

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE**

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
October 16, 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  
Dr. Steven Sperber  
John Frey  
Janet Levine  
Christine LaPaglia  
Councilman Fred Singer  
Secretary Fariba Negahban  
Sanitarian, Linda Quinn

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the September meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or comments. There was a motion made and accepted to approve the minutes for the month of September, 2007.

**SANITARIAN'S REPORT:**

Dr. Haas asked a question about Kindercare on September 4<sup>th</sup>, in reference to hot water. Linda said that the kitchen had hot water, but not the rooms where the kids were, out of concern for them not to possibly get burned. Next, Dr. Haas asked about the A & P on September 7<sup>th</sup>, in reference to the temperatures in the frozen food area, and the sample results. Linda explained that the sample results were okay, and the bacterial levels were not that high. At this point the State Law is no longer in effect regarding the bacteria level in various types of mayonnaise salads, even though the County still takes samples and tests them, mainly as an indicator of the establishment's food handling procedures. Usually if there is a high bacteria count it is due to dirty equipment or hands and cross contamination. John Frey asked if the meat dept. gets inspected. Linda said it does, and in the

butcher area they are required to put in a hand wash sink. The A & P store is supposed to get renovated in January and they will put in the sink at that time.

Dr. Haas asked a question about the Hilton on September 7<sup>th</sup>, and their Gold Star Program, despite numerous violations. Linda said they received the Gold Star award last year, for 2007 since they went beyond the standards required. When she returned to inspect them this year, there were a lot of cleanliness issues and violations, and they were conditional. As a result they will not qualify for the same award next year. The Woodcliff Lake Rehabilitation Center on Chestnut Ridge Road will probably be nominated to receive the award for next year, since their facility is kept very clean. Dr. Haas asked about all the violations at the A & P. Linda said she discussed all the refrigeration problems and temperatures with the higher up managers, and had them get rid of all the foods in the Deli area that were out of temperature. The open refrigeration units need better servicing and all parts of the refrigerators need to be checked more often. They took care of the problem when she rechecked, and will keep a close watch to make sure the units are maintained properly.

Elaine asked about the bedbug situation at Sunrise Assisted Living. Linda explained she checked out the complaint, and was told that a resident's family had brought the bugs in when visiting her. The exterminator was in and checked her room and surrounding rooms. They treated her room three different times and concluded that there was no evidence of the bugs anywhere else. Linda said when she spoke with the Director on Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>, she was told the problem was abated. Fariba received a call on Monday from the daughter of a different Sunrise resident in another part of the building, that her father had been bitten by bedbugs over the weekend. Linda said she will have Sunrise bring in the exterminators again and check every room in the facility. It is not very easy to get rid of the bed bugs since they get into the rug and everything else in the area, and a few treatments are needed to take care of the problem.

Fred Singer asked a question about Casa Del Sole on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Linda said they had a high level of coliform in the shrimp salad. Dr. Clark asked about the baby food at the A & P, on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Linda explained that it had expired. There is now a new manager at the A& P who was transferred there from the Park Ridge store. Dr. Haas asked about the court on September 11<sup>th</sup>, and what the summonses related to. Linda said they had to do with violations when Jennifer Pontillo was still here. They were issued for Latte & Love, and Panera Bread who never showed up for court. They were rescheduled to come back, and Jennifer was subpoenaed to be there since Linda will be on vacation.

John Frey asked about Linda's visits to 2 Linda Terrace. She said the resident had called about sewer odors in her house. Linda asked her if there are bathrooms that are not being used on a regular basis which might cause the problem. The resident told her that was the case with an upstairs bathroom. Linda instructed her to run the water in that bathroom and to call her back if there

is still an odor. Usually not using the bathrooms for a while causes the drains to dry up, and the gas smell comes back into the house.

There were no further questions or comments. There was a motion made and accepted to approve the Sanitarian's report for September.

### **CASH RECEIPTS REPORT:**

The Cash Receipts report for September was not available at the time of the meeting, and will be reviewed at next month's meeting.

### **WATER REPORTS:**

Next, the Board reviewed the water reports and communication from the Department of Environmental Protection about the potable well water sampling. Linda spoke with the DEP representative and was told that the sampling was mainly on County Road where the perchlorate contamination level was detected to be higher than the acceptable standard. Fred Singer asked why certain homes were selected to be tested on the Water Reports, for lead and copper. They all seemed to be near each other. The Board Members asked Fariba to find out from Bill Beattie at Park Ridge Water Company, the relevance of locations and the difference between Type A and B Lead Service Lines.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Elaine asked about the monthly nursing service provided by Bergen Community HealthCare, who are affiliated with the Pascack Valley Hospital in Westwood, which will be closing soon. She said we need to look into a new service, perhaps HARP in Hackensack.

Fred Singer mentioned the closing of Pascack Valley Hospital in Westwood. Elaine said there is no way to save it at this point; there were some new sections added and a lot of money spent. It will probably be auctioned soon, and they have declared bankruptcy.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Elaine mentioned the CHIP Committee meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and if anyone was available to attend on behalf of Woodcliff Lake. No one was available to be present and Elaine asked if the County could send us their agenda or information in reference to material covered at the meeting. Janet Levine talked about attending the OEM meetings, and whether she should continue going to them. Elaine agreed that Janet should go to the meetings in the future.

Dr. Sperber mentioned the FAA and whether the Board of Health had sent a letter to the Mayor and Council in support of their efforts. Fariba said that she

spoke with the Administrator and he had said the Pascack Valley Mayors' Association has already taken full action and engaged a specialty law firm in the matter. They have included both Health and Noise hazards in their request. Fred Singer said that the Jet fuel that is given off would cause a lot of oily deposits when planes are flying at lower altitudes.

There was a motion made and accepted, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on November 13, 2007 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Fariba Negahban  
Board of Health Secretary

Approved by:

Elaine Metlitz  
President, Board of Health