

Darlene Mandeville introduced the applicant and then stepped out of meeting.

Deborah Ricci, MPA, Health Officer from Elmwood Park, also Interlocal Health Officer for Lodi.

Dr. Azzariti started and asked Deborah, to explain her position as a Health Officer. Deborah handed out her resume, health department information and business cards, and explained she is the Health Officer for Elmwood Park (population 18,000) and Lodi (population 23,000) and is in charge of the Public Health Programs for both towns. She supervises Darlene, Nurses, two fulltime secretaries in both towns, also in charge of the contract for Public Health Nursing Services with Hackensack Hospital, the Public Education Seminars, also Supervises the Animal Control Contract. I do a lot of the field work and I am on call 24 hours a day.

Deborah explained the different ways a Board of Health are made up, and stated we were very fortunate to have an autonomous board of health and able to represent our community and be the voice. Although Saddle River is a wealthy community you still have health problems. Dr. Kurpis asked did she have any insight into the deer problem. Deborah stated she would help us work on thinning the population.

Dr. Parker said that the town has to pass a resolution, to have archers help this situation out; recently she read how Allendale is doing this. Also, Dr. Parker had the link sent to everyone on the Board about it. It won't be simple, because of all the protest. Last time we had a protest over the cat licensing. Deborah said, "June 19th, she has the Senior Biologist from DEP coming to her Mayor and Council to discuss a coyote issue, and she will ask him for a date with our board."

Dr. Azzariti explained how we rely heavy on our Health Officer. We need someone to attend our meetings and present a report monthly. Deborah stated this is exactly how she operates; she does a report on what she has covered in the month, and does work closely with the Board. She is on the Mental Health and Drug Abuse Task Force for the County, there is a great need in Bergen County to prevent drug abuse.

Deborah, spoke a few minutes, about the problems, children in 4th grade are coming in drunk to school, heron is so addictive and so cheap to get. Many new drugs are effecting our community, such as: Spice (synthetic marijuana); Krocodile (from Russia) a few injections of this your skin turns green and starts to fall off, it's in Arizona and Ohio and coming to New Jersey. Another synthetic drug is the N-Bomb, a hallucinogen, very scary, and all schools and parents should be aware of these drugs, and if it could help one family it is all worth it.

Deborah stated, "Public Health is a lot, from animals, drug abuse, restaurant inspections, and other environmental issues, infectious diseases, all inclusive of what I do, and I find it all interesting. As I said, I am on call 24 hours and I like my job. As a Health Officer, I need to have a full time position in a town, then that town then contracts with other towns for me to work in, but I need a fulltime position first. My fulltime position is in Elmwood Park. I would incorporate Saddle River into what I do now; Saddle River would become part of the whole. If I went to do a grant, I would submit it for all my towns and Saddle River would get there portion. There is an Emergency Preparedness Grant coming through from the State and Saddle River should apply.

Saddle River would contract with Elmwood Park, and with the interlocal agreement, Saddle River would get a credit with the Governor Christie's tool kit, which is very valuable to the towns. In order to get the full credit you would need a four year contract.

Deborah stated that, "Saddle River is a lovely community and this is a thoughtful active board, your community is important, and you want to keep your community on top of things, this is very good. I would be able to attend your meetings each month and give a report, and help your community." Deborah gave a ballpark figure, and the Board was satisfied.

After the interviews, the Board decided they want proposals from both candidates, and references, then the Board will meet again on June 25, 2014 @ 7:30 with the proposals from both places.

Adjournment