

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH

July 14, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

Conference Room - Municipal Building

- CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM by Mr. Beattie
- ROLL CALL** Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes
- OTHERS PRESENT** Thomas J. Romans, Esq., and Senior Sanitary Inspector Deborah A. McGrath
- 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.**
- MOTION TO SUSPEND REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS** Motion of Ms. Wilgus, seconded by Mr. Tiffinger, the regular order of business was suspended to welcome new Board member, Mark Ostapczuk.
- Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes
- OATH OF OFFICE** Mr. Ostapczuk thanked the Board and took the Oath of Office, administered by Mr. Romans.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- MINUTES** The Board reviewed the June 2008 meeting minutes.
- Motion of Ms. Wilgus, seconded by Mr. Tiffinger, the minutes were approved.
- Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes. Messrs. Ostapczuk and Tiffinger abstained.
- REPORTS** The Board reviewed the following reports:
- Sanitarian's Monthly Report – May 2008
Secretary's/Registrar's Monthly Report – May 2008
- Mr. Beattie commented about a chemical spill that occurred at one of Oakland's schools to which Bergen County Hazmat responded. Mr. Beattie noted that the Health Department had neither been notified of the event nor received a report. Mr. Beattie said he would like the Health Department's inspectors to be aware of any event in Oakland to which Hazmat is summoned so follow-up, from a public health perspective, can be done, if necessary. A memo had been sent to the Police and Fire Departments requesting notification. Mr. Beattie requested that Ms. Dubowick carbon copy the Borough Administrator on all future memos.
- Mr. Tiffinger said that, in the past, the County sent reports of Hazmat activity to local boards of health and asked Inspector McGrath to contact Tony DeCandia in the Environmental Division to request copies.

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Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Wilgus, the May 2008 Sanitarian’s Report and Secretary’s/Registrar’s Report were accepted.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Wilgus, the following bills were approved:

07/09/2008 – Ramapo Valley Animal Hospital (14 Rabies shots administered)	\$85.00
07/08/2008 – Oakland Animal Hospital (15 Rabies shots administered)	\$75.00
06/17/2008 – Borough of Waldwick (Three children seen for shots only at 6/10/08 CHC)	\$45.00

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus - All Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**LETTER TO SENATORS
BUCCO & CARDINAL RE
VACCINE OPT-OUT**

Mr. Beattie’s letter on behalf of the Board was mailed to the Senators on June 26th. To date, a reply has not been received. Mr. Beattie asked if any members of the Board would be interested in going to Trenton to testify should the Board be requested to do so. Ms. Wilgus and Mr. Tiffinger expressed interest.

NEW BUSINESS

ILLNESS OUTBREAK

Inspector McGrath addressed the Board about an illness outbreak that occurred in early June at Crystal Lake. An Oakland Brownie Troop had held an end-of-the-year party at the lake and brought food to the event. All those who became ill (10 to 10 to 12 people, were connected with the Brownie Troop. Symptoms included vomiting and diarrhea occurred, and onset occurred two days following the event. One child had been taken to the doctor and a stool sample was taken. The results of the stool sample had not been to the Health Department.

The pool manager reported that a number of students at the high school had experienced similar symptoms the previous week. This information had not been reported to the Health Department, and with schools currently closed, follow-up is impossible.

Inspectors Jernick and McGrath conducted the initial investigation which included an inspection of the food stand and review of water sample results, neither of which revealed a problem. All subsequent water sample results have been within acceptable range. Inspector McGrath turned over to Bergen County’s epidemiologist and public health nurses the contact information for those whom had become ill. All were contacted, but no one directly involved in the outbreak was willing to talk.

The Board discussed the matter, concluding that the source of the outbreak would be difficult to determine without the cooperation of those involved.

**CHRONIC BLOOD
SHORTAGE – WORK-
PLACE BLOOD DRIVE**

Ms. Dubowick reported that a LINCOS message had been received urging workplaces to hold blood drives to address the acute blood shortage that exists statewide and asked about conducting a Borough employee blood drive. The Board discussed the matter and considered the possibility of conducting a drive in mid-September when school is back in session. The Board directed Ms. Dubowick to contact the local blood bank to find out what would be required to hold a blood drive.

**SEPTIC PLAN REVIEW
NEW CONSTRUCTION**

651 Ramapo Valley Road, Block 2503, Lot 5.02

Inspector McGrath had reviewed and approved this plan and presented it to the Board for approval. The Board thoroughly reviewed the plan.

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Mr. Tiffinger, the Board approved the septic plan for 651 Ramapo Valley Road.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West – All Yes
Ms. Wilgus abstained.

