

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE**

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MAY 15, 2007  
REGULAR MEETING  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:**

Dr. Gerhard Haas  
Dr. Mary Clark  
Dr. Steven Sperber  
John Frey  
Christine LaPaglia  
Secretary Fariba Negahban  
Sanitarian, Jennifer Pontillo

**Absent:**

Elaine Metlitz  
Janet Levine  
Councilman Fred Singer

**MINUTES:**

There were no minutes for the April meeting, due to the tape recorder's malfunction and the Secretary being absent at that meeting.

**SANITARIAN'S REPORT:**

Jennifer brought up previously discussed pigeon ordinance as per a resident's request. She shared information she found from other towns in Bergen County, with the Board. She said that for example Rochelle Park and Allendale specifically state that residents may not keep pigeons. Many other towns do not even have ordinances related to pigeons, since ordinances are usually adopted as a result of a problem that arises. The Board requested that Jennifer finds out how many pigeons are in question, and also to get more information about any diseases that might be carried by pigeons, or any other related Public Health Nuisance issues.

Dr. Haas asked a question about April 11<sup>th</sup>, in reference to the Summons for Blue Moon for not having posted their Conditional Status. The fine was \$50.00. Next, Christine LaPaglia asked about Café Cucina on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Jen said that they had finally sent two people to take the Food Handler's class, however one did not pass the class. Christine also asked about the tick that was dropped off and transported to the Bergen County Lab, on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer said they will identify the tick and let her know if it can carry disease.

Dr. Sperber asked about Woodcliff Lake Hilton on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer said there was one man who became sick after having attended a function at the Hilton, and he never followed up or called his doctor. Dr. Haas asked about Fusco's unsatisfactory lab results on April 19<sup>th</sup>, in reference to the meat slicer. Jennifer explained that the total plate count was high.

There was a motion made and accepted to approve the Sanitarian's report for April 2007.

### **WATER REPORTS:**

At this point in the meeting Bill Beattie from Park Ridge Water Company who had come to the meeting along with their Borough Attorney, was able to address the Board regarding first quarter water reports for 2007.

Dr. Clark asked the first question about the abbreviation MCL. Bill Beattie said that it stands for maximum contaminant level, and when they are summed up for THM ( Total Trihalomethane ), the total cannot exceed 80 parts per billion. Dr. Haas said the Board usually receives many impressive water reports on a quarterly basis that seem to be repetitive, however they are not clear or easy to understand. He asked if it would be possible to receive a summary report stating that all samples were negative, or if there is cause for concern and there is problem it should be highlighted. Bill said that the reports that the Board receives on a regular basis, are copies of State mandated reports. He said that there is usually no cause for alarm unless there is a greater than sign next to a contaminant on the reports, to show a higher level than allowed.

Bill Beattie also added that their Board is currently working on some kind of emergency notification system such as reverse 911, in cases of water main breaks or contaminations. If there is ever cause for concern their priority is to notify the public. Dr. Sperber asked a question about contamination levels on various reports for the same location, being different. Bill responded that the results are for different times/dates and the levels do vary. He also said that some reports are required in house and are done monthly, which are not always sent to the State.

Dr. Haas asked a question about Well #10 near the Parkway. Bill Beattie explained that most of the filtering systems for the wells are carbon tanks or air stripping towers. Well #10 has an air stripping system which is a shallow box diffuser, that looks like a big cooler and water flows through its different compartments. The air strips out the contaminants. Every six months the diffuser grids have to be replaced. When there are traces of more contaminants in the reports, it indicates that the grids are getting clogged and becoming less efficient. At that point it is time to replace them. John Frey mentioned that on most of the water reports there are no standards listed for the contaminants as a means of comparison. Bill Beattie said that the typical way to assess the contaminant levels is based on quarterly averages for THM's, to determine compliance. The average numbers have to be below a certain amount, based on State requirements.

Dr. Clark asked if Park Ridge Water Company is still checking for Perchlorate in the water supply. Bill said it is no longer required to be submitted to the State, however they are still sampling the water for Perchlorate monthly and monitoring it. The level is decreasing and basically non-detected. Eventually they will change the resin in wells # 9, 15 and 10. The State has not yet come out with a Standard for Perchlorate, but it looks like it will be around 5 parts per billion. Dr. Haas asked about the effects of soil removal at the BMW location, on the quality of drinking water. Bill said that they are doing all required testing and at some point they had to take some arsenic samples at two of the wells, which are now below the required level. Every month raw water as well as treated water are tested and once a year the State of New Jersey audits and checks all sampling procedures and results. There is a new Well on Werimus Road that the DEP was testing today before it can be fully operational. That well should start being used at the beginning of June.

In conclusion Bill Beattie said that every year there is a table included in their Consumer Confidence Report which shows the detection of higher than normal amounts for any regulated contaminants, and is basically a summary of all the analyses during the year. There is also a new lab in Pennsylvania that Park Ridge uses, and all results can be checked on line at any given time. At this point there were no further questions regarding the water reports and Bill Beattie and the Park Ridge Borough Attorney left the meeting.

### **CASH RECEIPTS REPORT:**

The cash receipts report was reviewed, which did not show any new fees. Fariba Negahban mentioned that at present everyone had paid their food handler renewal fees for 2007. There might be a couple of fees coming through in the near future, for a new company that will be taking over for Latte and Love at one of their locations, as well as a concession stand at the Old Mill Pool. Also there is an Ice Cream truck applying for a license.

There was a motion made and so carried to approve the cash receipts report for April 2007.

**BERGEN COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE:**

The summary report for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2007 was reviewed. There were no significant changes compared to previous reports.

There was a motion made and accepted, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 19, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Fariba Negahban  
Board of Health Secretary

Approved by:

Elaine Metlitz  
President, Board of Health