

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

**June 8, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Conference Room - Municipal Building**

**CALL TO ORDER** Meeting called to order at 7:37 PM by Dr. Davis.

**ROLL CALL** Dr. Davis, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus – All Yes

**OTHERS PRESENT** Thomas J. Romans, Esq. and Registered Environmental Health Specialist Robert Jernick

**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 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.  
7:38 PM Mr. Ostapczuk entered the meeting. Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Wilgus, the minutes were approved.

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

**REPORTS** The Board reviewed the May Sanitarian's Report and the May Secretary's/Registrar's Report

Motion of Mr. Ostapczuk and seconded by Ms. West, the Reports were accepted.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** 05/12/2009 – Borough of Waldwick \$35.00  
(One child seen for an exam at the 5/12/2009 CHC)

Motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Wilgus, bill approved for payment.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**GERALD GARDNER, P.E.** The Board discussed a matter concerning an approved septic plan designed by Mr. Gardner. This matter has been resolved. A second matter concerning inaccurate and outstanding as-built plans was discussed. Dr. Davis stressed the importance of accuracy and timeliness of submission of these plans. Since Inspector McGrath was not present at the meeting, the matter was tabled.

Motion of Mr. Tiffinger, seconded by Mr. Ostapczuk, matter concerning inaccurate and outstanding as-built plans was tabled until next month's meeting.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **TOWN CARNIVAL**

It was reported that Health Educator Al Ferrara from Bergen County Department of Health and Senior Services had called to offer to man the Health Department's booth for one night of the event (preferably Thursday night) along with a representative of the Bergen County Environmental Division. The Board gratefully accepted the offer and directed Ms. Dubowick to advise Mr. Ferrara. The booth will be shared by the Health Department, Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Ostapczuk will follow up with Mike Kozak from the Oakland Environmental Commission on the arrangements.

### **H1N1 (SWINE) FLU**

Ms. Dubowick reported that Mr. Beattie had received a phone call from the Police Department on Saturday, 5/30. A resident had contacted the Police reporting that children at Manito School had "confirmed cases of swine flu". Mr. Beattie contacted the covering Valley Hospital Nurse who said she would have Jane Clemente call the Health Department office on Monday morning.

Dr. Heflich, Supt. of Oakland Public Schools, called Monday morning and confirmed there were cases of flu at Manito School and the absentee rate was high. Dr. Heflich also asked if any confirmed cases of Swine Flu had been reported in Oakland. He reported that he had been in contact with the school physician, Dr. Chism and, per her advice, all of the schools and buses had been sanitized over the weekend. Though the absentee rate was high the school was not closed, per the CDC's recommendations. Dr. Chism is well versed in flu protocol as she is also the school physician for the Fair Lawn schools which had confirmed cases of H1N1.

Jane Clementi from Valley Hospital was contacted first thing Monday morning. She reported that there were no confirmed cases of H1N1 Flu in Oakland. This information was conveyed to Dr. Heflich. Ms. Dubowick reported that, to date, there still are no confirmed cases of H1N1 in Oakland.

Ms. Dubowick reported that she had been in touch with the County Health Department, Jane Clemente, Dr. Heflich and the nurse at Valley Middle School throughout the week ensuring that all parties remained updated and to provide the latest guidance. BCDHS Planner Len Fiorenza informed Ms. Dubowick that H1N1 Flu testing will soon be terminated except for those hospitalized since the virus is now endemic. Dr. Heflich sent a letter home to parents informing them of the situation, providing the most up-to-date guidance and reminding parents of the school's illness policy.

Ms. Dubowick said she also had received a number of phone calls from concerned residents who had heard that there were "confirmed cases of Swine Flu" in Oakland and asking why the schools had not been closed. Residents were told there are no confirmed cases and that the CDC's current recommendation is to not close the schools. Callers were given the latest guidance and recommendations provided by the County. It was stressed that regardless of the type of flu an individual has, seasonal or H1N1, the treatment and recommendations are the same and that many cases of H1N1 are so mild that they go undetected.

Dr. Davis reported that the pool at Ramapo River Reserve had been closed over the weekend due a rumor that there were cases of Swine Flu in the Reserve. With Borough offices closed, there was no way to confirm or dispel the rumors,

so the action was taken as a precautionary measure.

Dr. Davis stressed the importance of washing your hands to prevent the spread of the virus and recommended that, in the future, residents be instructed to contact the authorities to obtain accurate information rather than relying on information obtained from neighbors and friends.

**PODS**

Mr. Ostapczuk spoke about the post cards he had been working on for the PODS. He also asked if anyone had seen the article about the PODS on The Oakland Journal website, an unofficial Oakland website. The link for the website is [www.theoaklandjournal.com](http://www.theoaklandjournal.com).

It was reported that Mr. Beattie called a PODS Committee Meeting for Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room. All those involved in PODS planning were requested to attend.

**RABIES CLINIC**

It was reported that Oakland's risk manager had been contacted regarding the certificate of insurance required by the Borough for the rabies clinic. It was determined that the Borough of Oakland should be listed as an additional insured on Dr. Duhr's medical professional insurance for the date of the rabies clinic, and this was communicated to Dr. Duhr's office manager. Confirmation of the date has yet to be received.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was reported.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion of Ms. Wilgus, seconded by Mr. Ostapczuk, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Roll Call: Dr. Davis, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus - All Yes

APPROVED:

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Ronald J. Beattie, President

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

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