

Byram Township Board of Health Minutes
September 22, 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: Mary Benson, John Cubberly, Ruth Rhodes, Mimi Toney

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Shortino, Devin Baez, Brian Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 23,2009 Minutes

	Mary Benson	Emily Crispino	John Cubberly	Ruth Rhodes	VACANT	Adolf Steyh	Mimi Toney
By				x			
2nd	x						
Yes			x				x
No							
Abstain							
Absent		x				x	

FEE SCHEDULE: June total to Treasurer \$1140
July total to Treasurer \$590
August total to Treasurer \$615

DISCUSSIONS:

- Alternative Systems – John Cubberly spoke with Joe who had a conversation with John Eskilson at the County. John Cubberly recalls Joe advising that the County will be the ones to manage the Alternative Systems. John Cubberly would still like to get a “Letter of Confirmation” from John Eskilson stating such.
- Phosphorus Free Ordinance – Post-pone any further discussion on this matter until next Board of Health Meeting to discuss further. Not all Board of Health Member are 100% on board with passing an ordinance that they feel can not be policed. All Board members believe that education on using phosphorus free fertilizer is important. Byram Township has an ordinance, 263-3, that prohibits the use of phosphorus, but it currently only applies to the area within the Lake Mohawk Country Club. The Board could modify that section of our ordinance to include all of Byram Township. Still need to have further discussions on this and will resume discussions at the October meeting.
- 200 feet Notification for Septic Repairs / Replacements Ordinance – This was sent to the attorney. Still waiting for reply.
- Highlands Municipal Ordinance discussion – Table to October meeting, leaving time to read over Option B. Brian Thompson also expressed his concerns regarding any new possible Septic ordinances and what can possibly be done to assist families with fixed incomes in particular the senior citizens in the town. His concerns were about how expensive it can become for those with fixed incomes to be forced to pump their system ever 3 years especially those who may live alone and may not need the pumping that often.
- Byram Day – John Cubberly volunteered to be at the BOH table from 7:30 to 3:30. John also mentioned that it would be a good time to advertise open seats on the Board of Health.
- Cindy Church will be attending a workshop on October 17, 2009 on “The Roles & Authority of the Local Boards of Health”. Will discuss with Board at the October BOH meeting.
- Report(s) from the County. Discussed Coles residence, Alternative System that does not have a certificate of occupancy. There were notified by the County and are working on getting in compliance. Failure to comply will result in fines being issued. A letter was sent to the NJ Bar and Grill advising them that they will need to install an asphalt or concrete pad under dumpster.
- PAC meeting minutes – Nothing to discuss at this time.

- Daven Baez is interested in joining the Board of Health. He attended meeting and expressed his interest in the Board of Health. Cindy believes that he will be put on the Township Council agenda in October for appointment.
- Brief Discussion on BOH Meetings and Attendance. Cindy advised all members that the Board of Health was a topic of discussion at the September 21st Council Meeting. The council expressed their concerns on the history that the Board of Health has with poor attendance and cancelled meetings.
- Next Meeting scheduled for October 27, 2009.

ADJORNMENT: There was no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Church, Secretary
Byram Township Board of Health