

THE SINE DIE MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2020 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BOROUGH HALL.

Roll Call: Cindy Bischoff, Sue Gibbons, Linda Lahey and Cory Melillo

Also present were Councilwoman Nicole Argenzia, NWBC Health Officer Angela Musella, 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: CB-yes SG-yes LL- yes CM-yes

The Board of Health meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by acting Board of Health President Cindy Bischoff.

Unfinished Business for the year 2019

Approval of the minutes from the December 12th meeting.

Councilwoman Argenzia pointed out that Elaine Palombit's name was spelled incorrectly. Motion by Linda Lahey, seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that the minutes of the December 12, 2020 meeting be approved with the change noted above.

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

The Animal and Financial Reports for December and January were accepted as submitted.

The Board of Health secretary reported that no dog or cat licenses were issued in December 2019 as would be expected. A payment of \$104 was received from NWBRHC.

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report for January

Inspections

Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts, Franco's pizza and Goldberg's bagels were inspected in December. All were satisfactory on first or follow up visits. NWBRHC carried out 109 inspections in Emerson in 2019. There were no Pool inspections in December.

Plan Reviews & Consultations

None

Temporary Food Licenses

None issued.

Complaints

Complainant reported employees transferring ready to eat cookies from baking pan to bowls without wearing gloves at Rispoli's pastry shop. REMS visited them and explained the importance of wearing gloves, using tissue paper or tongs particularly with ready to eat products.

Animal Bites

Two animal bites reported, both were dog to dog.

Summonses/Abatements/Violation

None Issued

Court Appearances

None

OPRA Request

One request for Health Code Violation Reports.

Vital Statistics

There were 12 deaths reported and 1 marriage license issued in December.

Servsafe Food Handlers Classes

None

Health Education

Chantal attended a CHIPS conference on wellness, participated in a Registrar meeting, sent out correspondence on Salmonella to assisted/senior living locations as directed to by the State, provided information for December Health Awareness on FB, scheduled a diabetes event for Emerson Seniors and ordered giveaways for community events.

Communicable Disease Investigations

One Legionella and one Lyme investigated

Blood Pressure Program

Two residents attended the December 12th clinic. All vital signs were within normal limits and no distress was noted.

School Immunization Audits

All Emerson Schools reported 100% immunization.

Council Liaison Report

Councilwoman Nicole Argenzia said that there was not much to report for December. She mentioned that there will be state legislation which bans the sale all vaping products stronger than 2% and flavored vaping materials except menthol, wintergreen and mint going into effect on April 20th. Stores will have two months to comply.

Discussion, re: Vaping Ordinance

Sue Gibbons brought up the fact that Midland Park have a stronger ordinance which prohibits the sale of vaping products altogether. She would like to see Emerson have a similar ordinance. She will draft one for review at the March meeting and circulate it for comment prior to the meeting.

When the final draft has been agreed it will be sent to the Borough Attorney for review. When approved, it will be introduced at the next meeting and notice that it will be voted on at the following meeting will be published in one local newspaper.

Once the ordinance has been approved stores will be notified by the Board of Health and NWBRHC REHS's will go out and ensure that stores are compliant.

Discussion, re: ShopRite Flu Vaccination Clinics

The secretary reported that ShopRite did not respond to a call asking whether they were still running the clinics. CDC is still recommending people get a flu shot. NWBRHC still have vaccine and anyone requiring a shot will be referred to them.

Vote on new Board of Health member

Motion was made to vote to appoint Elaine Palombit as the fifth member of the Board of Health by Cindy Bischoff, and seconded by Linda Lahey

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

Cindy Bischoff will let the Mayor know that Elaine has been approved so she can appoint her at the next Mayor and Council meeting

Motion by Sue Gibbons, seconded by Cindy Bischoff, to close the Sine Die session of the Board of Health meeting and open the Reorganization meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Morris,
Board of Health Secretary