

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON APRIL 11, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.**

Roll Call: Nicole Argenzia, Cindy Bischoff, Linda Lahey

Also present were Councilman Knoller, Darlene Mandeville NWBRHC, and Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary.

Apologies: Sue Gibbons and Corey Melillo

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

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 Cindy Bischoff, that the minutes March 14, 2019 meeting be approved with the correction of the location of the meeting which was the Council Chambers.

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

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

The Board of Health secretary commented that the format of the financial report had been changed to include more information. Also added to the package was a copy of NWBRHC Registrar Statistics which also reports the revenue paid to Emerson. The meeting accepted these changes. The secretary reported that 12 dog licenses and 1 cat license were issued in March. 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.

**Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report** for March was circulated to the meeting. Darlene was reporting on behalf of the NWBRHC.

Inspections

There were 12 satisfactory inspections carried out in March. One of these was a preop. for Cradles to Crayons who have been doing work.

No temporary food licenses, or plan reviews & consultations. There was one complaint, a wellness/hoarding situation. Adult Protective Services were involved which is generally what happens in these cases when people are not able to look after themselves. A previous poison ivy complaint was closed.

There were no inquiries in March.

#### Animal Bites

Two dog on dog incidents where both dogs were quarantined. The cases were resolved.

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

#### Vital Statistics

There were 7 deaths reported and 3 marriage licenses issued in March.

#### Health Education

Spring Newsletter was sent out

#### Public Health Nursing

Brookdale had two cases of outbreaks of norovirus one following on from the other. Norovirus is usually seen around this time of year.

#### Communicable Disease Investigations

There was one Lyme case in March.

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

Public Health nurse was unable to attend

#### **Council Liaison Report**

Councilman Knoller reported that Marijuana Ordinance will not be considered at present because the State did not pass the Marijuana Law. Had the law been passed, towns that had a Marijuana Ordinance would have been required to amend theirs to conform to what the State Law said. Boroughs are allowed to create Ordinances that are stricter than State Law but not more lenient. Quite a number of towns have ordinances preventing the sale of marijuana but the consensus was that there will be some towns that will want to allow it.

Councilman Knoller reported that the redevelopment of the town is currently scheduled to start in June/July. The Vivian Avenue repaving came in substantially under budget so the town will be able to do more paving.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion, re: Hookah Lounge

See Council Liaison report. The Council will send a copy of the draft ordinance to the Board of Health for comment.

No actions from Lead in water pipes or Armenian Home construction

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Municipalities Cannot Contract With Animal Control Providers That Employs or Contracts with Former Animal Control Officer Vincent Ascolese.

Emerson does not contract with this officer and he does not work with Tyco. The notice was sent to all towns to ensure that those who used him were aware of the ban.

Nicole told the meeting that she will be running for town council. If she wins then she will not be able to hold the position of president of the Board of Health. Cindy would become president. Councilman Knoller commented that it is good to have new people running for office.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, seconded by Linda Lahey, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary