

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Jennifer Schnitzer, Environmental Health Specialist -  
Bergen County Department of Health Services  
Mr. Bruce Bailey, Chief Inspector -  
Bergen County Department of Health Services  
Mr. John Kane – Council Liaison  
Ms. Carol Tyler & Ms. Kim Tyler – Tyco Animal Control Services

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: Ms. Roy motioned that the minutes of the  
February 19, 2009 meeting be accepted. The motion  
was seconded by Mr. Meyer. Unanimously accepted.

APPROVAL OF INVOICES

- Postage – February 2009 \$ 26.06
- Joan Higgins – Reimbursement/Gift Basket for Linda Quinn 55.98
- Registrar's Assn of NJ – Spring Seminar – Joan Higgins/Liz Maggio 70.00
- Registrar's Assn of NJ – 2009 Membership Dues – Joan Higgins  
and Liz Maggio 50.00
- Tyco Animal Control – Jan 2009 Contract Pymt 775.00
- Tyco Animal Control- Feb 2009 Contract Pymt 775.00
- Tyco Animal Control – Feb 2009 – 1 emergency response 60.00
- Bergen Care Home Health – Contract Pymt – February 2009 123.00
- Hillsdale Child Health Conference – Feb 2009 – 1 child 30.00

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

REPORT – ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST

- WHISPERING PINES CONDOMINIUMS - A call was received from a resident at the complex reporting that someone in the area was feeding feral cats. Ms. Tyler said that Tyco also received a call regarding the matter. The Board asked about Trap, Neuter and Release programs. Ms. Tyler said that the program works best if people adopt the cats and license them rather than having them released. Ms. Deppert asked if Park Ridge should have an ordinance against the feeding of feral cats, and Ms. Tyler said that it would be a good idea. Mr. Bailey informed the Board that Woodridge has the best ordinance that he knows about, which states that if someone feeds the cats, he or she owns them and has to license them. He will obtain a copy of the ordinance for the Board.

- JOHN'S BAGELS - Ms. Schnitzer reported that John's Bagels was given a conditional rating because the hand-wash sink was inoperable, and items were stored, uncovered, in the walk-in refrigerator. The matters were addressed and Ms. Schnitzer gave them a satisfactory upon re-inspection rating.

Ms. Scheulen asked why the Board of Health doesn't inspect nail salons. Mr. Bailey said that they are regulated by the State Board of Cosmetology and are inspected periodically by the State.

#### TYCO ANIMAL CONTROL

The Board asked Ms. Tyler to report on the operation of her animal control service. She stated that Tyco services nineteen municipalities, has five salaried Animal Control Officers, and has five 24-hour pagers. She also provides the police department with an information sheet giving explicit directions on how to contact Tyco. She has a phone bank system, and it is very rare that someone is not responded to. Ms. Tyler made reference to an incident that occurred in January, when a Park Ridge resident claimed that she got no response from Tyco when she called to report that her cat was lost. Ms. Tyler informed the Board that the longest response time, even at night, is 30 minutes, and finds it very hard to believe that the resident was not contacted.

Ms. Tyler informed the Board members that she has an Emergency Management Shelter for animals, and that she has ICS and CERT Training. Tyco molds its services to the needs of each contracting municipality, knows how to face emergency situations, is priced competitively, and does not charge the municipalities for appearance in court for prosecution procedures. They provide an animal census service and charge 80 cents per household canvassed. Tyco has someone who is called in when wildlife trapping is necessary, at a cost of \$120. If Tyco finds a lost pet, it is brought to the local police department. Tyco has a policy of keeping animals for at least seven days at their facility. If the animal then seems to be vicious or sick, a veterinarian is consulted before anything is done with the animal. Ms. Tyler informed the Board that New Jersey has the strongest laws regarding vicious dogs. Municipalities are encouraged to pass ordinances requiring residents with dangerous dogs to have liability insurance, comply to strict rules regarding housing the animal, and pay a much larger fee to license the dog.

#### EMERGENCY SHELTER

Dr. Valas reported that she went to the Park Ridge High School and met with the person in charge of building maintenance, in order to see if the school would be a viable option to house a shelter. She said that there doesn't seem to be enough room to make it a possibility. Ms. Bertini asked if other schools should be used in addition to the high school. Dr. Valas said that it would require a lot more work.

#### BERGEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

Mr. Kane informed the Board members that he gave a draft proposal regarding changes to the contract to the borough attorney. The attorney would then correspond with the County. It was suggested by Mr. Kane that County Executive Dennis McNerney be copied on any correspondence with the Bergen County Department of Health Services, and the Board agreed. If there are any objections by the County Health Services to the proposal, the Board can negotiate the issues.

Ms. Bertini said that if too many hours are not used by the Environmental Health Specialist, maybe the Board should contract to have her in Park Ridge for only one day a week. Mr. Meyer suggested creating an Excel program that would record the number of visits made to establishments by the Health Specialist. The program could divide the establishments by category, e.g. restaurants, pre-packaged food establishments, etc.

#### REPORTS

##### Bergen County Department of Health Services

- Office of Health Promotion – 6 month period ending 12/2008
- Immunization Audit Report – Eastbrook School – 3/9/09

##### Park Ridge Utilities

- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr Report for Arsenic
- Feb 2009 Coliform Report
- Nitrate/Nitrite Annual Report – Well 4
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report for Disinfectant Residuals
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Report for Sodium

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### Bergen County Department of Health Services – Health Promotion Resource Center

- 2009 March/April publication of “The Health Resource Letter”
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NALBOH – Newsbrief – 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr 2009

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. Deppert. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,