

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
APRIL 7, 2009

**Community Services
Members**

In Attendance: Lois Bronz, Chair, Ken Jenkins, Vito Pinto, Judy Myers.

In Attendance: CEO: Andrew Neuman, Bill Randolph; BOL: Joanne Sold, Rick Pezzullo, Chris Crane, and Melanie Montalto
Guests: Albert Annunziata, John Bonito, Jeff Hanley, Louis Russo.

Items Discussed: The Builders Institute presented concerns regarding the County Health Code.

Minutes

Chairwoman Bronz called the Community Services Committee meeting to order at 3:17 P.M.

Moved by Legislator Pinto and seconded by Legislator Jenkins the minutes of the March 17th and March 24th meetings were approved with a vote of 4-0.

Albert Annunziata, Executive Director of the Builders Institute of Westchester & the Mid-Hudson Region, discussed problems that apartment building owners are having with the Department of Health concerning health code violations with regard to petroleum bulk storage requirements in their buildings.

John Bonito and Robert Abelson of BRI-ACMA discussed specific issues with health code inspectors. Mr. Bonito stated that health code inspectors are showing up unannounced with the code states that they must give reasonable notification of the time of the inspection, telling building owners to paint pipes inaccurate colors from the color chart in the health code, confusing signage requirements, the code is not available in Spanish for some building managers, the inspectors interpret the code as they see fit, and a general disrespect to the building superintendents. The members of the Institute and property owners stated that the code is not clear, and the information distributed to the buildings needs to be updated.

Legislator Myers will be the point person and bring this issue to the attention of the Board of Health. Legislator Myers stated she will have it placed on the agenda for the next Board of Health meeting.

Chairwoman Bronz stated that we will have a follow up meeting following Legislator Myers discussion with the Board of Health, and the Committee will pursue changes in the code.

Moved by Legislator Jenkins and seconded by Legislator Pinto the Committee on Community Services adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

A complete audio recording of the meeting is available for review upon request.