**MOTION TO OPEN
MEETING TO THE
PUBLIC**

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Mr. Ostapczuk, the meeting was opened to the public.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

VALLEY PUB

Mr. Paul Beshlian introduced himself as a resident of Pompton Lakes, NJ and owner of Cousins Hospitality, LLC, trading as Valley Pub, a restaurant located at 588 Ramapo Valley Road.

Mr. Beattie explained that Mr. Beshlian and his partner, Mr. Bruce Indoe, were invited to attend the meeting to discuss whether the eight-hour ServSafe Food Manager's Course that Mr. Beshlian had taken meets the Food Manager's Course requirements in the Board of Health Food Ordinance.

Inspector McGrath said that the Board of Health food ordinance requires the owner or manager of Oakland food establishments to take and pass an 18-hour Food Manager's Course. The course the County offers is the ServSafe course. At the end of the course, participants are administered an exam designed and graded by ServSafe. A certificate is issued by ServSafe to those achieving a passing grade. The National Restaurant Assn. also offers the ServSafe Course, using the same book, with supposedly the same ServSafe exam and certificate; however, the course is an 8-hour, one-day course, versus the County's 18-hour, six-week course. The dilemma that exists is that the Board of Health ordinance requires an 18-hour course, and Mr. Beshlian took an 8-hour class. The County's Principal Sanitarian in charge of all the food safety classes found Mr. Beshlian's certificate unacceptable because the length of the course doesn't meet the code requirements.

Mr. Beshlian was of the opinion that the course he took met the Food Manager's Course requirement because it was a condensed version of the 18-hour course. He believed the same type of ServSafe exam was administered for both courses. Inspector McGrath reported the Serv-Safe certificates issued for the County-administered course and the ServSafe-administered course are exactly the same.

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Each certificate has a detachable stub that indicates which course was administered. Without the stub, however, there is no way to determine which course was attended. The certification is good for five years.

Mr. Romans noted that the ordinance would have to be changed if the Board decides to recognize the eight-hour course as meeting the requirement. Mr. Tiffinger stated that the current 18-hour food manager’s course was the ServSafe standard used at the time the ordinance was originally adopted.

Mr. Beshlian said that it is difficult for a hands-on owner/manager, such as himself, to take 18 hours away from his business over the course of six successive weeks to attend the County’s class. It’s far easier to take a full-day course on his one day off. Mr. Beattie asked if the eight-hour and 18-hour course material is identical, but no one was able to confirm this. Mr. Tiffinger stated that he would find out.

Mr. Beattie stated that no action was being taken against the establishment and that more information would have to be obtained. The Board agreed to extend Valley Pub’s temporary food license until the end of September when the matter of the food course is resolved. There would be no charge for this extension.

MOTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Motion of Ms. Wilgus, seconded by Ms. West, the meeting was closed to the public.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

OTHER BUSINESS

POD TRAINING AND SURVEY

It was reported that Ms. Dubowick was closed out of the June POD (mass prophylaxis point of distribution) Training due to the large response. The training will be repeated in September.

The County is conducting a survey of local municipalities to determine their interest in and ability to host a POD. The Board discussed how hosting a POD in Oakland would benefit residents by making medication more accessible and agreed that to do so would require all emergency services to be on board. Also discussed was the possibility of co-hosting a POD with several other towns, such as Franklin Lakes and Mahwah, due to the POD’s staffing requirements (a minimum of 60 to 70 people per POD.)

The Board agreed that the best course of action to take is Option #4 on the survey, “to participate in a regional town hall type discussion on the running of a municipal POD”. The Board also agreed that the Mayor and Council would best be suited to respond to the survey and directed Ms. Dubowick to send the survey and a memo with the Board’s recommendation to Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli.

BERGEN COUNTY DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES FORUM

Ms. Wilgus and Ms. Dubowick attended this event held on June 24th. The head of each Department provided attendees with an overview of services available to Bergen County residents. The forum, Ms. Wilgus, added was extremely informative and provided information that she felt would also be of benefit to Oakland’s schools. Ms. Dubowick reported on Bergen County’s new Wellness Program which offers Bergen County residents discounts on prescriptions, pet prescriptions, eyeglasses, tooth whitening, hearing aids, diabetic supplies and more. Discount cards are

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available from the County and Ms. Dubowick will order a supply. Ms. Wilgus and Ms. Dubowick both felt the forum was well worth attending.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Mr. Ostapczuk, seconded by Mr. Tiffinger, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Roll Call: Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

APPROVED:

Ronald J. Beattie, President

ATTEST: _____
Karin Kennedy Dubowick, Secretary

DATE: _____