

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 7, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Geake, Chairman; Laurel Lindstrom; Richard McQuaid;
Steve Serasis; Nicholas Kydes.

STAFF: Tim Callahan, Health Department Director.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by the Chairman.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEES

Mr. Callahan said they have three revenue sources: fees, grants and the City of Norwalk. The Board of Health reviewed the fees and held a public hearing last Tuesday. No one spoke at the public hearing and the Board of Health voted unanimously to adopt the fees. The charge for the fees is cost plus 20%, except for the Class IV license, which is cost plus 10%. They are proposing to establish fees for the services provided by the Sealer of Weights and Measures. The City is responsible for providing this service.

Ms. Lindstrom asked if staff was available to provide all of these services, and Mr. Callahan responded affirmatively.

Mr. Callahan said the additional increase in revenue goes to the General Fund. Their budget has been decreased by \$400,000 and they have lost staff. They are looking to maintain services. They have asked the Board of Estimate & Taxation for 95,000 back. These fees would add \$100,000, so this would be a wash. The Board of Estimate has left this as an open item.

Mr. Kydes said the costs are not consistent. Mr. Callahan will send him the spread sheet. Mr. Kydes said inconsistencies will create havoc. Mr. Callahan noted that some of the numbers have been rounded off.

Ms. Lindstrom said some of the increases affect businesses and some affect private home owners and asked about private testing. Mr. Callahan said it relates to perc tests on private lots. It is part of construction costs and is usually absorbed by the contractor. In most cases, the permit is taken out by a contractor.

Ms. Lindstrom asked about the Norwalk Shelter. Mr. Callahan said they are a licensed rooming house, but they don't pay because they are a City entity. However, they are inspected.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADOPT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEES,
AS LISTED, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF THE SPREAD SHEET.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MR. MCQUAID MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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