovoked.

MS. JEAN VIGLONE/PARK RIDGE RESIDENT – Ms. Viglone spoke to the Board about the fire siren in front of her home at 77-Broadway being excessively loud. She said that over the years she has spoken with the mayors in Park Ridge, the State, and an environmental consultant from the Bergen County Department of Health Services, about the siren. She also questioned whether it is necessary to test the siren every day at noon. Ms. Quinn said that Mark Impomeni, Senior Environmental Health Specialist from the Bergen County Department of Health Services measured the decibels when that particular siren went off. She also said that fire sirens may be exempt from any noise ordinances. Ms. Viglone stated that she had heard that the noise volume of the siren on Ridge Avenue in Park Ridge had been turned down. Dr. Valas suggested that Mr. Impomeni test all of the sirens in town, and asked if the residents on Ridge Avenue had requested that the siren there be turned down. Ms. Viglone brought a newspaper article regarding a new system that River Vale is acquiring. Ms. Quinn was asked to call and inquire about that system.

FLU CLINIC - Dr. Valas suggested that the Ambulance Corps members be notified of the Flu Clinic in November. She said that the Ambulance Corps Captain should be notified of the details through e-mail.

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER – Ms. Bertini asked the Board Secretary to put the Newsletter on the agenda for the next meeting. The Board will look at the Montvale and Woodcliff Lake newsletters to review the information those Boards give out to the residents.

NIMS TRAINING - Dr. Valas informed the Board members that they would be able to take the National Incident Management Systems course on line. She stated that, as another option, she would ask at the County if they would provide the course for the group.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Millbank Memorial Fund – “Improving Population Health: The Use of Systematic Reviews”
- 4th Quarter NALBOH Newsbrief
- NALBOH NEWSBRIEF – 4TH Quarter 2007
- Park Ridge Utilities – January, February & March 2008 Coliform Reports
- Park Ridge Utilities – 1st Quarter Nitrate Report for 2008
- Park Ridge Utilities – 1st Quarter Arsenic Report for 2008
- Park Ridge Utilities – 1st Quarter HAA5 and THM Reports for 2008

As there was no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Deppert. The motion was seconded by Mr. Meyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,