

Vice President Mr. Berdahl, called the meeting to order @ 7:30 pm

Roll Call: Members: Berdahl, Levinson, McLoughlin, Westerman, Kerekes,  
Woodroffe  
Others: Mueller (MCRHC), Mayor Cooperhouse, Counsel Re: Burden  
Excused: Roman, Tuazon

All saluted the flag & the Presiding Officers Statement was read.

**Minutes:**

A motion was made by Ms. Kerekes, seconded by Dr. Westerman to adopt the minutes of the January 26, 2009 meeting minutes as amended. All approved

A motion was made by Dr. Westerman, seconded by Ms. Levinson to adopt the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted. All approved,  
abstained: Woodroffe

A motion was made by Ms. McLoughlin, seconded by Ms. Levinson to permanently move the Sanitary Inspectors Report from #9 to #6 on the agenda as a courtesy to the Inspector. All approved.

**Sanitary Inspector Report:**

*March, April, May - 2009*

There was a review of the report, comments and questions were addressed by Ms. Mueller.

A motion was made by Ms. McLoughlin, seconded by Mr. Berdahl to approve the Sanitary Inspectors Report for March, April & May as submitted. All approved

Ms. Mueller left at 7:57 pm.

**Correspondence:** none

Mr. Cooperhouse stated that he is present tonight to answer some concerns on the reorganization meeting for 2009 being conducted via a cell phone. He advised that he did refer to the Borough Attorney and it could be deemed an official meeting only if the Board of Health was happy with the outcome. Mr. Cooperhouse advised that he does have the authority to name a President to the Board at a subsequent Counsel meeting, if the Board does not want another vote or they can choose to hold another reorganization meeting.

Mr. Berdahl felt that the Board should “stay the way things are” since there only 3 meetings left in 2009, and to hold the regular reorganization meeting in January 2010.

Ms. McLoughlin stated that she disagrees with Mr. Berdahl and the President should be at the meeting. Ms. McLoughlin feels that Mr. Roman should remain on the Board since he does have a wealth of knowledge and he could participate as a member, but we need a President who is present and can participate. She finds it very unusual the way the reorganization was conducted. We have other fine members that could fill in while Mr. Roman is unable to attend the meetings. She suggests that we at least vote in an acting president.

Dr. Westerman agrees with Mr. Berdahl and that we should put off any voting. He feels that Mr. Roman is a loyal member and is going through some terrible times and the compromise should be that the Board wait for another meeting.

Ms. Kerekes feels that the Board should wait for a vote.

Ms. Woodroffe feels that the Vice President should take over, which is the reason there is a Vice President, and it would be courtesy to wait. But she does feel that there should not be a phone calls allowed for reorganization.

Ms Levinson feels that there should not be any outside conversations with Mr. Roman and a President should be present.

Mr. Berdahl said that the Sewer Authority meetings the President must be present in order to participate at the Sewer Authority meetings.

Mr. Cooperhouse explained that the law does allow participation via a cell phone during an open session but it is not legal for the closed session of a meeting.

Mr. Berdahl suggested that the Board adopt their own By-Laws but Mr. Cooperhouse explained that any By-Laws would have to be reviewed by the Borough Attorney. Mr. Berdahl also feels that the selection process for the Regional Representative should be included in the By-Laws. Mr. Cooperhouse also reminded the Board that the Borough follows Roberts Rules and so should the Board of Health.

Mr. Burden suggested that the Board should look into the surrounding towns and see if they have any Ordinances or Model Rules that the Board of Health could use.

Mr. Burden suggested that an acting President could be appointed by the Board in the interim of Mr. Roman's illness.

Mr. Berdahl suggested that Ms. Levinson take the seat as President. Mr. Cooperhouse stated that you should have a majority and not a quorum when taking the vote.

Ms. McLoughlin said that the Board of Health needs to function as a Board of Health and if Mr. Roman cannot function as the President then he should step down.

Mr. Berdahl said that he has suggested that to Mr. Roman and received no response from him, so he feels that the Board should give him the courtesy until 2010.

Ms. McLoughlin asked Mr. Cooperhouse if Mayor & Counsel can make the decision with regard to the President's seat? Mr. Cooperhouse said that the Board did not take a vote. Mr. Berdahl does not want to take a vote; he feels that a consensus of the Board would be better.

Mr. Copperhouse reminded Mr. Berdahl of their conversation on the phone and reminded Mr. Berdahl that he cannot have things both ways.

Ms. Levinson said that she feels Mr. Roman cannot make calls and engineer issues just as he is going with the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission.

Ms. McLoughlin feels that 30 years in the seat as President is long enough and we do have enough good people to take over the seat if not permanently then in Mr. Roman's absence.

A consensus of the Board was to act under the elections of the 2009 reorganization meeting.

*A motion was made by Mr. Berdahl, seconded by Dr. Westerman to elect Ms. Levinson as the acting President for the remainder of 2009 and to reorganize in 2010.*

*Roll Call:*

*Affirmative: Levinson, McLoughlin, Berdahl, Westerman, Kerekes, Woodroffe*

*Negative: None*

Ms. Levinson asked Mr. Berdahl to attend the next MCRHC meeting, and then she will be the Regional Representative in July with Mr. Berdahl as the Alternate.

### **Report of Officers:**

**President:** no report

### **Secretary:**

Ms. McLoughlin is working with the Administrative Assistant with regard to an article which will be in the next newsletter.

**Regional:** no report

**Council Liaison:** no report

**Working Groups:**

**Health Affairs:**

Dr. Westerman asked if there was anything the Borough could do with educating bike riders with regard to using bells or some type of identification for the pedestrians who walk along Broad Street.

Mr. Cooperhouse advised that this is an enforcement issue with the Police Department, and he will check with them.

**Site Plan & Subdivisions:** no report

**Unfinished Business:**

Mr. Berdahl distributed a letter that will be forwarded to Mayor & Counsel with respect to “culling” of the deer population. Mr. Berdahl asked for any comments to be forwarded to him. Ms. Levinson will provide the list of diseases which can be contracted from deer. Mr. Cooperhouse will get the number of accidents caused by deer.

**New Business:** none

**General Business:** none

A motion was made by, Dr. Westerman, seconded by Ms. Kerekes to adjourn the workshop meeting at 9:00 pm. All approved.