

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON JANUARY 10, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.**

Roll Call: Nicole Argenzia, Cindy Bischoff, Sue Gibbons and Linda Lahey.

Also present were Councilman Knoller, NWBC Health Officer Angela Musella, Public Health Nurse Kay Hodges and Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary.

Health Assistant notified the Board of Health members that in case of a fire follow the Fire Exit sign above the door and exit calmly.

Roll Call: NA-yes CB-yes LL- yes SG-yes

The Board of Health meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by acting Board of Health President Nicole Argenzia.

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, Seconded by Nicole Argenzia, that the minutes of the December 13, 2018 meeting be approved as written.

Roll Call: NA-yes CB-yes LL- yes SG-yes

The Animal and Financial Reports for October, November and December 2018 were accepted as submitted

The Board of Health secretary reported that 79 dog and 11 cat 2019 licenses had been issued between January 2 and the meeting.

**Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Reports** for December was circulated to the meeting and accepted as submitted.

Inspections

J's bagels was re-inspected and they have installed a handwashing sink as had been requested at several prior inspections. Additionally all the other areas that needed work were addressed. A summons will not be issued.

No temporary food licenses requested.

Complaints

One complaint about heating from a resident who said there is no thermostat and there is an unpleasant smell when the heating goes on. The tenant was advised to contact the landlord. The complaint is pending.

No Plan reviews or consultations

No animal bites reported.

There was one violation issued to J's bagels which was addressed. A summons was not issued.

#### Health Education

Deputy registrar completed training before the end of the year.

No OPRA requests

#### Vital Statistics

There were 10 deaths reported and 1 marriage license issued in December.

#### Communicable Disease Investigations

One possible Lyme investigated

NW Bergen Regional Health Commission is preparing to be audited by the State.

#### **Public Health Nurse Report**

Should have held a clinic today but there was a conflict with a Seniors meeting so no one attended. There is one resident who comes regularly for blood pressure readings which is good because her blood pressure fluctuates.

#### **Council Liaison Report**

Council liaison for the Board of Health will be Councilman Knoller. The Council reorganization has been deferred to the next meeting on January 19. The seat vacated by the mayor will be interviewed for at that meeting.

#### **Payment of Vouchers**

Details were circulated with the minutes and accepted by the meeting.

For future meetings Financial Reports and Payment of vouchers will be combined into one agenda item in future.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### Re-organization:

A motion to nominate Nicole Argenzia as Board of Health president was made by Cindy Bischoff and seconded by Sue Gibbons

Roll Call: CB=yes LL- yes SG=yes

A motion to nominate Cindy Bischoff as Board of Health vice-president was made by Nicole Argenzia and seconded by Sue Gibbons

Roll Call: NA=yes LL- yes SG=yes

#### Discussion, re: Hookah Lounge

Angela has done some research and has been unable to find much about Hookah Lounges, specifically towns where they have been banned. The interest at the moment seems to be marijuana. The suggestion was made that a ban on Hookah Lounges could be added to the existing Borough ordinance banning the use of marijuana. Councilman Knoller said he would bring this up in his report to the Mayor and Council meeting on Tuesday January 15. Subsequent to this an amendment would be written and reviewed with the Borough Attorney. Once the wording is appropriate the amendment would be sent back to the Board of Health for review and then returned to the Mayor and Council for final approval.

The amendment could be as simple as adding the wording 'inhalation of any substance or devices used for that purpose'. That would have the benefit of covering any new substances in the future.

#### Discussion, re: Beekeeping

It is possible that there is something under zoning which could regulate beekeeping. The issue in the past has been the proximity of the hive to other properties, sidewalks or other public paths. Situations where beehives are near properties with pools can lead to bee sting issues. However, there is a statute, NJSA 40:48-1.5 which states "...no municipality may adopt an ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation concerning the breeding or keeping of honey bees or any activities related thereto...". A copy of this is attached to the minutes.

#### Animal census

Animal census will be done in May by Tyco Animal Health.

The Westwood Rabies Clinic on January 26 was mentioned. This will be publicized to Emerson residents.

Sue Gibbons asked how we could update the Board of Health page on the Borough website to make it more informative and interesting. She would be happy to do this if she access. Board of Health secretary will contact the Borough Clerk about giving Sue access. The page could also have a link to the North West Bergen Regional Health Commission page.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### Appointment of a new member to the open seat

Two resumes have been received. The two individuals will be interviewed at February's meeting. It was agreed that Nicole would contact them and invite them to interview before the next meeting, one at 7 p.m. and one at 7:15 p.m. This can then be discussed at the meeting and a decision taken on who to appoint. It was noted that this meeting will take place on Tuesday February 19.

**Post meeting note: The interviews will take place in a closed session as part of the main meeting.**

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Roll Call: NA-yes CB-yes LL- yes SG-yes

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Morris  
Board of Health Secretary