

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE**

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
April 15, 2008  
REGULAR MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

The meeting was called to order by President Elaine Metlitz at 7:45 pm, according to the Open Public Meetings Act.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

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

**MINUTES:**

The minutes for the March meeting were reviewed. There was an addition made to the Minutes by John Frey on page 1, in reference to brochures to be obtained from the exterminator treating bed bugs at Sunrise Assisted Living, in order to provide information to the public. There were no further questions or comments. There was a motion made and accepted to approve the minutes for the month of March 2008.

**SANITARIAN'S REPORT:**

Josephine Higgins asked a question about the inspection of various beauty salons on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Linda explained that at the present time the State is regulating tanning salons and any place with a tanning bed, making sure they post age requirements to receive the treatment and any hazards associated with tanning, as well as maintaining sanitized equipment. When she checked the different establishments in town, none had any tanning facility.

Next, Elaine referred to Marco Polo on March 7<sup>th</sup>, and the failed Food Manager's exam. Linda said the owner who took the class and the exam, in Chinese was not able to pass it. Apparently it is a hard exam, which includes six separate three hour class sessions. The certification is good for five years. The County will review the material with the owner of Marco Polo again and allow her to retake the test, one more time. Dr. Haas asked about the Hilton on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Linda said there has been a problem repeatedly with bacteria showing results with high standard plate count, and the PH level in the Spa at the Hilton. They will stop using the company that presently monitors the Spa remotely, and switch to a different company. Linda said she also asked the pool manager to get a bound log book to keep the records.

Dr. Haas also asked about Linda's meeting at the County with the environmental director, on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Linda said she reviewed the well water results that contained perchlorate. She asked the director if all private wells in town have been tested. He told her that only when they realize an area needs to be inspected they conduct tests. All the people with private wells in the area who have had problems will be invited to a meeting held by the State and hosted by the Upper Saddle River Board of Health, to discuss all related issues.

Christine La Paglia asked if anyone had inspected the A&P on Chestnut Ridge Road, when there was a power outage about 2 weeks ago. Linda said that the power outage lasted only about one and a half hours, and most of the refrigeration and freezer temperatures are still okay after that period of time. The Manager at the store would normally call the police who would notify the County to send someone. The County does not usually send an inspector right away, especially if the power is out for only a short period, since spoilage does not occur that quickly. The store manager also told Linda that they could also call for trucks that have large mobile generators in case of electric loss.

Josephine Higgins asked Linda about the rodent complaint on March 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9 Ellis Lane. Linda said the resident has a bird feeder which attracts rodents, and she advised her to get rid of it. Also her neighbor has a covered wood pile which harbors rats. She tried to find the neighbor's house to advise them about lifting the wood pile off the ground, and she will be writing to them.

Linda also mentioned expired dog licenses and how the list has been narrowed down to about 50 dogs at present. She has followed up with the residents and advised them of the possibility of receiving a summons.

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 March 2008.

### **CASH RECEIPTS REPORT:**

The Cash Receipts report for March was reviewed, and it was noted that there were only two licenses renewed that were late, and all other food establishments in town have already obtained their Food Operator license for 2008. The Cash Receipts report was approved for the month of March.

### **WATER REPORTS:**

Elaine told the Board of her conversation with Bill Beattie about attending a future meeting of the Board of Health. Fariba shared the e-mail she received from Bill Beattie confirming that he would be coming to next month's meeting along with the Park Ridge Borough attorney, on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

The Board reviewed the monthly and quarterly water reports, and noted some questions and concerns to discuss with Mr. Beattie, at the next meeting. Next the Potable well water analyses on Woodcliff Ave. was discussed. Josephine Higgins said there were some tanks underground at that location which had holes and there was leaching of gasoline into the ground. The problem had to be rectified by removing the tanks, however the leaching problem has continued. They have dug in that location at least four times, and gravel and sand has been put in to absorb the gasoline. They test the ground every year to see if any further cleaning is required. Dr. Sperber asked what the relation of this matter would be to the Water Department, since they had tested for Bromoform, at that location.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Elaine asked that a new section be added under the Board of Health, in the newsletter, to let the public know about not flushing unused medication, and instead disposing of it in the garbage, using certain precautions. This way the water supply would not eventually be contaminated.

Josephine added that the Mayor and Council are currently working on the noise pollution ordinance related to leaf blowers, trying to limit the times the can be used.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Josephine mentioned about BMW's plans to put in a very large hydrogen tank at their headquarters' location on Chestnut Ridge Road. At the Planning Board meeting the residents were questioning the safety of such an item, and no one on the Board was in favor of it. The Planning Board wants to hire an engineer with expertise in this area to evaluate the situation.

There was a motion made and accepted, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 20, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Fariba Negahban  
Board of Health Secretary

Approved by:

Elaine Metlitz  
President, Board of Health