

Park Ridge, NJ  
April 16, 2009  
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, Ms. Deppert, Ms. Scheulen, Dr. Lincoln

ABSENT: Dr. Valas, Ms. Roy, Mr. Meyer

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Jennifer Schnitzer, Environmental Health Specialist –  
Bergen County Department of Health Services  
Mr. John Kane – Council Liaison

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Ms. Deppert motioned that the minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Miller. Unanimously accepted.

#### APPROVAL OF INVOICES

- Postage – March 2009 \$ 36.72
- Market Basket – Gift Basket for June Bertini 80.00
- Tyco Animal Control – March 2009 Contract Pymt 775.00
- Tyco Animal Control - March 2009 – 1 emergency response 60.00
- Bergen Care Home Health – Contract Pymt – March 2009 123.00
- Hillsdale Child Health Conference – March 2009 – 1 child 30.00

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

#### REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

- JOHN'S BAGELS - The bagel/deli was given a conditional rating. Ms. Schnitzer spoke with the workers about keeping the dumpster lids closed. Everything was satisfactory upon re-inspection.
- LePETIT GATEAU – A conditional rating was given to the bakery.
- 63 COLONY AVE - A call was received from a resident reporting that medical syringes and medical gloves were observed on the property and in the street. Ms. Schnitzer spoke to the police about it, and the waste was removed.
- RIDGE MANOR APARTMENT COMPLEX – A resident at the Whispering Pines complex, which is across from Ridge Manor, complained that someone was leaving bowls of food out for cats on the Ridge Manor property. It was attracting numerous feral cats to the area. Ms. Schnitzer spoke with the Ridge Manor management company about the problem, and the superintendent of the complex reported that he observed an ex-tenant feeding the cats. The police were called and said that the person was a previous offender.
- DOG BITES – The owner of the dog at 71-Spring Valley Rd was bitten by her own dog, and a child at 283 Park Avenue was bitten by the family dog. Ms. Schnitzer checked licensing and vaccination records and consulted with the owners of the dogs. She filled out dog bite reports, confinement notices and faxed reports to the county nurses.

Dr. Miller asked about who contacts the Board of Health with the information regarding animal bites. Ms. Schnitzer stated that it is the health care provider.

Mr. Kane inquired as to where the reports of animal bites are retained, and was told that the Board Secretary keeps them. He suggested that they be kept on index cards or in a computer file to have easier access for finding repeat offenders.

- MARC'S DELI - An anonymous complaint was received stating that the employees in a local business had become ill after eating catered food from the deli. Ms. Schnitzer visited Marc's and reviewed food sample results, which were slightly below limits, and discussed food prep procedures.
- BRAND BAR - A tobacco surveillance was done at local establishments. Brand Bar was cited for selling cigarettes to minors.

FERRAL CATS - Ms. Bertini brought up the fact that there are periodic instances of the feeding of feral cats. She is concerned about whether or not the Park Ridge Dog/Cat Ordinance addresses the issue. Because Wood Ridge has an ordinance which refers to specifics regarding the feeding of feral cats, Ms. Bertini asked for volunteers to review and compare the two ordinances. Ms. Scheulen said that she would look at both. Ms. Bertini asked that the Board Secretary make copies of the all information regarding the matter for the Board members.

TOWN PICNIC - Ms. Bertini reported to the Board that she spoke to Mr. Steve Hopper of the Recreation Committee about the picnic. He said that the Board of Health will have a table, which will be placed next to the OEM table. She asked the Board Secretary to contact Ms. Carol Tyler, of Tyco Animal Control, to ask what her plans are for her participation at the picnic, and to find out what she might need. Ms. Bertini asked Ms. Schnitzer to ask the Bergen County Dept of Health Services if they might be able to provide an intern to be at the Board of Health table, and if they would be able to supply handouts.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER - Ms. Bertini asked if the Board should canvas for a new member. Dr. Miller said that it would be beneficial to have another food service person on the Board. Ms. Deppert said that she would like to have someone on the Board who is in touch with the school system. Ms. Scheulen suggested inviting Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Patricia Johnson, or one of the school nurses to a meeting to discuss areas of mutual interest. Ms. Bertini said that she would contact Dr. Johnson.

BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT - No response has been received from BCDHS regarding the 2009 contract. Mr. Kane stated that they may still be reviewing the correspondence from the Borough Attorney.

REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS - It was noted that more security may be necessary for the storage of vital statistics in the municipal office. Mr. Kane informed the Board that designs are being drafted for the office, and that it may be addressed at that time. He said that he would look into the matter.

REPORTSBergen County Department of Health Services

- Office of Public Health Nursing Services Report – July 1, 2008 thru December 31, 2008
- Immunization Audit Rpt – Our Lady of Mercy School – 3/5/09 audit & 3/19/09 re-audit
- Immunization Audit Rpt – West Ridge School – 3/29/09 audit
- Immunization Audit Rpt – Montessori Learning Ctr – 3/5/09 audit & 4/13/09 4/13/09 re-audit

Park Ridge Utilities

- Monthly Coliform Report – March 2009
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report for THM4 & HAA5
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter VOC Report for Wells 1-19
- Annual VOC Report for Well 20

CORRESPONDENCE

- NALBOH – 17<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference – July 1-3, 2009  
“Improving Public Health through Leadership and Knowledge”

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 Dr. Lincoln. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,