

REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH

September 13, 2010 - 7:30 p.m.

Conference Room - Municipal Building, Municipal Plaza, Oakland, NJ

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beattie called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus

OTHERS PRESENT

Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli, Senior Sanitary Inspector (REHS) Deborah A. McGrath, and Thomas J. Romans, Esq.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Beattie announced that the meeting was 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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 12th. On motion of Mr. Ostapczuk, seconded by Ms. West, the minutes were approved.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas – Mr. Beattie, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus.
Dr. Davis abstained.

REVIEW REPORTS

- Sanitarian's (REHS') Monthly Report – July & August
- Secretary's/Registrar's Monthly Report – July & August
- Tyco Animal Control Report – July & August
- Bergen County Dept. of Health Services Health Promotion Report – 1st Half 2010

On motion of Ms. West, seconded by Ms. Wilgus, the reports were accepted.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas - Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board reviewed the following bills.

*07/01/2010 – Tyco Animal Control (July Animal Control Services, plus 3 emergency responses)	\$1330.00
*08/04/2010 – The Valley Hospital (2 nd Qtr. 2010 Public Health Nursing Services)	\$1,910.01

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08/19/2010 – North Jersey Media Group (Publish meeting date)	\$ 28.78
08/31/2010 – Tyco Animal Control (August Animal Control Services + 3 emergency responses)	\$1,330.00
08/24/2010 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq. (August Retainer)	\$ 208.99
08/25/2010 – Rutgers Center for Government Services (Registration fee for N. Lightbody – CMR re-cert class)	\$ 196.00
09/13/2010 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq. (Attend September Board meeting)	\$ 208.00

*Paid during summer adjournment

The Board questioned Tyco Animal Control's August bill that included a \$60.00 charge for an emergency call made to pick up a dead horse on private property and felt the property owner should have been charged, not the Borough. Inspector McGrath provided the Board with further details; however the Board maintained its position and directed Ms. Dubowick to find out why Oakland was charged and who was charged for shipping the horse to Pennsylvania as well as for the necropsy.

On motion of Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ostapczuk, the bills were approved for payment.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas – Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus

RATIFICATION OF DECISION MADE DURING PERIOD OF SUMMER ADJOURNMENT

It was reported that Mr. Beattie made a decision to conduct a test of the POD e-mail notification system. E-mails were sent to all volunteers, however only a small percentage responded. Several possible causal factors were identified. Reverse 911 was identified as an alternative to using e-mail. Ms. Dubowick reported that she received from the Police Dept. the templates required to enter telephone numbers into the database. Mr. Ostapczuk will check into sending out text messages via cell phones.

Motion of Mr. Ostapczuk, seconded by Ms. Wilgus, decision to conduct test of POD e-mail notification system was ratified by the Board.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas – Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DOUGLAS BROWN'S DOGS

Mr. Beattie reported that he had spoken with the Mayor and that no further extensions will be granted to the Browns. The 90-day extension they had been granted to comply with Borough ordinance will expire on September 25th. It was decided that Animal Control Officer Carol Tyler will conduct the investigation and issue a summons if the three excess dogs have not been removed from the Brown's premises.

PEDDLING AND SOLICITING ORDINANCE

The Board reviewed Lincoln Park's peddling and soliciting ordinance and recommended it be submitted to the Mayor and Council for review. Council Liaison Pignatelli will bring the ordinance before the Mayor and Council, suggest that it also be reviewed for input by the all departments involved and would recommend that it be passed.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BOROUGH ORDINANCES

Inspector McGrath reported that two new ordinances had been passed by the Borough during the summer which will be enforced by the Board of Health and/or the Police Dept. One concerns storm drain retrofitting which involves retrofitting grates to prevent cans, bottles and other debris from entering storm drains that the Ramapo River. Council Liaison added that it is a State requirement under Storm Water Management Regulations. Furthermore, if a residential or industrial subdivision is done, the builder would be responsible for the retrofitting. The second ordinance, also state law, requires refuse containers and dumpsters to have lids that must be kept closed at all times in order to prevent liquids from entering containers, becoming contaminated by the contents and leaking out.

