

Regular Monthly Meeting - January 8, 2009

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on January 8, 2009 at the Municipal Building, 85 Humboldt Street, Wood-Ridge, New Jersey by President Peter Verbout.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members of the Board:

Present: Peter Verbout, President
Arlene O'Brien, Vice President
Fred Johansson
Catherine Kievit
Frank Kaiser
Carolyn Cassidy
Robert Keller, Alternate # 1
Edward Schmidt, Alternate # 2
Robert Jernick, Sanitary Inspector, RHES
Caroline Valdez, Secretary/Registrar of Vital Statistics
Thomas Gonnella, Council Liaison
Teri Trivigno, Alternate # 2 - 2009

Excused: John Branda

Sunshine Law: This meeting is being held in accordance with PI Chapter 231 and the Notice Requirements of the law have been met by adoption to the Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 1978 setting forth date, time & place of said meeting by posting a copy of same on the Municipal Bulletin Board and sending a copy of same to the Herald News, The Bergen Record and the Wood-Ridge Independent.

December Minutes: motion to approve: Catherine Kievit; 2nd: Frank Kaiser

Hearing of Citizens: The owners, managers and /or employers of Pizza D'Amici , Brigantino's Restaurant, Jahn's Deli & Alstar Auto were present at tonight's meeting (see attached sign in sheet) to discuss continuing Health Violations.

Bob Jernick opened with the following statement: All violations as follows must be corrected immediately:

Brigantino Restaurant:

- continue to maintain garbage with tight lids
- get rid of any equipment out back that is not in use
- monitor every day for evidence of rodents inside/outside
- maintain monthly pest service

Pizza D'Amici:

- continue to maintain dumpster closed with locked lids
- ensure all grease receptacles are clean and filled with tight lids
- make sure ground/area is without refuse /debris/grease accumulation
- daily – monitor for presence of pests in & out

Jahn's Deli:

- all garbage shall be in new receptacles with lids tightly closed at all times – including when placed along wall for pick up
- all boxes/crates shall be clean of all food/food debris
- when placed out for pick up – all cardboard shall be broken down and tightly stacked or tied
- empty boxes (wood) can be neatly/tightly stacked

Alstar :

- all tires must be removed (they collect water)
- any cans should be lidded and area should be maintained free of garbage/unnecessary

All of the above have been warned numerous times – will be monitored as often as possible. All rules and Codes must be followed; especially from Food Establishments. Summonses can and will be issued with out further warning on site for each violation.

This is a very serious matter that not only can affect your business, but can impact the Public's Health severely. Try to work together as best that you can. If you see something, please talk to each other or call the Health Department. The Secretary will contact me and advise of the complaints.

It is common sense to keep the area related to your business clean and maintained at all times. Bob continued speaking as individual concerns were discussed. Pictures from behind the stores were passed out, extermination services were discussed as were dumpsters and covered garbage cans with tight fitting lids. It is the responsibility of everyone present to keep the area clean daily. Everyone is to comply.

Peter Verbout stated there is an on-going problem of garbage present – it is coming from somewhere. Garbage, especially food products, is the largest attraction for not only rodents, but all animals.

Councilman Gonnella stated that this must be resolved without further conflict among the store owners or it will go to Court. This is a serious situation. It was also stated that Health Check reports will be given to the Record.

Bob Jernick will continue to monitor the area and keep in touch with all who are present. Also, summonses will be issued upon inspections if violations continue and there will be no further warnings.

Bob Concato wanted to know what he is to do with the exterminator bill that he had; it was stated that the town would not authorize to pay the bill. Possibly the Landlord will pay the fee.

Jahn's Deli was fined \$50.00 to summons on January 8, 2009 – no court appearance, plead guilty – first offense

Store owners/employees left @ 8:15PM

Day Care Center – proposed at 255 Valley Boulevard. Parking is a problem - Zoning Board issue

Councilman Gonella stated that Melanie Hammer is to be appointed as Deputy Registrar – fee will be \$2,000.00 annually. Caroline Valdez will get information for Certification courses. It was explained that the appointment is made by the Registrar, and the Board of Health Members vote to accept or reject. Salary is set by Mayor & Council.

Motion to accept Melanie Hammer for this position was made by Carolyn Cassidy and seconded by Arlene O' Brien. All members present voted yes upon role call.

388 Marlboro Road – house has been taken down – no health issues

Caroline Valdez: Report for 2008 given.

Bills: MGL Forms Systems	\$	649.00
(dog/cat licenses)		
4th Qtr Payments:		
BCDHS – Animal Shelter	\$	2,732.00
Comprehensive Behavioral	\$	375.00
State of New Jersey	\$	75.00
(Marriage Licenses)		

State of New Jersey
(Burial Permits)

\$ 240.00

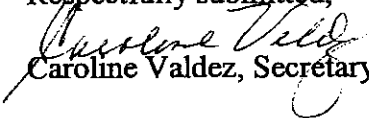
Motion to Pay: Bob Keller 2nd: Frank Kaiser

Unfinished Business: Deputy Registrar – see above

New Business: At this time, Peter Verbout thanked Catherine Kievitt, who did not seek reappointment, for her dedication as a Board Member. He also welcomed Teri Trivigno as a new Member of the Board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Catherine Kievitt and seconded by Robert Keller. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 by President Peter Verbout.

Respectfully submitted,


Caroline Valdez, Secretary/Registrar of Vital Statistics