

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE**

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
March 18, 2008  
REGULAR MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Dr. Gerhard Haas  
Dr. Steven Sperber  
John Frey  
Janet Levine  
Christine LaPaglia  
Councilwoman, Josephine Higgins  
Secretary, Fariba Negahban  
Sanitarian, Linda Quinn

**Absent:**

Elaine Metlitz  
Dr. Mary Clark

**MINUTES:**

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

**SANITARIAN'S REPORT:**

John Frey asked a question about February 8<sup>th</sup>, in reference to the Certified Pool Operator. Linda said that every public pool needs a certified operator who needs to get certified every five years. There is someone who has that function at the Hilton, and can be contacted in case there is a problem at the pool.

Janet Levine asked about the bed bug situation at Sunrise Assisted Living. Linda said that at present they seem to have taken care of that problem and there has been no recurring incident. The last exterminator that they employed uses organic and environmentally friendly pesticides, and had treated and monitored the entire building. He was also trying to educate all the employees regarding bed bugs, in case someone is bringing them in. The Board also asked if the exterminator would be able to provide pamphlets/brochures to inform the public

on the subject of bed bugs. Next, Dr. Haas asked about the significance of Wall Charts. Linda explained that the charts are a listing of all the different food establishments in town, and the dates when they were inspected. This allows the County to keep track of everything. Dr. Haas asked about inspection of vending machines on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Linda said all vending machines in town need to be licensed, and as such they have to be inspected. Dr. Haas wanted to know the reason for February 12<sup>th</sup>'s visit to Café Cucina. Linda stated that the establishment had not as of yet obtained or renewed their Food Operator's license for the new year.

Dr. Haas asked about February 20<sup>th</sup>, in reference to Casa Del Sol. Linda explained that substandard food samples means the test results were below the acceptable standards for Coliforms. Christine LaPaglia asked about the situation at 37 Broadway and the condition of the elderly resident. Linda said that unfortunately he is not able to take care of himself properly and suffers from some organ failures. She has called Kathy Bowen who is the town's Welfare Director to address the situation along with Detective Miller from the Police Dept. who had originally responded to the situation. They will try to contact family members to periodically check on him, and try to help him out. Linda said it is a hard situation to deal with, however Kathy Bowen is very hands on and will assist him in any way possible.

Dr. Haas asked about Panera Bread on February 28<sup>th</sup>, in reference to their refrigeration. Linda said at present, the necessary repairs were made and the units are working fine. She said they have too many managers at any given point in time, but do not seem to be able to manage the operations well, or address problems right away. Josephine Higgins asked about loss of power in town and what happens in different food establishments in regards to food spoilage. Linda said that the Police should contact the County Health Inspector, in case of electric loss, to come and assess the situation if there is need to dispose of any food. She said that the manager at the A&P has told her that it would be impossible to have their own generator as back-up, since it would have to be very large. Some of the walk-in units would stay cold for a while, however all refrigeration in various stores should be checked if the electricity is out. Dr. Haas asked if there is any device or chart to measure/compare temperatures of the refrigerators. Linda said it all depends on the actual unit and each one is different based on age and how well it is sealed. In any event the police should contact the County to check out the temperatures.

Dr. Sperber asked a question about Garden State Labs on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Linda said they are required to provide a list of all the pools and bathing facilities in town, to the laboratory to do water analysis.

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 February.

### **CASH RECEIPTS REPORT:**

The Cash Receipts report for February 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 February 2008.

### **WATER REPORTS:**

Bill Beattie who was supposed to address the Board of Health and answer their questions was not able to attend, due to the unavailability of the Park Ridge Borough Attorney, to accompany him. It was decided that he should be asked to come to the April or another future meeting when both of them are able to be there. The Board also wanted a letter drafted to the Park Ridge Water Company stating their dissatisfaction with the lack of response and detailed explanation of various monthly and quarterly reports.

Next, the Board reviewed the monthly and quarterly water reports and communications from the Park Ridge Water Company. Dr. Haas asked about the recent news in reference to chemicals and drugs contaminating the water supply. Linda said she did not have any specific information regarding New Jersey water supply. The only thing she had heard related to the New York City water. She is not aware if they even test for any medications in the water in New Jersey. Dr. Haas said he would like to ask the Water Dept.'s opinion about the above matter or if they have any additional information to share. The Board reviewed some additional reports that Linda had distributed in reference to more homes with high traces of Perchlorate in their private wells. The residents were informed not to drink or cook with the water.

Dr. Sperber mentioned that most of the time it is not clear why certain locations are chosen by the Water Company to be tested, and how often. Also sometime the levels of detection are very close to the standards, and perhaps they need to be explained further.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Haas asked about the upcoming Spring newsletter and if Linda had any suggestions for the Board of Health section. Linda said most of the topics included in the past are useful and should be mentioned. The only segment that probably does not need repetition would be about the West Nile Virus, since over the past two years there have been no incidents. She also suggested that in the lyme disease segment, people should know that the tick has to be put in a plastic bag and not any kind of solution for testing, and if the tick stays on for more than 24 hours the chances of it causing infection increases. Dr. Haas suggested that that some of the other sections be shortened and more summarized.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Fariba Negahban  
Board of Health Secretary

Approved by:

Elaine Metlitz  
President, Board of Health