

Park Ridge, NJ
June 18, 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, Dr. Valas, Ms. Scheulen, Dr. Lincoln,
Mr. Meyer

ABSENT: Ms. Deppert, Ms. Roy

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Jennifer Schnitzer and Ms. Linda Quinn,
Environmental Health Specialists –
Bergen County Department of Health Services

Mr. John Kane – Council Liaison

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Dr. Lincoln motioned that the minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Miller. All ayes.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES:

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| • Postage – May 2009 | \$ 34.96 |
| • West Books/Publications – NJ Stat:Title 26 | 60.00 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – May 2009 contract payment | 775.00 |
| • Tyco Animal Control – 4 emergency responses | 240.00 |
| • Bergen Care Home Health – contract pymt – May 2009 | 123.00 |
| • Hillsdale Child Health Conference – 1 child – May 2009 | 30.00 |

Mr. Meyer motioned that the invoices be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Miller. Unanimously approved.

REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST – MAY 2009

- A&P - Spoiled food was found in the butchering section of the meat department. The floor drains were found to have a lot of fat in them and had to be cleaned properly.
- LOLLIPOP NURSERY SCHOOL/CAMP - Ms. Schnitzer consulted with the owner regarding the changes in the regulations for camps. She also discussed the Virginia Graham Baker Act, which is a Federal law requiring every pool in the Country to have new covers over the suction devices.
- VALENTINO'S - Ms. Schnitzer reported that there was no hand sanitizer at the employee hand-wash sink, and that the dishwasher failed inspection. These were repeat violations. The restaurant was given a conditional rating, but was satisfactory upon re-inspection.
- RIDGE DINER – Complaints were received regarding the diner being open while construction was going on. Ms. Schnitzer inspected and consulted with the owner. All areas being renovated were completely segregated from the dining areas to avoid contamination.

- 99 OAK STREET - The owner of the residence was bitten by her own cat who, she claimed, then ran away. She was not sure if the animal had updated rabies vaccinations. Ms. Quinn faxed a bite/quarantine report to the nurses at the County, and she had the owner fill out a medical release, because she refused to get rabies shots.

PET CENSUS

Ms. Bertini asked the Board Secretary about the result of the pet census forms, which were sent out to the Borough residents. She reported that the number of forms returned were alot fewer than the number of animals registered for licenses. The forms did not give a good indication of the dog/cat population. Ms. Scheulen suggested including a reminder to license pets in with a utility bill mailing. Ms. Quinn stated that mailings do not usually work effectively, and she informed the Board again that Tyco is very effective when they do a census. Dr. Valas suggested educating the public regarding the licensing of pets on the Borough website and on PKRG. Ms. Bertini said that because of budget issues the Board should do the mailing and put info on the website and on PKRG, at the present time, rather than contacting Tyco. She said that she would draft something for a mailing, for the website and for PKRG.

Mr. Kane said that he would look at the police contract, which addresses the pet census. He suggested that if hiring Tyco to do a census was not being considered because of budget issues, it might be a possibility for them to do a census of half the Borough one year and the other half the next year.

Dr. Miller said that the Board should direct its efforts toward other matters, especially since Park Ridge doesn't have any rabies cases.

BERGEN CARE HOME HEALTH

Ms. Bertini informed the Board that its contract for nursing services and home health visits with Bergen Care Home Health was canceled by them, effective immediately, because it was no longer in their business model. The Board secretary was asked to obtain information, as soon as possible, from other sources that might be able to provide these services. It was suggested that the blood pressure screenings, done monthly at the Senior Club meetings as part of the nursing services, be done quarterly to cut down on the costs. Dr. Valas said that the extra monies could then be spent on doing some sort of community assessment to determine the needs of the vulnerable population.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF DOGS ALLOWED

Mayor Ruschman asked the Board Secretary if there is any limit on the number of dogs a resident is permitted to have in Park Ridge. There is no ordinance that addresses that issue at the present time. Ms. Quinn was asked to obtain sample ordinances for Board review from other municipalities that do have a limit on dogs.

FLU CLINIC

Dr. Valas informed the Board that The Plaza Regency would be willing to collaborate with the Borough in conducting a flu clinic. She also stated that there may be a separate campaign for the swine flu in the fall. If so, the Borough may have to set up a POD.

MEMBERSHIP

The Board Secretary was asked to put an ad in the Community Life and the Pascack Press for volunteers who might like to become a member of the Board of Health.

TYCO

It was reported that Tyco's presentation at the Park Ridge picnic was extremely successful. Ms. Bertini asked the Board Secretary to send a letter of thanks to Carol Tyler.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE 2009 CONTRACT WITH THE BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
BOARD OF HEALTH
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Park Ridge Board of Health is required to provide health services for the Borough residents, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has accepted a contract with the Bergen County Department of Health Services for the year 2009 to provide health and sanitarian services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Health of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Board President and Vice President are authorized to sign the contract with the Bergen County Department of Health Services for the year 2009.

Introduced by Board of Health Member Ms. June Bertini

Seconded by Board of Health Member Mr. Lou Meyer

Adopted: June 18, 2009

ATTEST:
Ms. Marilyn Miller

APPROVED:
Ms. June Bertini

VICE PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT

Certified to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Health at the meeting held on June 18, 2009.

Joan P. Higgins, Secretary

Dr. Valas abstained from voting on the resolution. All ayes.

BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Dr. Valas stated that the Board should have a professional from the BCDHS come to a meeting to inform the members of any new developments at the County, State and Federal levels affecting public health policy. It should be Health Officer Hansel Asmar or his designee. Mr. Kane suggested that a letter be drafted to Mr. Asmar suggesting three possible dates that he might attend. Mr. Meyer suggested that the Board invite Mr. Len Fiorenza, Assistant Chief of Administrative Services at the Bergen County Department of Health Services, because he was so informative when he attended the Board's November 2008 meeting.

REPORTS

Park Ridge Utilities

- Monthly Coliform Report – May 2009
- NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water – 2nd Qtr VOC Rpt
- NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water – 2nd Qtr Reports –
THM4 & HAA5
- NJDEP - Annual VOC Report

CORRESPONDENCE

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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 Mr. Meyer. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,