

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON MARCH 14, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.

Roll Call: Nicole Argenzia, Linda Lahey, Sue Gibbons and Corey Melillo

Also present were Councilman Knoller, NWBRHC Registered Environmental Health Specialist Zackary Martin, and Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary.

Apologies: Cindy Bischoff

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 LL- yes SG-yes CM-yes

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

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, seconded by Linda Lahey, that the minutes of regular and closed session of the February 19, 2019 meeting be approved with the correction of the misspelling of Corey Melillo's last name.

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

The Animal and Financial Reports for February were accepted as submitted.

The Board of Health secretary reported that 46 dog licenses and no cat licenses were issued in February. This is still about 60 less than the number that had been issued by the end of March in 2018. The Board of Health Secretary is still looking into contacting people who have not renewed their licenses. This is taking some time as there is no quick way to pull the information from the database.

Pet license funds are used to pay for the Rabies Clinic and Pet Census.

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report for January was circulated to the meeting

Angela is away on medical leave and Zackary Martin was reporting on behalf of the NWBRHC.

Inspections

There were 5 regular satisfactory inspections in February.

No temporary food licenses, plan reviews & consultations or complaints. Previous complaint 222-18C 99 Kinderkamack Rd. has been closed

There was one inquiry in February regarding the Suez letter about lead in the water. NWBRHC mailed a copy of the letter from Suez regarding this issue.

There were no summonses/abatement/violations issued, no court appearance, OPRA requests or Servsafe Food handlers classes

Vital Statistics

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

Health Education

A presentation on e-cigarettes was given to Emerson teachers at Emerson Junior/Senior High School. A presentation on ‘Keeping your Mind Sharp’ was given to Emerson Seniors.

Communicable Disease Investigations

No Hepatitis B or Lyme investigated in February

A question was asked about whether the statistical portion of the State Audit had been completed. Zackary will look into this.

Likewise more information was requested on the correspondence with Langan. Zackary will send a copy to the Board of Health Secretary who will distribute it to the Board

Public Health Nurse Report

Public Health nurse was unable to attend

Council Liaison Report

Councilman Knoller Council reported that the Borough Attorney had not had the opportunity to review the existing Marijuana Ordinance for applicability to the Hookah lounge because of other priorities. The wording of amendment that had been agreed at the January meeting would be sent to Councilman Knoller after the meeting along with the existing anti-smoking ordinance.

It is anticipated this will be read at the April 2nd Mayor and Council meeting and approved at the April 16th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, re: Hookah Lounge

See Council Liaison report

NEW BUSINESS:

Lead in Water Pipes

There was a discussion about how residents can find out if there are any problems with lead in their pipes. On Suez’s web site there is a page where residents can enter their address. The

system will then tell them if there are any problems in the pipes between their home and the street. Suez can only provide the information and any remediation is the responsibility of the homeowner. This may involve digging up all the pipes to have them replaced. Suez can also advise on how to check if pipes inside the home are OK. If they are copper colored they are good if they are black there may be a problem. If residents are concerned they can contact Suez who will provide them with a kit to check their water for lead. It is also possible to find independent contractors who will test water.

Armenian Home

Building will begin in the near future. The question was asked as to whether they would be allowed to build over the C-5 waterway because of flooding concerns. Councilman Knoller did not think this was seen an issue. There is supposed to be a large underground seepage tank to collect the water to avoid this.

The meeting welcomed Corey

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, seconded by Sue Gibbons, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary