

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH**

**February 11, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Conference Room - Municipal Building**

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order at 7:46 PM by Mr. Beattie

**ROLL CALL** Mr. Beattie, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Mrs. West – All Yes

**OTHERS PRESENT** Senior Sanitary Inspector Deborah A. McGrath and Thomas J. Romans, Esq.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT** **This meeting is being held in accordance with the regulations of the Public Meetings Law, notices of which were sent to The Record, Suburban Trends and any other persons requesting same.**

**OATHS OF OFFICE** Oaths of Office were administered by Mr. Romans to Ms. Walpole and Ms. West.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**MINUTES** The Board reviewed the January 14, 2008 meeting minutes.

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Mr. Talucci minutes approved.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West – All Yes

**REPORTS** The Board reviewed the following reports:

Secretary's/Registrar's Report – January 2008  
Sanitarian's Monthly Report – January 2008

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Walpole, reports accepted.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West – All Yes

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Walpole, the following bills approved:

**2007**

12/01/2007 – North Jersey Media Group (Publish Adoption of Ord. #07-Code-81)	\$ 35.84
01/30/2008 – The Valley Hospital (4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2007 Community Wellness Program)	\$1041.60

**2008**

01/19/2008 – Ramapo Valley Animal Hospital (Administer 25 Rabies Vaccinations)	\$ 125.00
02/01/2008 – Oakland Animal Hospital (Administer 59 Rabies Vaccinations)	\$ 295.00

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Mrs. West - All Yes

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ZEYTNIA**

The owners of this establishment were summoned to appear before the Board.

### **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

Motion of Mr. Talucci, seconded by Ms. Walpole, meeting opened to the public.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West – All Yes

Mr. Arthur Corby, Manager, and Mr. Nuri Bal, Deli Manager and Manager of Public Relations, introduced themselves. Messrs. Corby and Bal were authorized to represent the owners, both of whom could not be present at the meeting.

Inspector McGrath explained to the Board the reason for Zeytinia's appearance, i.e., since the establishment opened last July, the required staff had not been trained in food handling. According to Borough of Oakland Board of Health Code, two food handlers in each department must be certified in food handling.

Inspector McGrath stated that Inspector Bob Jernick had conducted a Chapter 24 food inspection of the establishment that morning and found numerous deficiencies resulting in a conditional rating. Inspector McGrath stated that had the required staff been certified in food handling, many of the mistakes in temperatures and food storage would have been better handled. The report which contained four pages of comments and deficiencies was given to Cecelia. The most serious violations included no shellfish tags which must be kept for 90 days in the event of a recall or shellfish incident; temperature abuse in the hot-held foods; improper food storage in the walk-in boxes, including storing raw eggs over ready-to-eat foods and raw chicken over prepared soups, both of which can cause cross-contamination. There was a broken hand-wash sink in the food prep area, and the sushi station had no pH meter to test pH of the acidified rice, a requirement. Other deficiencies included walk-in boxes not being clean along with other problems in this area. Inspector Jernick indicated in his report that a fully trained staff would've prevented these problems from occurring.

Inspector McGrath went on to explain how often the courses are offered. Mr. Bal asked if there is a limit of three people from an establishment that can attend the same class. Inspector McGrath responded that she believed that was correct. Mr. Bal said three people just took the Food Handler's Course in February, and they are waiting for certificates. Three other people are registered for the class scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bal disputed the claim that raw chicken was found over the soup. He said this is never done. Inspector McGrath quoted from Inspector Jernick's report which stated that, "Uncovered chicken in a bowl directly over uncovered carrot ginger soup was found in walk-in #2." Mr. Bal said he would obtain a copy of the report from Cecilia and they will work as a team to rectify the issues.

Mr. Talucci asked what employees had already received training and in which departments they work. The three employees who took the class work at the deli counter, in the kitchen, and in the meat department. One person in the sushi

department and two kitchen workers are scheduled to take the class in March. Mr. Talucci also asked if there are any other departments with no trained staff. Inspector McGrath mentioned the bakery and produce departments. Mr. Beattie added that the more certified workers they have the better, especially if someone calls in sick. Mr. Beattie added that there will be trouble if the health inspector shows up and no employees trained in food handling are present. Inspector McGrath stated that having two trained employees in each department is beneficial since one employee could staff the department during the day and the other in the evening. This would also provide coverage should an employee be out due to illness. Inspector McGrath said she will call the County to inquire about the limit of three people from one establishment being allowed in a class. Ms. Walpole asked about people trained in the 18-hour class. There are two certified food managers.

Ms. West asked if there were any other issues with the establishment, and Inspector McGrath responded that there were a few problems when the establishment first opened, all of which have been corrected. Ms. Walpole expressed her concern about out-of-temperature food as this can cause very serious illness. Inspector McGrath stated that Inspector Jernick will conduct a reinspection in a week. Mr. Bal stated he would meet with his entire staff and asked if Mr. Jernick would be available to attend. Mr. Beattie said it could be arranged, with adequate notice, and advised Mr. Bal to call the office to make the arrangements. Mr. Beattie thanked Messrs. Bal and Corby for coming. The gentlemen, in turn, thanked the Board and stated they would like to work together to get all of the issues resolved.

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Motion of Ms. Walpole, seconded by Mr. Talucci, meeting closed to the public.

Roll Call: Mr. Beatte, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West – All Yes

**REQUEST FOR A CHANGE DRAWER**

**8:20 PM – Dr. Davis entered the meeting.**

The Board reviewed a draft memo to CFO Raymond Herr outlining the reasons for this request. Ms. Dubowick explained to the Board that making change from three different accounts and her own personal money is causing problems. Taking the elevator upstairs to obtain change is a waste of time, as change is not always available. Having a change drawer would increase office efficiency and avoid accounting errors. The Board agreed with Ms. Dubowick's assessment of the situation and her recommendation; therefore, the Board granted authorization to send the memo.

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER CANDIDATE**

The Board reviewed Ms. Roberta Wilgus' resume and agreed that her background and qualifications made her a good Board member candidate. The Board, therefore, directed Ms. Dubowick to send a memo to Councilman Pasquale Pignatelli requesting that Ms. Wilgus' name be submitted to the Mayor and Council for appointment.

**REVISION OF STATE SEPTIC CODE**

Inspector McGrath addressed the Board about the proposed changes to the State Septic Code. Inspector McGrath said that privies will be banned under the new code and, in the case of a septic alteration, getting as close to the code as possible will no longer be allowed. In cases where the code cannot be met, a pre-treatment system must be installed. Since pre-treatment systems require maintenance, Inspector McGrath recommended that the maintenance ordinance previously considered for adoption and tabled two years ago be reconsidered. Mr. Beattie asked Inspector McGrath to start working on the ordinance so it can be reviewed and introduced when the revised state septic code is ready for publication.

**HOUSING INSPECTION  
195 RAMAPO VALLEY  
ROAD**

Inspector McGrath addressed the Board about a complaint received regarding the living conditions in the second floor apartment of this building. Inspector McGrath and the Building Inspector jointly inspected the premises and abatement notices will be issued.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion of Ms. Walpole, seconded by Ms. West, the meeting was adjourned 8:50 PM.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Talucci, Ms. Walpole, Ms. West – All Yes

APPROVED:

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Ronald Beattie, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karin Kennedy Dubowick, Secretary

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_