

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH

June 9, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.

Conference Room - Municipal Building

CALL TO ORDER Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by Mr. Beattie

ROLL CALL Mr. Beattie, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. Walpole, 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.**

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES The Board reviewed the May 12, 2008 meeting minutes.

Motion of Ms. Walpole, seconded by Ms. West, May 12, 2008 meeting minutes approved.

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

REPORTS The Board reviewed the May 2008 Sanitarian's Monthly Report.

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Walpole, the May 2008 Sanitarian's Monthly Report was accepted.

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

The Board reviewed the May 2008 Secretary's/Registrar's Report.

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Walpole, the May 2008 Secretary's/Registrar's Report was accepted.

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

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

5/23/2008 – Bergen County Dept. of Health Services (Public Health Contract – 1/1/08 – 6/30/08)	\$60,166.50
5/23/2008 – Bergen County Dept. of Health Services (Animal Control Contract – 2 nd Qtr. '08)	\$ 4,581.00

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NAIL SALON ORDINANCES

The Board reviewed two ordinances, one from Hackensack and one from Ridgefield, and discussed enforceability of the ordinances as well as merging the two into one ordinance that addresses just the issue of nail salons. Also discussed was the importance of educating the public about what to look for to ensure that proper equipment sanitizing measures are being taken to prevent the spread of highly contagious nail fungus infections from one patron to another.

Motion of Mr. Talucci, seconded by Ms. Wilgus, the Board tabled this matter until September and requested that Mr. Romans review the ordinances, conduct further research and report back to the Board in September.

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

NEW BUSINESS

NOEL V SCOLNIC

Mr. Beattie spoke about a letter received from Ben Cascio, Esq. regarding a kennel at 55 Long Hill Road. Mr. Cascio has been retained by the Noels who live at 10 Ponds Way, next door to the kennel. The Noels have complained to the Health Dept. and others regarding the sanitary conditions, barking, and odors at the kennel. Inspector McGrath stated the kennel is a private kennel, not a business, and a kennel license is required because of the number of dogs on the premises. Though the Noels claim the kennel is illegal, Inspector McGrath stated that the kennel has been licensed since it was built, proper permits were taken out, and the kennel has been inspected each year since it opened. Zoning has no problems with the kennel, which is grandfathered in, and neither does the Health Department. The complaints received about constant odors have not been substantiated; only an occasional whiff has been detected. Also located on the same street is a stable with nine horses. Noise complaints are handled by the Police Department.

Improvements that Mr. Scolnic has made at his own expense to appease his new neighbors include enclosing the kennels, installing 48" factory fans to move the air away from 10 Ponds Way, installing a solid fence between the two properties, installing misters that spray deodorizer every 45 min., and hiring trainers to teach the dogs not to bark. He also moved the dumpster to the other side of the property onto a newly-built concrete pad. The house at 10 Ponds Way is new, as is the development. Inspector McGrath indicated that she is satisfied with the actions taken by Mr. Scolnic at 55 Long Hill Road. Allegedly, the builder did not inform the homeowner that the kennel was located next door.

Inspector McGrath sent a memo to Borough Administrator Richard Kunze, at his request, outlining the complaints, the results of her investigations and the actions taken by the owner of the kennel. She indicated that the Health Department does not have a problem with any violations at this time. The Borough Attorney will be responding to Mr. Cascio's letter once all the facts have been gathered.

ICE CREAM TRUCKS

Inspector McGrath reported that four ice cream trucks are currently licensed in Oakland. A new policy adopted by the Recreation Commission prohibits

ice cream trucks from selling ice cream while the fields are in use. The increase in competition has resulted in alleged aggressive behavior among the vendors. The matter was brought before the Board to discuss potential measures that might be taken to prevent the situation from escalating. The Board decided to reconsider this matter in September.

**ARTICLE ON VACCINE
OPT-OUT**

The Board discussed an article that appeared in The Record on June 6th concerning a bill being proposed by Senators Bucco and Cardinale that would give parents the option to manage their children's health care. The Board discussed and shared parents' concerns about vaccines and their potential side effects. The Board also acknowledged that, to date, no conclusive scientific evidence exists proving any link between vaccines and autism. Of equal concern, however, is the possibility of a resurgence in deadly childhood diseases should parents opt out of properly immunizing their children. This concern was supported by a health alert issued the day before by the Philadelphia Health Department in response to a probable case of imported measles in a child who had potentially exposed a large number of people. The Board agreed to take a position against the proposed bill until such time that conclusive scientific evidence exists proving a connection between vaccines and neurological disorders such as autism.

Motion of Ms. Wilgus, seconded by Mr. Talucci, Mr. Beattie and Ms. Dubowick will draft a letter to the Senators which shall be e-mailed to Board members for comment.

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

**RESIGNATION OF BOARD
MEMBER/DISCUSSION OF
REPLACEMENT**

Mr. Beattie reported that Ms. Walpole has resigned from the Board, effective July 1st. Mr. Beattie had prepared and read a letter to Ms. Walpole expressing, on behalf of the Board, reluctance over accepting Ms. Walpole's resignation and appreciation for how Ms. Walpole served the community unselfishly and with great courage, especially during the past year while she struggled with a personal tragedy. Mr. Beattie noted that Ms. Walpole was an inspiration and thanked her for her service on the Board and to the community.

The Board reviewed the resumes of three Board member candidates. This matter is still under discussion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**UPDATE ON PRE-SCHOOL
VISION & HEARING
SCREENING**

It was reported that 10 children attended this program held on May 14th. Of the 10 children, one child was referred for further hearing testing and two children were referred for further vision testing.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the Bergen County Department of Health Services is conducting a POD (Point of Distribution) Training to test mass distribution of medication on June 13th and Bergen County is holding a Human Services and Health Services Forum on June 24th in Hackensack to provide information on the County's services. Ms. Dubowick will be attending. Ms. Wilgus noted that she would also like to attend but would have to check her availability and report back.

SUMMER ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN FOR THE SUMMER

The Board discussed summer adjournment and agreed to meet on July 14th. Ms. Dubowick will publicize the meeting, as required by law.

Motion of Ms. Walpole, seconded by Ms. West, the Board agreed to meet on July 14th and adjourn meeting in August, or by call of the Chair, with sufficient notice to publicize the meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Law.

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion of Mr. Talucci, seconded by Ms. West, President and/or Vice-President were authorized to approve payment of any vouchers requiring payment during the period of summer adjournment; same to be ratified at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Health.

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

MOTION TO HANDLE CERTAIN MATTERS

Motion of Mr. Talucci, seconded by Ms. West, any problems arising during the period of summer adjournment shall be submitted to the President and/or Vice-President during the period of summer adjournment, with all such matters to be reported for ratification at the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Health

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion of Ms. Walpole, seconded by Ms. West, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

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

APPROVED:

Ronald J. Beattie, President

ATTEST: _____
Karin Kennedy Dubowick, Secretary

DATE: _____