

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
August 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Delle Donne called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the following statement: "As Chairman and Presiding Officer of this meeting of the Board of Health, I hereby declare that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied by prominently posting on the Township bulletin board a notice of this meeting, and that there has been transmitted by regular mail a notice to the Asbury Park Press and that a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting."

ROLL CALL INDICATED:

PRESENT: Mesdames Boak, Flood, Iacono and Sauter and Messr and Delle Donne and Engle

ABSENT: Messr Faistl

ALSO PRESENT: Messr McBride and Schatzle and Mesdame Leininger

Liz Iacono made a motion to approve the June 5, 2007 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Jarrett Engle and unanimously carried.

New Business – Mr. Schatzle reported on what the Township Committee is doing to fill the Health Officer position for 2008. So far four different options have been explored.

The Township explored shared services with a similar Township (Middletown) which ends up being more expensive. This is disheartening when you realize you are paying more money and not having a full time person in Colts Neck.

Colts Neck could become part of the County Health Department. The County has a huge staff and a lot of resources. They would have an employee in Colts Neck Monday – Friday from 8 – 4. The downside is that our local Board of Health would become strictly an advisory board. Also, the price we pay is governed by our worth. Since Colts Neck is scheduled for revaluation next year the price could go up dramatically.

We could also become part of the Local Regional Board of Health. This is comprised of sixteen towns and is financially 20% better than all other options. However, the director is retiring and the Commission's future is uncertain.

Lastly, the Township advertised for a Health Officer and has interviewed two applicants. The first applicant was from an urban environment and had no experience with wells or septic systems. The second is someone who started out in Colts Neck over twenty years ago and Mr. McBride worked with. He lives in Tinton Falls and has been working for a large supermarket chain.

After listening to the liaisons report the Board stated they trust the Township Committee to make a decision, but their recommendation was to hire the second applicant; they felt this was in the best interest of the town. The Board felt it was important for the Township to have someone live locally, have well/septic and commercial experience with our commercial district growing and to have someone in the office full time.

Health Officers Report – Mr. McBride reported he submitted the annual report electronically to the State.

The Township went out to bid for a new septic at the Public Works garage. The lowest bid was \$20,000 higher than expected. The Township rejected all bids and the Engineer is revising the specs, eliminating some work that can be done in-house and will rebid.

A motion to adjourn was made by Liz Iacono at 8:15 p.m. and seconded by Donna Flood and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is September 4, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Leininger