

WANAQUE BOARD OF HEALTH
September 15, 2010

This is the Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Health held on Wednesday, September 15, 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

Frank Riccardelli, Linda Shafto, Mariann Vuksanic, answered Roll Call. Laura Stiansen, Alice Beam and Amelia Bertelloni were absent. Chris Demetriou came in at 7:40.

ALSO PRESENT

Christopher J. Chapman, Health Officer.

MINUTES

On a motion by Member Shafto, seconded by Member Vuksanic and on Roll Call Minutes of the April 21, 2010 meeting were accepted.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

April 2010

Health	1225.00
Vital Stats	691.00
Dog & Cats	587.00

May 2010

Health	1,315.00
Vital Stats	998.00
Dog & Cats	186.00

June 2010

Health	866.00
Vital Stats	609.00
Dog & Cats	517.00

July 2010

Health	368.00
Vital Stats	483.00
Dog & Cats	2634.00

<u>August 201</u> Health	260.00
Vital Stats	264.00
Dogs	532.00

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On a motion by Member Shafto seconded by Member Demetriou and on Roll Call, Financial Reports for the months of April, May, June, July and August 2010 were accepted.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Chris reported that we would be back in court with Lysa DeLaurentis tomorrow morning. Last month DeLaurentis was issued a summons for having too many animals and also for running an illegal shelter. Her attorney said DeLaurentis will agree to plead on the number of dogs issue, provided she agrees to not operator as a shelter, kennel, pet shop or pound, unless she is licensed by the town. He was going to write that up and bring it in tomorrow. They will get a fine as far as the shelter would go. They have five animals already, the limit on animals is six for their property. We would be allowed to inspect the property to make sure there are no animals at this time and to see in the records where the animals went that she had. Member Riccadelli inquired that in order for her to get a license she would have to have the correct facilities. Chris said she would have to meet the 8:52 NJ Statute. Chris said an interesting thing came up when they set up a soil testing to be done with the idea of pursuing a septic system to serve the animal facility. Tom Carroll brought it to our attention the borough had past an ordinance as of last January or February requiring any property within 200ft of a sewer main must hook up. That means the two houses and the animal facility would have to connect, I believe at \$6,500 apiece plus \$215.00 per quarter per house. If they decide to hook up to the sewer, then they can pursue the idea of having an animal facility there, which would require them to do all the other things that are required under code to get a license from the health department here. Member Riccardelli inquired if they are presently on septic. Chris said the two houses there are presently on septic systems. Member Riccardelli asked if they can make the case that the septic systems are there and kind of grandfather in their existence. Chris said he supposes they could with the two existing houses but they couldn't add the kennel without a septic system.

Chris also talked about the Selim's property at 19 Skyland Ave. Heidi Beattie was complaining about sewerage running down onto the back of her property. The house directly behind her property, 19 Skyland Ave has an overflowing septic. We've been going around with the Selims for the summer. We had a court date with them a month ago. They were supposed to get it fixed, we send them a list of licensed contractors, they never did anything until yesterday. They contacted a guy who called us and there's nothing he can do, it's just too soon. I was up there today, there was a strong order of sewerage and it is running down the hill again. They are in foreclosure. Member Riccardella asked if it has been foreclosed upon. Chris said when a house goes into foreclosure it seems as if it's a long process. The bank, Chase in this case, notifies the homeowner that foreclosure proceedings have started. What we do is notify the mortgage holder of the problem, they notify the town in case there's any judgments or anything against the property and so we sent to the bank copies of the summons that we issued. Chris doesn't know if the Selims weren't doing anything and then the bank called and said we got notice from the town

of the septic problem or whether they are in fear of coming to court tomorrow. So that's another case.

Chris mentioned Bernie had requested to have another health clinic. He said there is no money. When the budget was finally settled we had no idea how little there was. We were allowed to get vaccines given the clinic pays for itself. It's pretty much based on if we're taking in money to cover the cost of the clinic, then we can do it. Things are tight and they will be for a while.

The Flu Clinics will be held on October 8, 2010 at the First Aid Building on Melrose Ave. from 1pm-3pm and 7pm-8pm.

The Rabies Clinic will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 from 9AM – 12:00PM – Noon at the Borough Garage, First Ave. Haskell. Member Riccardelli said he would take care of the Rabies' Clinic.

There were no objections to keeping the health meeting dates for 2011 on the third Wednesday of the month.

Jennifer Fiorito will be our Register of Vital Statistics. She's already been trained for it.

Member Beam wanted it noted that Chen's restaurant has had their doors opened all summer. She would like the Health Dept. to look into this. Roy Stanley is aware of the problem and will address it. Chris said if we see it again they could get a summons on the spot. Member Demetriou inquired about having the doors opened without a screen. Chris said there must be a screen door if the doors are opened.

There was a brief discussion on the resolution sent by the Fish & Game Council regarding Trap Neuter Release and Free Ranging Domestic Cats. Member Riccardelli said if anyone is really interested he has a summary of research.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Demetriou seconded by Member Vuksanic, and on Roll Call, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Smerklo, Secretary