

July 16, 2009

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN  
PROVIDED AS IS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC  
LAW 1975 AND BY RESOLUTION 2009-3, WITH THE  
REQUEST OF THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE AND THE  
SENTINEL NEWSPAPERS TO PUBLISH SAME AND THIS  
ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE MINUTES  
OF THIS MEETING.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex, the State of New Jersey was held on July 16, 2009 and was called to order by Paul Zelanko at 7:30 PM at 61 Main Street in South River, New Jersey, with the following Committee Members in attendance:

Committee Members: Baptista, Bouthillette, Byczkowski, Duignan, Hamelin,  
Hutchison, Peteet, Pisuk, Zelanko

Committee Members:

Council Liaison: Clmn. Rui Almeida

Health Inspector M. Donnelly

BOH Secretary D. Jones

Paul Zelanko gave an overview of the Borough's feral cat situation in Town and asked our ACO along with our Pet Adoption Center, Sayrebrook and Michelle Lerner, Policy Specialist from Project TNR to attend the meeting to discuss the situation and possibly come up with a solution to the problem. The Pet Adoption Shelter is now overflowing. They stated that the feral cat situation has increased and they do not have any more spaces. Due to the overflow the Borough temporarily contracted with Bluming Kennels to deal with the overflow. The down side of using Bluming is that there is a cost of \$65.00 per cat and unfortunately after seven (7) days if the cat is not adopted it is euthanized.

Michelle Lerner stated that our TNR ordinance relies on three components to be effective, caretakers, animal control officers and a sponsor of the program. She recommended that a sponsor of the program should be a non-profit organization of some sort. The sponsor and/or Committee would have access to the ability to hold fundraisers and apply for grants.

Councilman Almeida and Trenga will bring these concerns to the Mayor and Council for their input and suggestions to see how this Committee can be formed.

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Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Monthly minutes for June 2009 were submitted for approval and/or amendment. John Bouthillette made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Doreen Hamelin. All were in favor.

REPORTS

The monthly registrar report for June 2009 was reviewed, read and a motion to accept the report was made by Shirley Peteet. Seconded by Ruth Byczkowski. All were in favor. The monthly health inspector's sanitation report for June 2009 was reviewed, read and a motion to accept the report was made by John Bouthillette. Seconded by Doreen Hamelin. All were in favor.

Board of Health Trust Fund Report and Animal Control Report for June were reviewed and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ample Harvest e-mail was read, reviewed and filed.

Gift letters to Businesses for Top Dog was read and filed.

County Protocol for Swine Flu was reviewed and filed

MCFOODS Drive flyer was read and filed.

OLD BUSINESS – Active Projects

1. Animal Control (ferals)

- \* Committee – Paul (point), Trenga, Larissa, Cami?
- \* Activities – Educational Flyers & distribution, ordinance issues (cat licensing, don't feed cats except managed colonies, number of cats in household/colonies)  
Secretary to call Animal Control and Sayrebrook to attend meeting in July

1a. Animal Control (dogs)

- \* Committee – Paul (point) - Jacinta
- \* Activities – Redemption fee, number of dogs in household. Redemption fee discussed first fine \$25.00, second \$50.00 and third \$75.00.

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Presentation from this evening will be brought in front of the Mayor and Council and Board will wait to hear back from them.

2. Food Bank

- \* Committee – John & Carolyn (points), Shirley, Joan
- \* Activities – Food supply (drives & purchases), expand hours (Sat.?), MCFoods to SRFoods, Union Baptist joint venture? Encourage church drives. Union Baptist Church hours are the first and third Thursday from 9-12 noon and 6-8 pm (Joshua Center)

Father Kasey will get in touch with the Board to come to a meeting when they are ready to proceed with a Saturday. At that point members will have to up-date the guidelines, times, etc.

3. Operation RAM

- \* Committee – Doreen (point), Paul, Debbie
- \* Activities – Need mailing contacts to continue

All are to continue to look for names who are overseas.

4. Trust Fund (fund raising)

- \* Committee – Debbie (point), Carolyn, Paul
- \* Activities – Food bank mailing, Top Dog, fall projects (yard sale, Rutgers concession stand, blood drive). National Night Out – Chief working on getting stage from County. Top Dog Contest moving forward. Flyers to be distributed and posted throughout town, solicitation letter to go out for prizes.

All were reminded to attend National Night Out and participate at the Board of Health Booth.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter was received by the Secretary from the Deputy Registrar stating that she will be resigning, effective 8/1/2009. Currently there will only be a Registrar.

Teresa Hutchison stated that Handicap and Disabled Committee are trying to put together a joint workshop regarding Senior Walk Ability. Member Hutchison will Chair this project and report back to the status of the workshop. All Board members support this project and look forward to it.

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BILLS

Raritan Valley Wildlife Report      2<sup>nd</sup> quarter – 2009      \$2,175.00

BOARD LIAISON COMMENTS

Both Councilman Almeida and Trenga stated that they will bring the feral cats concerns, complaints and possible solution to the Mayor and Council. They will report back at the next Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

President Zelanko stated that he thought Michelle Lerner brought up some very valid points and hopes that the Mayor and Council will support them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by John Bouthillette to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doreen Hamelin. All were in favor. Next meeting will be held on August 19, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Jones  
Secretary to Board