

Byram Township Board of Health Minutes
February 24, 2009

STATEMENT: Accurate notice of this meeting has been published specifying the time and place in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Joan Skillan, Margaret McGarrity, Richard Hansen, Bill Koellhoffer

FEE SCHEDULE: January 2009 Total to Treasurer \$1055.00

DISCUSSIONS:

- Final review of the new Municipal Source Separation and Recycling Ordinance, no comments or issues were made, no comments for the council.
- Alternative Septic System Ordinance Review, no discussions, the review was tabled till the March 2009 meeting.
- Zahkra residents on Lackawanna Drive reviewed and discussed what was on file regarding the residence. In 1980 documents show that they had a cesspool, in 1986 a dye test came back positive and no repairs were or alterations were ever made to lot 713. In 1996 the County Division of Health was refused by the resident to enter the block and lots. Joan is to send out a letter regarding the failed dye test in 1986 and notify the owner that no one should be living in the structure. A suggestion was made to have Margaret McGarrity to state the septic management process on both lots and have letter sent to the owner to show proof of pumping.
- Conticello – Block 250 Lots 131 & 132 on Lackawanna Drive. Residence has a malfunctioning septic, a violation was issued on 6/18/08 they had 60 days to comply and have not. Per John and Adolf a Summons should be issued by the County, will follow up on this at the next scheduled meeting.
- Richard Hansen, attended meeting to discuss issues regarding the lack of recycling that he notices with local businesses in town (in particular local pizzerias). He has noticed recyclable materials in dumpsters of local businesses. A discussion was had in this regard. John had done some previous research and found that according to state regulations the SCMUA can allow a certain percentage of recycled materials to be present in the dumpsters, however, if excess amounts are found an investigation will be initiated. The township is limited on what we can do and are doing our best to educate on the importance of recycling, in the mean time we can not police the private businesses because we can not legally enter on to their private property.
- Notification to residence within 200 feet of new septic installations. A brief discussion was had on this. Adolf thought that it would be a good idea to pursue. Having the residences notified within a 200 ft. distance (at the expense of those installing the new systems) would serve as an extra precaution.
- Report from the County. There was a MERSA complaint; someone contacted a staff infection after going to Results Fitness. Joan went out to Results Fitness and place looked clean, she left pamphlets with them on MERSA. NJ Bar and Grill all looks good, they just need to maintain the UV light. There was a 45-day dog quarantine for rabies, the dog apparently had a bat in its mouth, lab was not able to test the bat for rabies because the bat was squished by the owner, owner was also treated for rabies. There was an anonymous complaint that came in regarding 27 Winding Way, said that there was an overflowing septic system. Joan inspected the property and did not find any overflowing sewage, just an old cover. Waiting on information regarding the renovation of the kitchen at Porkey's restaurant. Camp Summers and Cranberry Firehouse were both tested and found positive for total chloroform, and action was taken to correct.
- Next Meeting scheduled for March 24, 2009.

ADJORNMENT: There was no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Church, Secretary
Byram Township Board of Health