

BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE

**BOARD OF HEALTH
February 19, 2008
REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Metlitz at 8:00 pm, according to the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Elaine Metlitz
Dr. Gerhard Haas
Dr. Mary Clark
John Frey
Christine LaPaglia
Councilwoman, Josephine Higgins
Secretary, Fariba Negahban
Sanitarian, Linda Quinn

Absent:

Dr. Steven Sperber
Janet Levine

At this point Mayor LaPaglia came in. Elaine asked the Mayor if he wanted to re-appoint Dr. Clark to the Board of Health for a new term, due to her absence last month, before the start of the meeting. The Mayor agreed, and proceeded with the swearing in of Dr. Clark.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the January meeting were reviewed. There were no questions or comments. There was a motion made and accepted to approve the minutes for the month of January 2008.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT:

Dr. Haas asked about ice machines at various food establishments and if it might useful to have some type of printed material outlining the proper use and handling of ice machines. Linda explained that most places have a self draining

machine and only Panera Bread, last month needed to be told about its proper use and cleaning procedure. Next, Dr. Haas asked about January 11th and the class taken by Sanitarians at the County. Linda explained that all inspectors had to take a class about any type of outbreak/emergency situation, to learn how to investigate the problem. Dr. Haas asked about the numerous violations at The Blue Moon restaurant during January. Linda said in their downstairs area, there was a section of the ceiling that was still open due to construction, and she told them they needed to close off that section, since they do food preparation there as well. There were issues with areas needing to be repainted, a heater that was off the wall and laying on the side, and an upstairs refrigerator which was not working properly. Also, there was not enough lighting in the kitchen, and one of the freezers was not in good working condition. Linda said that the whole kitchen area is not set up very efficiently at Blue Moon, since upstairs their food preparation area is limited and somewhat cramped, and most of the work is done downstairs.

Dr. Haas asked about the Potable Water samples being unsatisfactory on January 15th. Linda said those results were from last month, and the testing was done by the State. Park Ridge Water Company had notified the specific residents affected by the results. Fariba said she will confirm Bill Beattie's attendance at next month's meeting to address additional questions. Dr. Haas had a question about the A & P on January 18th, in reference to the open door. Linda said that the Deli area has a large walk-in refrigerator, and three times she had noticed that the door was kept open. She mentioned the problem to both the Deli and Store managers, to keep the door closed; otherwise she would have to issue a summons.

Dr. Haas had a question about Casa Del Sol on January 22nd. Linda explained that she had asked them to prepare specific salads on the 25th upon her return. They had previously had a high bacteria count, and she wanted to observe the preparation procedure. Most of the time the problem has to do with cleanliness issues, since there is a lot of hand contact and preparation involved.

Linda also discussed the recurring problem at Sunrise Assisted Living in reference to bed bugs, and mentioned that exterminators and pest control only guarantee their work for thirty days. She said that the bed bugs were found for the third time in the same room, and the resident and his family are extremely frustrated at this point. The establishment is spending a lot of money trying to treat the problem repeatedly, however sometimes the egg casings are embedded in the carpet or the couch, etc... and it is very difficult to get rid of them. The new exterminator will be spraying and treating the whole facility this week, and monitoring the building. She will follow up on their progress.

John Frey asked a question about the solid waste on January 3rd, and the abatement notices. Linda said this was for the Tice's Corner shopping mall and all the different stores which were not properly disposing of their garbage. Perhaps the accumulation of garbage was related also to the Bombay Store going

out of business. Josephine Higgins asked a question about covering the mattress with plastic to protect against bed bugs. Linda said an exterminator can treat the mattress initially and then there is a plastic bag that covers the whole mattress and is zipped and taped all around. She said at Sunrise the bed bugs were even in the curtains in the resident's room, and finally they had to close off that room and move the resident to a different area. John Frey asked if the treatment would be hazardous to people's health. Linda answered that the treatment used is organic. Also the management at Sunrise will be educating their staff in reference to bed bugs.

There were no further questions or comments on the Sanitarian's report. There was a motion made and accepted to approve the Sanitarian's report for the month of January.

Elaine mentioned about six hours on the Sanitarian's report for January that probably should not have been charged to Woodcliff Lake. She said this was the time spent by the Inspector to attend a class at the County and to pick up a car, etc... She will call Linda's supervisor at the County to verify the information.

CASH RECEIPTS REPORT:

The Cash Receipts report for January was reviewed, and it was mostly comprised of all the renewed Food Operator and Vending Machine License fees for 2008. The Cash Receipts report was approved for the month of January 2008.

BERGEN CARE HOME HEALTH:

The Board reviewed the fourth quarter report for 2007, from Bergen Care Home Health, along with the new agreement with the Borough of Hillsdale for the Child Health Clinic.

WATER REPORTS:

Next, the Board reviewed the monthly and quarterly water reports and communications from the Park Ridge Water Company. They decided to wait until the following month's meeting when Bill Beattie from Park Ridge Water Company would be present, to ask any questions and clarify some of the information. Josephine Higgins suggested that we ask the Borough Attorney as far as the Town's and the Board of Health's liability towards the residents in case of a water problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

Josephine Higgins presented the Board with a letter from a resident who had complaints with reference to several issues, among which noise pollution

from landscapers and their leaf blowing equipment. The Board referred to the previous month's meeting where a resident had similar complaints. Fariba said that Linda had investigated a few towns and their ordinances in relation to landscapers. The general finding was that they were not totally banned in any area, only limited after certain times on week days and week-ends. Elaine asked the Board if they were in favor of passing an ordinance in regards to the above matter. Josephine said that she would present the issue to the Mayor and Council and get their response.

There was a motion made and accepted, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on March 18, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Fariba Negahban
Board of Health Secretary

Approved by:

Elaine Metlitz
President, Board of Health