

August 19, 2009

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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 August 19, 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: Byczkowski, Duignan, Hamelin, Hutchison, Pisuk, Zelanko
Committee Members: Bouthillette and Mecca absent with excuse. Peteet absent
No excuse
Council Liaison: Clmn. Rui Almeida
Health Inspector M. Donnelly
BOH Secretary D. Jones

Appearances

Father Phil Kasey, Holy Trinity Church, attended the meeting to go over the particulars for opening the food bank once a month on a Saturday. He stated that he has had volunteers attending the Wednesday hours so that they will know what to do on Saturday. He stated that all are very excited to start. The Board will have to put together a schedule for the members to all participate on a Saturday. President Zelanko stated that we will start slow and move in the right direction. He stated for now we will open once a month and move on from there. Councilman Trenga stated that the Board should possibly think about opening the middle Saturday of the month since that may be a time when clients may be low on food. Board will take that idea into consideration. For now, the Food Bank will open on Saturday, 9/26 from 10-12 pm.

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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

REPORTS

The monthly registrar report for July 2009 was reviewed, read and a motion to accept the report was made by Joan Pisuk. Seconded by Ruth Byczkowski. All were in favor.

Board of Health Trust Fund Report and Congregation of Churches Report for June were reviewed and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you letter to Poochie Doo was read, reviewed and filed.

Thank you to resident for Food Bank Donation was read and filed.

OLD BUSINESS – Active Projects

1. Animal Control (ferals)

* Committee – Ordinance is being amended to add a sub-committee.

* Activities – Educational Flyers & distribution, ordinance issues (cat licensing tabled until the Feral Committee is formed and up and running, don't feed cats except managed colonies, number of cats in household/colonies)

Councilman Trenga stated that he is working on funding for the Committee.

Committee to be formed after second reading of Ordinance by Mayor and Council.

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 or one fee of \$40.00.

Recommendation should be forwarded to Mayor and Council for amendment to Fee Ordinance.

2. Food Bank

* Committee – John and Joan (point) Shirley

* Activities – Food supply (drives & purchases), expand hours first Saturday to be open 9/26 from 10-12, MCFoods to SRFoods, Union Baptist joint venture?

Encourage church drives.

Mayor asked for a follow-up regarding the recognition of the Food Bank Volunteers.

Board decided as of right now to hold off since one of the main volunteers is ill.

Board asked Secretary to send flowers to Dolores Ragguci. Flowers to be paid by each Board Member.

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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.

Statement to go on utility bills asking for names. Secretary to look into this.

4. Trust Fund (fund raising)

- * Committee – Debbie (point) Paul
 - * Activities – Food bank mailing collected over \$10,000.00
- Yard sale 10-3 rain date 10-4 All members are expected to participate.
Blood Drive date to be set with NJ Blood Bank and Secretary.
President thanked all members who participated in National Night Out.

NEW BUSINESS

County is working on the dates for the Annual Flu Shots and also Swine Flu. Swine Flu shots may be two vaccines. Health Inspector to keep Board updated.

September Board meeting to be held on 9/16 not 9/17 due to Cruise Night.

Senior Mobility Workshop update by Member Hutchison:

10/24/09

1 pm

55 Reid Street

Goals to understand needs of Seniors

Program:

Review best practices – walk-ability/planning/decisions

Presentation

Importance of walking

Engineering designs

Field Walk

Brain Storm Session

Next Step – set-up

Board will purchase refreshments for meeting.

Board to send thank you letter to Panera for baked goods to Food Bank.

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BILLS

Borough of Helmetta	2 nd quarter – 2009 and call-outs	\$4,325.00
Sayreville pet Adoption	June 2009	\$848.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Theresa Airy, letter carrier stated that the TNR Programs do not work and has many concerns that this is not the solution to the feral cat problem. Councilman Trenga gave a background to Ms. Airy which included topics of the regulations that are in place, controlled colonies, hot spots that can be found through the post office. Ms. Airy stated that there are problems when you release the cats back into society. She stated that information should be given out to all residents to educate them; Board stated that hand-outs are being distributed this summer to all residents and also when the Committee is formed they will educate the public. She asked the Board if they are all aware of the endangered species and migrating birds. Board was aware of all. Board stated that if the cats are returned to colonies and if problems still exist after the ACO will have to come and remove them and also fine the caregivers. Board stated that cats are important to keep because they too are living creatures and TNR is a more humane solution. The cost to the Borough is also less than euthanize. Finally if nothing is done to try to solve the problem, the adoption center may not want to renew the Borough's contract.

BOARD LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilman Almeida gave a brief description on ferals and strays and stated that he believes if the colonies are managed correctly this program will work and resolve the problem. He also stated that it will take time to correct. He mentioned possible cat licensing for the Board to look into.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Member Hamelin also explained background of feral cats. She stated valid points of the TNR Program. She stated if anyone feed animals of any kind, they are responsible for them and if not following procedures, there will be fines.

President Zelanko reiterated all comments that were made by all members and council members regarding TNR.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Teresa Hutchison to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doreen Hamelin. All were in favor. Next meeting will be held on September 16, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Jones
Secretary to Board