

BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MARCH 20, 2007
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Metlitz at 7:45 pm, according to the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Elaine Metlitz
Dr. Gerhard Haas
Dr. Mary Clark
Janet Levine
Dr. Steven Sperber
Councilman Fred Singer
Secretary Fariba Negahban
Sanitarian, Jennifer Pontillo

Absent:

John Frey
Christine LaPaglia

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or corrections. There was a motion made and accepted to approve the minutes.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Clark had a question about the dogs quarantined on February 2nd, on Kenwood Drive. Fariba said one dog owner usually keeps the dog at a different residence in New York State. The sanitarian had contacted their local Board of Health to make sure the dog was vaccinated for Rabies, and for them to follow up on it. Later both dogs were released from quarantine. Dr. Haas asked about the Nail Salon complaint on February 6th. Fariba said that there was a complaint received a while ago in reference to illegal tattooing. Normally Hair and Nail

places are inspected by the State and not the town. Jennifer said Erika might have gone along with the State Inspector to check things out. They did not find any problems, and apparently the people working there were licensed to do cosmetic tattoos.

Dr. Haas asked about the release time of the dogs from quarantine on February 9th which did not seem long enough. Jennifer said that there is a ten day quarantine period and Erika probably received the information a couple of days after the actual incident, if she was not in the office that day. Elaine asked about the update on Café Cucina. Jennifer said that the Manager did sign up for a Food Handler's course in April, however the woman that was left there to run the place was not signed up or certified. Jennifer did give them a summons for that violation, and if they repeat the same offense within 6 months, the judge can close them. She told them that they need to have more people certified and working there, since the manager cannot be the only one there all the time. Later on February 20th, Café Cucina was given a Conditional status, due to problems with the food temperature that was delivered, and as a result the food was destroyed.

Elaine asked about Marco Polo on February 28th, in reference to the dumpsters. Jennifer said the garbage was not properly covered, and was all over; not properly maintained.

There were no further questions. There was a motion made to approve the February Sanitarian's report.

CASH RECEIPTS REPORT:

The cash receipts report was reviewed, which was mostly made up of any delinquent retail food license fees for 2007.

There was a motion made and so carried to approve the cash receipts report for February 2007.

WATER REPORTS:

Elaine asked about the Water Reports. Fariba said that since Larry Coslow had retired in December 2006, Park Ridge Water Company has been late with their monthly reports. Bill Beattie will attend the Board of Health meeting in April per the Board's request, along with their attorney. He will address the first quarter water reports as well as any other questions the Board might have.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the revision to chapter 270 of the Code book, related to the expiration date of food operator's licenses, which was submitted to Mayor and Council for their approval.

Next, Elaine referred to the Public Health Annex and said it seemed some of the responsibilities and duties of the Board of Health were revised and corrected. Janet Levine said that she was contacted by OEM to attend their next meeting. Dr. Haas commented that the document was written in a complex fashion and the procedure not easily understood. Elaine said the people in charge of implementing it, are hopefully able to follow its provisions. She then signed the document which will be given to Joseph Higgins, who is in charge the Office of Emergency Management.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next, the report of activities from the Office of Health Promotions was reviewed for the six-month period, ending December 31, 2006. Dr. Sperber asked about a DVD on skin cancer that was distributed by them to the schools. Janet Levine said she does not recall receiving any such DVD, and if they did it would be used to inform the teachers, and see if there is any useful information they could pass along to the students.

The Board discussed the upcoming Spring Newsletter. There will be a new section added under the Board of Health in reference to lightning and hazards associated with it. Dr. Haas said that there should be a segment added about bats and dangers they pose under the rabid animal section. Fred Singer said that the Perchlorate segment can be eliminated at this point. It was also decided that the poison ivy segment would be taken out to open up more space for the lightning information.

The Board reviewed the Mayor Advisory about Dog license fee from the State, which authorized municipalities to charge up to \$21.00 maximum for an annual dog license. It was decided that the current fees being charged for animal licenses need not be altered.

Next, there was a memo from Al Ferrara from the County, the Tobacco Control Coordinator, attaching a copy of their monthly minutes and inviting anyone who would like to attend the meetings. He also had mentioned hosting a town hall meeting in Woodcliff Lake to provide information and resources regarding alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, if the Board of Health was interested. Elaine said she did not think there would be a big turnout if such presentation was organized. Fred Singer said there is a Pascack Valley Coalition that addresses the above issues and gets parents and families involved to protect the children.

Dr. Sperber brought up the issue of reverse 911 service, which would facilitate contacting the residents in the event of an emergency, or school closing. Fred Singer said the Mayor and Council is in the process of voting on a contract for a new radio service, Northwest Bergen Dispatch, which will eliminate the Tri-Boro service and most likely be equipped with reverse 911.

There was a motion made and accepted, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on April 17, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Fariba Negahban
Board of Health Secretary

Approved by:

Elaine Metlitz
President, Board of Health