FLU CLINIC

The Senior Flu Shot Clinic is schedule for November 4th, and publicity for the program has been released. Employees also have been notified. The fees for the shots are the same as those charged in 2009. Also discussed were Walgreens' ongoing flu clinic, which started in August, and how it might lower participation thus reducing nursing hours and, ultimately, the cost of the program. Council Liaison Pignatelli and Mr. Talucci expressed concern over such early inoculation as immunity could wane prior to the end of the flu season.

E-MAIL INQUIRY ABOUT MS IN OAKLAND

An e-mail was received from a former resident and 1982 graduate of Indian Hills High School who recently attended a mini reunion. She reported that three of the 15 people attending the reunion had been diagnosed with MS, and further investigation uncovered additional cases. Her reason for writing was out of concern for what seemed to her to be a high number of cases of MS among her classmates who whom had lived in the area of Hiawatha Boulevard. She asked about the availability of statistics on MS for people who resided in Oakland during the 1960's through the 1980's, if anyone could confirm rumors she had heard of military testing having been done in Oakland many years ago and about the location of a superfund site in Oakland.

The Board was unaware of any such statistics and knew of the Nike missile base that existed years ago in Franklin Lakes and Mahwah but not of any testing having been done there. The superfund site which has been remediated was located on the opposite end of town in the Oakland Industrial Park. The Board identified the MS Foundation as a possible source of information and directed Ms. Dubowick to forward the inquiry to Leonard Fiorenza at the Bergen County Dept. of Health Services for response.

SEPTIC INSTALLER BOND

Inspector McGrath reported that a resident who was unhappy with the septic installation done on his property had inquired about the procedure for filing a claim against his septic installer's bond. Mr. Romans indicated that the bond is designed to protect the Borough; therefore, the homeowner would be unable to file a claim. The Board was under the impression that the bond protected the homeowner and asked Inspector McGrath to review the bond ordinance to find out.

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

It was reported that, through a DEA initiative, police departments across the country will be collecting outdated, unused and expired over-the-counter and prescription medications in pill and liquid form on Saturday, September 25th, from 10 AM to 2 PM. The initiative was designed to keep medication out of the hands of children and teens and to dispose of medication in an environmentally friendly manner. Police Chief Kasper indicated it is almost certain the Oakland Police Dept. will participate. Confirmation is pending.

2011 BUDGET

The Board reviewed the 2011 Budget package. Under Goals and Priorities, Novel H1N1 flu surveillance should be changed to flu surveillance. There will be no increase in either the Inter-local Agreement with Waldwick for Child Health Conference services or the contract with Tyco Animal Control. Valley Hospital and Bergen County Dept. of Health have been contacted for 2011 contract cost estimates but have yet to respond. The Board also discussed whether fees for permits and licenses should be increased. Ms. Dubowick was asked to conduct a fee comparison with the surrounding towns. Mr. Ostapczuk questioned the cost for Bloodborne Pathogens training, and the Board discussed the cost being charged for the class. Also questioned was why Bloodborne Pathogens is charged to the Board of Health budget and not to the departments who attending the training, i.e., Police, Fire, DPW and First Aid Squad.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

FACE PAINTING

A question was raised about the letter the Board requested be sent to the Public Events Committee requesting that any vendor doing face painting at next year’s carnival make sure the face paint is non-toxic or approved by the FDA. Ms. Dubowick reported that the FDA does not approve face paints, only the ingredients, so vendors would have to check the ingredients in the paints they purchase with the list of ingredients on the FDA’s website. It was agreed that the letter should instead recommend vendors follow the manufacturer’s labeled instructions.

WALK AT WORK DAY

The Borough of Oakland received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Bergen County Department of Health Services for participating in Walk at Work day held on May 19th. Participants were required to exercise for 30 minutes during the week of May 19th. A total of 13 employees participated.

COMMUNITY BLOOD SERVICES

A letter was received from Community Blood Services thanking the Board for sponsoring the blood drive in June.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER ORIENTATION MANUAL

New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association in cooperation with the New Jersey Health Officer Association published a new manual which was distributed to members of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ostapczuk, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Mr. Beattie, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Ms. West, Ms. Wilgus

APPROVED:

Dr. Andrew Davis, Vice-President

ATTEST: _____
Karin Kennedy Dubowick, Secretary

DATE: _____