

WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH
April 21, 2010

This is the Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Health held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, in the Municipal Building, and called to order by President Frank Riccardelli at 7:35 p.m.

President Riccardelli read the following Sunshine Law: THIS IS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH. ADEQUATE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AND IT HAS BEEN DULY ADVERTISED BY THE PLACEMENT OF A NOTICE IN BOTH THE HERALD NEWS AND SUBURBAN TRENDS AND A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE.

ROLL CALL

Alice Beam, Amelia Bertelloni, Chris Demetriou, Frank Riccardelli, Linda Shafto, Laura Stiansen answered Roll Call. Mariann Vuksanic was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Christopher J. Chapman, Health Officer and Bernadette McDavitt, Public Health Nurse.

MINUTES

On a motion by Member Demetriou, seconded by Member Shafto, and on Roll Call, Minutes of the June 17, 2009 Meeting were accepted. On a motion by Member Demetriou, seconded by Member Shafto, and on Roll Call, Minutes of January 20, 2010 were accepted.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2009

Health	275.00
Vital Stats	867.00
Dog & Cats	215.00

September 2009

Health	1,083.00
Vital Stats	288.00
Dog & Cats	146.00

October 2009

Health	4,395.00
Vital Stats	594.00
Dog & Cats	54.00

November 2009

Health	235.00
Vital Stats	375.00
Dog & Cats	0

December 2009

Health	1,305.00
Vital Stats	491.00
Dogs	27.00

January 2010

Health	1,380.00
Vital Stats	542.00
Dogs & Cats	7,212.00

February 2010

Health	210.00
Vital Stats	346.00
Dogs & Cats	2,569.00

March 2010

Health	720.00
Vital Stats	1,073.00
Dogs & Cats	637.00

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Member Shafto seconded by Member Demetriou and on Roll Call, Financial Reports for the months of August, September, October, November, December 2009 were accepted. On a motion by Member Bertelloni seconded by Member Beam and on Roll Call, Financial Reports for the months of January, February and March 2010 were accepted.

Member Bertelloni requested an interpretation of the dog licensing fees and was given an explanation. Member Beam inquired about the difference in the \$15.00 dog license fee and the \$12.00 dog license fee. She was given the explanation.

Member Bertelloni made an inquiry regarding the complaints that Roy Stanley the Sanitarian investigates. She wanted to know if these complaints are discussed at the Board of Health Meetings. It was agreed to bring the complaints to the next Board of Health Meeting so the new members can get an idea of some of the complaints handled by the Health Dept. Member Demetriou said Chris Chapman oversees Roy Stanley so if there is an issue Chris is made aware and can make a report to us. Bernie mentioned Roy does a Food Handling Course and does spot checks. All the food reports for the next month will be brought to the next meeting.

Member Beam requested an explanation of the individual Core Activity Monthly Report. Chris Chapman and Bernie explained and went into some detail regarding the individual categories. They said it was a State Report for local health departments and it just so happens that a lot of the things on this report were for the health inspector or the health educator. Member Beam also inquired about Animal Control and some of Lisa Perry, the Animal Control Officer's duties. Bernie said it's a separate department under the Health Dept. Chris Chapman explained. Member Bertelloni asked if Lisa takes care of the dead animals on the road. Chris explained that she takes care of animals on the local roads, if it's on the county road then the county picks them up. She doesn't pick up deer they are too big. Space Farms is contracted to do this and paid through our budget. At the end of the year Lisa's sends a report.

NURSE'S REPORT

Distributed and reviewed were the Borough Nurse's 2009 Programs Report and 2009 Report of all communicable diseases that were reported to the state, the investigations that were done, as well as the number of confirmed cases. Bernie explained how an investigation is handled. Child health statistics will be given out next month. SMAC Clinic report was also distributed.

MONTHLY HEALTH REPORTS

On a motion by Member Bertelloni, seconded by Member Bean, and on Roll Call, the Monthly Health Reports were accepted.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Chris said last we spoke regarding Lysa DeLaurentis we went to court and there was a two month adjournment. We were in court last week and they adjourned until May 20th. He spoke with their attorney Kevin Sisco and said he's sort of acting as the go between and explaining to Lysa DeLaurentis what has to be done. I guess they're going to see what they can do by May 20th. Hopefully between now and then they will come up with a plan. According to the attorney they told him they were not keeping any animals there at this time. Member Demetriou said Lysa DeLaurentis is trying to get the proper plans and approval to actually go forward to start a kennel. Chris said the problem was they were keeping animals on the premises with the understanding or misunderstanding that because they were calling themselves an animal rescue that absolved them of the requirement to conform with state standards for shelters, kennels, pet shops and pounds and that they didn't have any need for record keeping, veterinary care and the facilities and everything else that goes with it. So I guess their attorney has explained that to them so they can move ahead.

We haven't had any problems with smoke stacks this winter.

Chen's restaurant is moving over to where the bakery was located on Ringwood Ave. They have a building permit and are undergoing renovations. A new store, Jolly Julies, opened without a license, they've since been inspected and their now okay. Bernie spoke about HINI. A rise in cases was expected in April which she hasn't seen. She said we still are getting notification from the schools. The schools have to notify us if they see an inordinate number of students absent with (ILI) Influenza Like Illnesses. She has not seen that in the town. The main place for it now is in the South. We immunized over 3,000 people. Right now we're not hearing too much about it. She did have a difficult time getting people back for their boosters. People are not aware that it's around. It was a great POD exercise.

The SMAC program was held at the First Aid Building. It was an excellent program. We had less people sign up of it than in previous years. Sixty-five people were seen. It takes about a week and a half before the report comes back. We keep a copy, a copy is send to the patient and one to the doctor. Bio Reference Labs analysis the blood.

Member Bertelloni said the Board received a letter from the Wanaque Reserve regarding dust particles in the building and some of the residents getting sick from it and wanted that documented. Chris said that was not something the local health department gets involved in. Roy Stanley was in contact with someone from the Wanaque Reserve and he referred them to either a state or county agency. Member Bertelloni wanted to know if that might be one of the complaints reflected in Roy's report. Chris said that might be one of the complaints on the report. She also asked if there was an ordinance regarding time of pickup for garbage. She was told garbage should not be put out before 6PM the night before pickup.

Member Stianson asked if there was an ordinance regarding a type of container for garbage. Member Stianson said the bears are getting into the garbage and scattering it all about. Chris said if someone has a container and a bear gets into it and scatters the garbage around those people are responsible for cleaning it up. If they don't we can get on them for that. Roy Stanley has been looking into the complaints regarding scattered garbage at Decker and Fourth Ave.

Chris asked about any up coming programs. Bernie said we have a child health care on May 7, and Female Cancer Screening usually held at the end of June.

Chris said with the way things are going we have to watch our budget more. Our flu clinics will be more costly this year because the vaccine given for those over sixty-five will be more expensive. Last year we had 580 doses which cost \$5,000 and change. We get this money back through Medicare. This year we will be ordering 600 doses at a cost of \$2,000 more because of the increase expense for the new vaccine for those over 65 years. Chris said the money that comes in does not go into the Health Dept. budget but to the current general fund.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Bertelloni seconded by Member Beam, and on Roll Call, meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Smerklo, Secretary