

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON MAY 9, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.**

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

Also present were Rebecca Pigoncelli, REHS NWBRHC, and Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary.

Apologies: Corey Melillo, Councilman Knoller

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 SB-yes

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

A question arose from the minutes from the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the decision taken by the Mayor and Council not to proceed with an ordinance banning the use of marijuana because the state had not passed a law prohibiting the use of this substance. It was noted that this was because they did not want to pass a marijuana ordinance that would subsequently have to be amended. The Mayor and Council agreed that they should just wait until the state law had been passed and then create a Borough ordinance in line with that. There was a concern that waiting could make the creation of an ordinance harder and it was agreed these concerns would be raised with the Council.

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, seconded by Sue Gibbons, that the minutes April 11, 2019 meeting be approved.

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

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

The secretary reported that 20 dog licenses and 0 cat licenses were issued in April. This is still about 60 less than the number that had been issued by the end of April in 2018. The Board of Health Secretary is still looking into contacting people who have not renewed their licenses.

Revenue and payment vouchers were reviewed.

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

### Inspections

There were 9 satisfactory inspections carried out in April. Rispoli's were given a conditional rating because of hand washing issues. The hand wash sink at the back of the building was being used to store items and so was not available for hand washing. There was no soap in the restroom and an employee was observed leaving the restroom and going straight back to food preparation. They have a wash rinse and sanitize process which was not being followed. It was pointed out to them that everything should be sanitized and not just washed and rinsed. This was reinstated as satisfactory on re-inspection.

Sushi House, a new Sushi stand in Shoprite that opened in February was inspected.

Apart from Ace Amusements who submitted their temporary license application in January none of the other carnival vendors have done this. This will be followed up. Casa Maselli was very late in 2018 but with an early contact this may be avoided.

### Plan reviews & consultations

No plan reviews & consultations as there are no new businesses. A sign for a new hair/blowout salon has been posted in the premises where i-fix pro used to be. The consensus of the meeting was that inspecting this facility was not a Board of Health or NWBRHC responsibility.

### Complaints

There were no new complaints.

There were no inquiries in March.

### Animal Bites

There was one dog on dog and one dog on human incident.

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 4 marriage licenses issued in April.

### Health Education

One ServSafe class with certification completed. Correspondence regarding a free infectious disease education program was sent to all daycare centers.

### Public Health Nursing

A School Immunization Audit was completed April 4 and 16 2019. The reported compliance rate for Cradles to Crayons was less than 90% due to records being unavailable. This was attributed to a flood at the facility.

### Communicable Disease Investigations

There was one case of Hepatitis B, one of Legionella and two cases of Lyme disease reported in April.

### **Public Health Nurse Report**

Public Health nurse was unable to attend. As Kay has been off the blood pressure clinics have not been happening. The question was asked who from North West Bergen Regional Health Commission would cover the job that Kay had been doing. Rebecca will find out.

### **Council Liaison Report**

Councilman Knoller was unable to attend.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Hookah Lounge-See New Business

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Discussion, re: Hookah Lounge and anti-vaping

Councilman Knoller was not at the meeting and had not sent a report. At the previous meeting he said that the Borough's clean free air act would cover anti-vaping if the wording drafted by the Board of Health were added. The Mayor and Council would then review this.

There was some discussion about the Hookah lounge and adding vaping to the clean free air act and it was agreed that these are two separate issues. They had become connected because of a discussion at the April 17 Mayor and Council meeting which referred to Hookah lounges and vaping shops. At that meeting, Council President Falotico requested that an ordinance to ban under age vaping was written and introduced at the May 7 meeting. The Borough Attorney suggested that the policy should be written by the Board of Health. This was interpreted as meaning that the Board of Health should prepare a statement outlining the health consequences of vaping to be included in the ordinance.

Sue will reach out to Councilman Knoller and clarify both the Hookah lounge and anti-vaping issues. She will also establish why the ordinance will only ban underage vaping and not all vaping and whether it is possible to have the proposed ordinance reflect the latter. Also to confirm whether there would be an 18 month wait to introduce an ordinance banning Hookah lounges.

#### Guinness book of records nomination for Kay Hodges

The Guinness Book of Records contacted the Board of Health about nominating Kay Hodges to be the oldest active nurse. No one had been able to contact Kay or her son. Contact details for her son will be obtained so this can be discussed with him.

Keeping of Fowl

There was a request by a resident to keep chickens and what the rules were. She was sent the ordinance and Nicole sent further information about the number of chickens allowed per square foot of property, setbacks and the need for a permit.

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, seconded by Nicole Argenzia, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary