

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

**April 21, 2015 - 7:30 p.m.**

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

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Ms. Blanco Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms West

### **ABSENT MEMBERS**

All members were present.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli, Thomas J. Romans Esq. and R.E.H.S. Kristin Caperino

### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Tiffinger 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 March minutes.

On motion of Mr. Talucci, seconded by Ms. Blanco, the minutes were approved.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger. Ms. West abstained.

#### **REVIEW REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- Monthly REHS' Report – March
- Secretary's/Registrar's Report – March
- Tyco Animal Control Report – March
- BCDHS Public Health Nursing Activity Report – March
- BCDHS Public Health Nursing School Audit Reports

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On motion of Mr. Ostapczuk, seconded by Ms. Blanco, the reports were accepted.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West

### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

The Board reviewed the following bills:

<b>3/18/2015 – Borough of Waldwick</b> (Two children immunized at the 3/10/2015 CHC)	<b>\$ 40.00</b>
<b>4/1/2015 – Tyco Animal Control Services</b> (For Animal Control Services providing during the month of April, per the 2015 Contract)	<b>\$1,250.00</b>
<b>4/2/2015 – R R Donnelley</b> (Safety paper for making certified copies)	<b>\$ 73.50</b>
<b>4/20/2015 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq.</b> (For professional services rendered during the month of April, per contract)	<b>\$ 217.50</b>
<b>4/20/2015 – Christine Davis</b> (Tolls and mileage to drive to 4/9/15 Registrar's Recertification Class)	<b>\$ 54.86</b>

On motion of Ms. West, seconded Mr. Ostapczuk, the Board approved the bills for payment.

Roll Call: All Yeas –Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Tiffinger reported that Lenape Valley Grill's appearance before the Board has been postponed.

Inspector Caperino reported that the court date for the summonses issued to the owner of this establishment has been postponed several times and is currently scheduled for early June. Since the owner will be bringing his attorney with him to the Board appearance, a decision was made to postpone the Board hearing until after the court date.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On motion of Mr. Ostapczuk, seconded by Mr. Talucci, the meeting was opened to the public.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West.

### **WILKE'S DELI**

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Mr. Jesus Almazon introduced himself as owner of Wilke's Deli and resides at 58 Laura Avenue, Wanaque. Mr. Almazon was summoned to appear before the Board because his establishment received two Conditional ratings within a 12-month period.

Inspector Caperino reported that Inspector Pignoncelli conducted the inspection and found the wiping cloths not being stored in the sanitizer. Last June, cooked chicken was being improperly cooled to room temperature outside of the refrigerator. This time, the chicken was being cooled inside the refrigerator, but the amount of chicken in the refrigerator was causing the temperature to rise too high. The chicken needs to be spread out more. There were seeds found in the hand-washing sink where nothing should be found. Inspector Caperino said she conducted the reinspection and found a lot of improvements since the June inspection. Raw foods are stored in one refrigerator and ready to eat food are stored in another to protect the raw foods from the heat of the cooked foods.

Mr. Tiffinger said he's aware that Mr. Almazon has limited space in his kitchen but he has to stay on top of all of these issues. Mr. Almazon said he told his brother who cooks the chicken to be sure it goes right into the fridge. Mr. Tiffinger said he was glad to hear the establishment had improved but he did not want to see Mr. Almazon before the Board again or he would receive summonses.

### **OAKLAND DINER**

Mr. Harry Mihas introduced himself to the Board as the owner of the Oakland diner and resides at 1250 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell, NJ. Mr. Mihas was summoned to appear before the Board because his establishment received two Conditional ratings within a 12-month period.

Inspector Caperino reported that Rebecca Pignoncelli conducted the inspection and observed employees improperly washing their hands, an employee sneezing and not following proper handwashing protocol afterwards and improper separation of food in the walk-in refrigerator which is the same violation Inspector Caperino had observed during the September inspection. The dishwasher gauge was not reaching 180° but was working properly upon reinspection. There was improvement since the September inspection. Mr. Mihas said the dishwasher was working properly but the gauge wasn't accurate.

Mr. Mihas said the employee who sneezed was fired for other reasons. He also said employees get nervous when they see the health inspector and put things in the refrigerator without thinking about where they're supposed to go. All the items in the refrigerator were covered. Mr. Mihas requested that the inspectors come more often. Mr. Mihas is present in the diner all day and said even he gets nervous when the health inspector comes in.

Council Liaison said that sneezing is a big deal because of contamination with staph which is the most common infection transmitted, both through open cuts and sneezing, and can get people sick.

Mr. Tiffinger advised Mr. Mihas he is going to get his wish, and that is the inspectors will be there more often. Mr. Mihas said he would be reinforcing what needs to be done.

On motion of Mr. Ostapczuk, seconded by Mr. Talucci, the meeting was closed to the public.

All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West

### **SEWERS**

Council Liaison Pignatelli addressed the Board about the status of the project that will bring sewers down Franklin Avenue, south on Ramapo Valley Road and then to the Pleasureland Area. The Borough is in

negotiations with Northwest Sewer Authority and will need permission from at least a half a dozen other state agencies as well as the Highlands Council in order to proceed with the project.

Holding up the project is the fact that Oakland is in one water basin and Northwest Sewer Authority is in another and the state does not permit the transfer of water between different water basins. Water flowing downstream in the Ramapo River eventually feeds the Great Falls in Paterson which has an agreement dating back over a hundred years requiring a certain amount of water to be fed to the falls in order to keep them flowing. The water flowing down the Ramapo River, combined with the water flowing to the Northwest Sewer Authority adds up to a million-gallon/day flow which must be mitigated in order for the DEP to grant approval for the sewer project.

According to the Highlands Commission, it would be easier to obtain DEP approval if the Borough required all water users to install water savings devices and all property owners to have their septic systems pumped and inspected yearly to ensure proper functioning. This would require adoption of a septic maintenance ordinance and enforced through yearly septic system licensing.

Though adoption of a septic maintenance ordinance would not be required for several years, Council Liaison Pignatelli brought the subject up with the Board because enforcement would be quite labor intensive and the Board will need time to work out the details. Ms. Dubowick noted that she would need help in her office if and when the ordinance is adopted. Mr. Tiffinger said there are many septic maintenance ordinances in existence today that could be used as templates.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **SENIOR FLU SHOT PROGRAM**

It was reported that the Senior Flu Shot Program has been scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup> at Senior Center. The owner of Oakland Drugs has agreed to run the program, once again, at no cost to the Borough. As recommended by Council Liaison Pignatelli, the alphabet and time period of the program will be divided into quadrants, so each participant can be scheduled by the first letter of their last name into one of the four time slots. This change will be made in order to improve efficiency.

Mr. Talucci asked if Oakland Drug has pre-booked their vaccine and whether quadrivalent or trivalent vaccine has been ordered. Ms. Dubowick will check and report back to the Board next month.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of, Mr. Ostapczuk, seconded by Ms. Blanco, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Roll Call: All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. Ashkenazi, Ms. Blanco, Mr. Ostapczuk, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger, Ms. West

APPROVED:

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Stephen C. Tiffinger, President

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

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