

Park Ridge, NJ
February 19, 2009
8:00 PM

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. Valas, Ms. Roy, Ms. Scheulen, Dr. Lincoln,
Mr. Meyer

ABSENT: Dr. Miller, Ms. Deppert, Ms. Lupardo

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. John Kane, Council Liaison
Mr. Bruce Bailey, Chief Inspector – Bergen County Department of
Health Services

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Dr. Lincoln motioned that the minutes of the
January 15, 2009 meeting be accepted. The motion
was seconded by Ms. Roy. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

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| • Postage – December 2008 | \$ 51.44 |
| • Postage – January 2009 | 38.48 |
| • John Crum Printing – 1000 BOH legal size envelopes | 88.00 |
| • NJLBHA & NALBOH 2009 membership dues | 190.00 |
| • Bergen/Passaic Registrar's Association 2009 dues | 20.00 |
| • Bergen Care Home Health – Contract Pymt – January 2009 | 123.00 |

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

REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST –

- EASTBROOK SCHOOL – A call was received from the parent of a student at Eastbrook informing the Board secretary that there was an infestation of roaches at the school. She stated that the books and backpacks of the students in certain of the classrooms had to be kept in another location of the school, because of the problem. Ms. Quinn checked with Mr. Sheldon Silver, Principal at Eastbrook, who said that he was aware of the situation. An exterminator had already come to treat the building. Ms. Quinn stated that she would be calling to check on the result.
- TOWN SCOOP – There was an emergency occurrence of flooding due to a broken water pipe. The entire establishment was destroyed, along with the dentist office next door to the Town Scoop. Ms. Quinn consulted with the Recovery Company. She advised Mr. Nick Saluzzi, Park Ridge Building Department, regarding the status of the building.
- MARRIOTT POOL – Dr. Valas asked if the Marriott was allowing outside memberships to the community for use of the pool. She stated that she saw a lot of children using the pool there. Mr. Bailey informed the members that if the Marriott is accepting memberships to the pool facility, the hotel is required to have a life guard on duty.

Mr. Bailey informed the Board that while the Environmental Health Specialist, Linda Quinn, is on maternity leave, the Bergen County Dept of Health Services will provide an experienced health inspector, along with a new hire, to service Park Ridge. When the new hire is trained, she will fill in until Ms. Quinn returns.

Mr. Bailey asked about the Board's decision regarding the approval of the 2009 contract with the Bergen County Department of Health Services. Ms. Bertini stated that it was still being discussed. Mr. Bailey said that the BCDHS lost the contracts with the municipalities of Rochelle Park and Hasbrouck Heights, but has new contracts with the municipalities of Kearney, River Vale, and Harrington Park.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER

Mr. Kane informed the Board that Ms. Lupardo, who had been appointed to the Board in January, would be sending in her letter of resignation. She teaches on Thursday nights and would be unable to attend the meetings. Ms. Bertini asked if anyone had a suggestion regarding a replacement for Ms. Lupardo. Ms. Roy suggested Ms. Donna DiBella and offered to contact her. Ms. Scheulen stated that in choosing a new member the greatest need of the Board should be considered. Dr. Valas suggested that the school be contacted to inquire as to whether or not a school nurse would like to join the Board. Ms. Bertini asked the Secretary to give her the name and phone number of the Park Ridge Superintendent of Schools.

TYCO ANIMAL CONTROL

Ms. Bertini asked the Board secretary to confirm that someone from Tyco would be coming to the March 19 meeting. The Board members stated that they would like to know more about:

- Tyco's policies regarding the euthanizing of animals
- Where the animals are disposed of
- What Tyco's facility is like
- How many personnel are on staff
- Tyco's response time, particularly on weekends
- What coverage is available on weekday nights and on weekends

BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

Ms. Bertini reported that the representative from the Northwest Regional Board of Health declined to give a proposal for services. She was told that they would have to re-structure and hire additional personnel in order to take on any additional municipalities.

The Board members decided that they would continue negotiating the contract with the Bergen County Department of Health Services. Mr. Meyer suggested writing a formal letter to the Health Officer, Hansel Asmar, to ask him why he hasn't attended any meeting of the Park Ridge Board of Health. Dr. Valas stated that the Health Officer should be reporting on what is happening at the State level and about what is happening with Public Health Policy.

Ms. Bertini stated that she has been in contact with Mr. Len Fiorenza, Assistant Chief of Health Services. He sent two proposals to the Board for the services of the Environmental Health Specialist; a proposal for one day of service and a proposal for one-and-a-half days of service. Ms. Bertini said that she feels the day-and-a-half option would be the best, which would mean a savings of \$8,000. from the original contract proposal. Mr. Kane agreed. Ms. Bertini suggested that the Board ask Mr. Fiorenza to:

- Verify the outstanding hours owed to the Borough of Park Ridge
- Inform him that the Board will be examining the hours spent in Park Ridge by the Environmental Health Specialist
- State that the Health Officer should attend at least one meeting per year or that he should conduct a meeting for the members
- State that the Board would like to have one-and-a-half days of service provided by the Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Meyer made a motion to contact Mr. Fiorenza. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scheulen. Unanimously approved.

Ms. Bertini and Mr. Kane agreed to compose a letter to Mr. Fiorenza. They will present it to the Borough Attorney, Robert Mancinelli, for his approval. Dr. Valas stated that Mr. Mancinelli might need a copy of Title 26 and NJ-AC-852 (Performance Standards).

POD

Dr. Valas reported that forty people, including Dr. Lincoln and Ms. Scheulen, attended the meeting regarding Points of Distribution. Dr. Valas was disappointed in the manner that the County presented things. Ms. Scheulen and Dr. Valas feel that Park Ridge should consider creating its own POD. The Elks Lodge could be a manageable place to set one up, and eighty one people would be needed. Park Ridge would have to write its own plan for the POD. Mr. Kane said that he would bring the issue up at the Mayor and Council meeting.

REPORTS

NJ Dept of Health and Senior Services

Annual Immunization Status Reports - Park Ridge High School
East Brook Elementary School
Our Lady of Mercy School
West Ridge Elementary School

Bergen County Department of Health Services

Immunization Audit Report - Kindercare Learning Center

Park Ridge Utilities

-January 2009 Coliform Report
-Letter to DEP-Bureau of Safe Drinking Water re: Monthly Total
Coliform Sampling – January 2009

Bergen Care Home Health – Summary Report for Oct, Nov & Dec 2009

CORRESPONDENCE

-NJLBOH – Workshop re: Role & Authority of Local BOH Members – 3/7 & 3/14
-NALBOH – 2009 Membership Welcome Packet

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,