

WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH

January 20, 2010

This is the Re-organization Meeting and Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Health held on Wednesday 20, 2010, in the Municipal building, and called to order by President Frank Riccardelli at 7:30 p.m.

President Riccardelli read the following Sunshine Law: THIS IS THE RE-ORGANIZATION AND 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 THE SUBURBAN TRENDS ON JANUARY 12, 2010 AND A NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETING BOARD IN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE.

ROLL CALL

Frank Riccardelli, Laura Stiansen, Alice Beam, Amelia Bertelloni, Chris Demetriou answered Roll Call. Marianne Vuksanic arrived at 7:40. Linda Shafto was absent.

ALSO PRESENT

Christopher Chapman, Health Officer; George Theoharous, Council Liaison; Bernie McDavitt, Public Health Nurse and Mayor Daniel Mahler.

REORGANIZATION

Mayor Daniel Mahler swore in two new members Alice Beam and Amelia Bertelloni prior to the start of the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Frank Riccardelli asked for nominations for President. Alice Beam nominated Frank Riccardell, seconded by Laura Stiansen. No other nominations heard. Nominatins closed. On Roll Call to nominate Frank Riccardelli, all present voted yes; Frank Riccardelli abstained. Frank Riccardelli is elected President.

Frank Riccardelli asked for nominations for Vice President. Frank Riccardelli nominated Chris Demetriou, seconded by Laura Stiansen. No other nominations heard. Nominations closed. On Roll Call to nominate Chris Demetrious, all present voted yes; Chris Demetriou abstained. Chris Demetriou is elected Vice President.

MINUTES

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

The Monthly Financial Reports for August, September, October, November, and December were distributed. Member Riccardelli suggested withholding acceptance of minutes and financial reports until the next meeting so everyone would have time to look reports over.

Rabies Clinic 2009 Report was distributed and reviewed by members.

The Third Wednesday of the month for the regular meeting dates will stay the same.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Chris spoke regarding the H1N1 clinics, there were 8. Roughly 3,500 residents were immunized from both Ringwood and Wanaque. Everything went off well. Significant at six of these clinics was the fact it opened up our POD located at Lakeland Regional High School. That is the Emergency Point of Distribution of Meds should there be an emergency situation that would require mass immunizations. It was good we had these practices in case of a real event.

Chris had accompanied the ASPCA from the State to do an inspection at 781 Ringwood Ave., Lysa DeLaurentis' pound, which is sheltering cats. They issued her a notice stating she can not keep cats outdoors in the winter time and Chris issued a couple of summons for unlicensed dogs and cats in violation of the ordinance that states a person can not have more than three animals and she exceeded that number. Court is pending. They are not an approved kennel, pet shop, pound, or shelter so they cannot collect these animals. Chris has been asking for records on the animals she receives because she's operating as an animal control officer for Totowa, Garfield, West Paterson and Kinnelon. She hasn't presented any records as to where the animals came from or their status as to where they finally end up. She says she's been placing them in other impounding facilities. We don't know what she does with her animals when she gets them. The State is very interested in that and they are looking into it.

Also there is the issue of cats. We did not know she was keeping cats, however, it was discovered during the inspection that she was keeping cats. Some outdoors and some in the cellar of her house. She needs to be able to account for those as well. I requested records from her every time I've been there and I never receive any records. According to her she takes the animals to a kennel, keeps them there for seven days after which she basically takes possession of them as in adopting them. If she does that they need to be licensed. She doesn't have them all licensed. Member Riccardelli asked if she is looking for approval to become a kennel or shelter. Chris said she is looking for approval to become a kennel or pound, however, they have submitted a couple of plans but the plans do not meet the standards that are required for kennels, shelters, pet shops, or pounds. The biggest issue that she has is she must have a septic system or be connected with the sewer because of the state regulations requiring a kennel be provided with a utility sink, hand washing sink, and proper heating since a requirement is the washing down of a kennel every day. They came up with a plan that didn't meet requirements. We went over requirements for a septic system. She namely needs to have a licensed professional engineer design it and plans that conform with state requirement codes.

Also they started to do demolition without permits. They submitted a plan to the construction department but it is not approved yet. The construction official went down there and put a stop work order on because they were doing electrical, construction and demolition without permits. My primary concern is in the facility, that the animals are kept in a humane environment. The

ASPCA looked around and had no problems with the treatment of animals aside from some cats being kept outside in the cold.

NURSES'S REPORT

Bernie McDavitt thanked everyone for coming and for all the help she receives. She spoke about the clinics she runs throughout the year and where they are held. Some are the Audio/visual/dental clinics for both children and adults along with skin cancer screening, female cancer and male cancer screening. For some of the screenings we use Lakeland Regional High School's nurse's office and other programs like the SMAC Clinic and Health Fair we hold in the First Aid Building. We have Blood Pressure Clinics usually five a month and child health is once a month. Patients also come into my office for individual appointments. Social Services are needed more than ever with people loosing their jobs and with having low- income housing in town people really do need help.

At the H1N1 clinics she had approximately 25 volunteer nurses and 3 Doctors were involved. Everyone was impressed and happy with the speed at which the immunizations were handled. There was approximately a 12-minute wait. This was a very good experience to see how it might be if under fire during an emergency.

Member Bertelloni asked if we received financial reimbursement from the Feds for the H1N1 immunizations. Chris answered yes we are under a grant from the Feds actually the State.

Chris also mentioned the numbers for the rabies clinic was almost 400. Up considerably from previous years. More people are making use of the clinic than in the past.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Riccardelli, seconded by Member Stiansen, and on Roll Call, meeting adjourned at 8:26p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Smerklo