

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 4, 2007**

Dorothy V. Fish, RN. President, called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members in attendance were: David Klopp, DVM; Theresa Bushman, RN; Steven Clarke, DC; Patricia Reineke RN; Richard Morski, MD; Linda Brock, RN; and David Connolly, Mayor

Staff in attendance were: Angela Musella, Health Officer NBRHC, Denise Romano and Joyce Voys Secretaries Board of Health.

Absent: Steven Sclafani

**Reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Work Session statement**

Denise Romano, Board of Health Secretary, read the Open Work Meetings Act statement: "This Regular Work Session Meeting of the Wyckoff Board of Health is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in memorial Town Hall: a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald and News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the Agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed and mailed to said newspapers.

**Approval of 09/06/07 minutes:** Motioned Dr. Klopp seconded Linda Brock all voting yes.

**Report of the President**

Mrs. Fish thanked those that sent expressions of sympathy at the loss of her stepson Robert Fish.

**Nursing Services**

With the impending closure of Pascack Valley Hospital, Mrs. Fish is concerned with the future of our contracted nursing service Bergen Community Health Care (BCHC). Mrs. Fish is under the impression the BCHC is not being touched at this time and will be able to fulfill the 2007 contract. BCHC is set to attend the Health Fair.

However Mrs. Fish feels that it is necessary to explore other nursing services. One alternative would be Valley Home Care. Mrs. Fish and the Board expressed their concern.

**Stipend**

Mrs. Fish asked if there had been any clarification as to why the Board of Health is entitled to a \$2.00 per meeting stipend. The Board as a whole is not interested in the stipend and devotes their time as volunteer activity for the Township's community.

## Influenza Prevention Program and Health Fair

The Influenza Prevention Program and Health Fair are set for October 18<sup>th</sup> and a meeting with the Custodian of the Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. The Firefighters and Ambulance volunteers will receive the influenza vaccine on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at Fire Company #1.

Mrs. Fish, RN, will also vaccinate home bound residents.

## **Report of the Health Officer**

Ms. Musella, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission, (NWBRC) Health Officer, suggested that the inspections of Church kitchens be put on an alternative schedule. It is difficult to arrange the meetings and often the kitchen hasn't been used.

The Board was opposed to an alternative schedule for the church kitchen inspections. The Board cited the constant use of most of the church kitchens.

The Board suggested inviting the churches to a food handlers course and having a delegate from the church be the accountable person for the kitchen. Mrs. Fish asked that this matter be considered at the next meeting.

## Avian flu

Ms. Musella reported that the avian flu is mutating at a slow pace. It is now estimated that the avian flu could reach the USA in two years. Ms. Reineke said she had read an article about the avian flu being transferred from human to human but it was only one case within a family.

Ms. Musella reported on a mock drill held in Utah on preparedness. Ms. Musella feels strongly that each municipality will be on its own without help from the state or federal governments when and if a disaster strikes.

Ms. Musella and Mrs. Fish both stressed the importance of the reverse 911 system. The residents all get the same news at the same time by using the reverse 911 system for real health emergencies.

## **New Business**

### Head Lice

Mrs. Romano received a complaint from Sicomac Elementary School parents concerning head lice. The parents express their discontent at the lack of notification from the school to the student's homes. The parents would have liked to have been notified by e-mail or telephone. The parents also felt that the school nurse and principal did not react quickly enough for student screenings.

Sicomac School nurse reported that the students were being screened and any student found with head lice was sent home with a parent. The child was to be treated and re examined by the school nurse prior to being admitted back to school.

Notification of head lice was being sent home to the parents in the student's Friday folders. The Friday folders were being sent several days after the parents had learned of the head lice.

Ms. Reineke, a former school nurse, stated that parents often decide what an epidemic is. Two or three cases of head lice is not an epidemic and Ms. Reineke felt certain that the Sicomac School nurse had handled the incident properly. Head lice should not be a matter for the Board of Health.

It was reported that Mr. Galenkamp contacted NJDOT regarding Cedar Hill Ave/Rt 208 traffic island and Ridgewood Water regarding the litter along the Ridgewood Water Cedar Hill Ave property.

Adjournment 8:30 pm

Dorothy V. Fish, R.N, President, called the Board of Health meeting to order at 8:35 p.m.

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No public comment

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.