

BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE

**BOARD OF HEALTH
November 13, 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
Secretary, Fariba Negahban
Sanitarian, Linda Quinn

Absent:

Councilman, Fred Singer

MINUTES:

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

SANITARIAN'S REPORT:

John Frey asked about Sunrise Assisted Living and the bedbug incidents there, throughout October. Linda explained about the original complaint received where a resident's room was infested, through visitors who had brought the bugs in. A few weeks later a different resident's room which is upstairs from the first person, on the other side of the building was infested. The resident had experienced a rash on his body, and was scratching himself. The state was notified and the facility was checked. They had brought in exterminators to rectify the problem, and made the housekeeping staff aware of the problem to be

vigilant. All common areas of the facility were checked and disinfected and they even sprayed the bus that transports the residents.

Elaine asked about Panera Bread on October 9th and 12th, and Linda said she checked them out again after the roach incident, and they had cleaned up the area. They do have new managers there, and Linda is trying to have them enforce the proper food handling procedures with their staff, since it seems they are incompetent at times and do not follow the rules.

Dr. Haas asked about the Fall Harvest Festival on October 17th. Linda explained that she was not here on that day to do the inspection for the mobile food vendor, but someone else was designated to check them. Unfortunately it rained all day and the event was cancelled. Linda said that even though the vendor is from out of town, he is licensed in the town where he normally operates, and then applies for a temporary license here for the day of the event.

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

CASH RECEIPTS REPORT:

The Cash Receipts reports for September and October were reviewed. Fariba explained about the October fees for food operator's licenses, for the Filenni store and the Harvest Fall Festival. The Cash Receipts reports were approved for September and October 2007.

WATER REPORTS:

Next, the Board reviewed the water reports and communication from Bill Beattie at the Park Ridge Water Company. The different types of pipes used in homes were discussed; lead versus copper with lead solder, depending on the time of construction.

Dr. Sperber asked about how the houses were selected for sampling purposes. It was concluded that the criteria for choosing certain houses was not clear. The Board asked the Secretary to find out the answer from Bill Beattie at Park Ridge Water Company.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elaine asked about any updates on the monthly nursing service provided by Bergen Community HealthCare. Fariba explained that she checked with various establishments to see what the town's options might be. She did speak with the current provider of the nursing services, and was told that the Bergen Community Health Care is hoping to continue servicing the different towns in 2008, since they have a few buyer interested in acquiring them.

Fariba said she also spoke with HARP, associated with Hackensack Medical Center, and they were not sure if they would be available to accommodate us. They will contact us. Another issue is to find a regional Child Health Center for referrals, and apparently Hillsdale has a Child Clinic within the Borough Hall. Fariba called the Bergen County Dept. of Health Services, as well. Once again they will check their resources and let us know if they are able to provide us with their services. The Board asked the Secretary to check with Westwood Board of Health as far as their plans for the monthly clinic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Janet Levine mentioned a case of Pertussis at the Middle school. She said that the child was not immunized at all, due to religious exemption. As of September 2008 there will be a mandatory booster required for pertussis, and the meningitis vaccine would be required as well.

Elaine mentioned the CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) meeting attended by the Chief of Police. Their report which outlined the Board of Health's various functions was reviewed. She also referred to a recent accident in town involving a child not wearing a helmet, and wanted to find out from the Police Dept. if they enforce the helmet safety rule.

There was a motion made and accepted, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on December 18, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Fariba Negahban
Board of Health Secretary

Approved by:

Elaine Metlitz
President, Board of Health