

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON JUNE 13, 2019 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.**

Roll Call: Nicole Argenzia, Linda Lahey and Corey Melillo

Also present were Angela Musella, REHS NWBRHC, Councilman Knoller and Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary.

Apologies: Cindy Bischoff, Sue Gibbons

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 CM-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 May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the location of the new Hair/nail salon. The minutes stated that the new salon would be situated where Just Pups used to be and it was thought this was not the case. The Board of Health Secretary would check the recording of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to clarify this. Post meeting note: The store where i-fix pro used to be has a notice posted on stating that a Hair/Blowout Salon V will be opening soon.

There was also a question about why the immunization compliance rate for Cradles to Crayons would be affected by a flood. It was clarified that the paperwork was not up to date because of the flood. The meeting agreed that the minutes should be amended to reflect this by stating the ‘reported compliance rate was less than 90% due to records being unavailable’ and not ‘the compliance rate was less than 90%’.

Motion by Linda Lahey, seconded by Corey Melillo, that the minutes of the May 9, 2019 meeting be approved with the changes discussed above.

Roll Call: NA-yes LL –yes CM-yes

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

The secretary reported that 5 dog licenses and 0 cat licenses were issued in May. This is still about 60 less than the number that had been issued by the end of May in 2018.

Revenue and payment vouchers were reviewed.

**Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report** for May was circulated to the meeting.

### Inspections

May is spent inspecting public pools which are being opened for the Memorial Day weekend. A pre-operation inspection is done when the pools are opened. This is followed up with an operational inspection about two weeks later. All the preoperational inspections in Emerson were satisfactory. Over the summer NWBRHC receive weekly reports on the water condition and if they are not in compliance this is followed up.

There was a sewer back up at Marra's market. Zach Martin, REHS inspected and ensured that the backup was adequately cleaned up. On subsequent re-inspection everything was satisfactory.

### Temporary Licenses

The Assumption Church held their annual carnival which was inspected and was satisfactory.

### Plan reviews & consultations

No plan reviews & consultations as there are no new businesses.

### Complaints

There was one complaint, made by Cork & Keg of raw sewage coming out of an abandoned apartment building at 184 Kinderkamack. Property maintenance has issued notice for abatement and a notice of a violation was sent in by the Rebecca Pignoncelli, REHS which is still pending. It is thought that the sewage has been cleaned up.

### Enquiries

None for the month

### Animal Bites

No animal bites

One violation was sent to Accurate Builders about the sewage spillage discussed in the previous section.

There were no summonses or abatements issued no court appearances, or OPRA requests.

There was a Servsafe Food handlers classes but no one from Emerson attended.

### Vital Statistics

There were 4 deaths reported and no marriage licenses issued in May.

### Health Education

Chantal attended an Adult and Youth Mental Health first aid class May 1<sup>st</sup> at Bergen Health Department of Health Services. She also taught a ServSafe class with fourteen participants on May 22.

### Communicable Disease Investigations

There were no outbreaks and one case of Lyme disease reported in May.

### Public Health Nursing

All remaining schools audited by the public nurse were 100% compliant.

Notification about an underground storage tank that was removed and leaked was received from the DEP.

Angela distributed copies of a flyer about a presentation on Lyme disease and ticks being given by Chantal Folkes, Health Educator at the River Vale library on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Council Liaison Report**

Councilman Knoller gave a general update. The Borough Attorney has not yet commented on the Hookah lounge ordinance. The position of full-time Borough Administrator has been agreed and will be advertised on the League of Municipalities website.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

No further updates as the Borough Attorney has not reviewed the proposed ordinance or supporting documentation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### Discussion re: Car Show

At the recent car show there was a vendor, NoCo, (contact Joe Agnello) who did not appear to have applied for a food license. Three licenses were issued; one for Thai Elephant, one for Uncle Louie G's ices and one to the Chamber of Commerce who were going to use it for cooking themselves. Thai Elephant did not attend as they had a problem with the truck. The Board of Health secretary will follow up with Laura Litchault the Chamber of Commerce contact for the Car Show for payment for the license. If NoCo do not pay the Board of Health will not allow them to attend any future Emerson events.

To ensure that this doesn't happen again it was agreed that if vendors do not have a permit when they are inspected by the Health Inspector at events they will be asked to leave. If they refuse the police should be called.

#### Discussion re: Blood Pressure Clinics

With the sad passing of Kay Hodges the blood pressure clinics will now be provided by the Public Health Nurse from North West Bergen Regional Health Commission. According to the schedule left by the previous Board of Health secretary the Blood Pressure Clinics were held on the first and third Thursday of the month 1:30-3:30 pm. NWBRHC will only be able to provide one clinic per month and it was agreed this would be 10:30 and 12 pm on the third Thursday of the month. It was suggested that this was discussed with Ken Roman the president of the seniors

club to see if he thought this was a good date and what he suggested in terms of publicizing the service. Flyers could be posted in the Senior Center, the library, Shop-rite and Stop and Shop.

Kirsteen Pinto will be the Borough's public nurse going forward. She will not be able to attend the Board of Health meetings but will provide a report which will be reviewed by Angela.

Lois Cohan, RN from Hillsdale who is involved in the Bergen County Public Health Nurses Society contacted North West Bergen Regional Health Commission. They would like to do something to honor Kay and the meeting was asked for ideas. Suggestions included a bench by the senior center, a plaque on a tree in the memorial garden near the library or a donation to the Women's Chapter of the Masonic Temple which Kay was active in for many years. Angela will pass these suggestions on to Lois.

A flyer regarding a naloxone nasal spray education day, June 18 had been circulated but it did not say where the sites were. They are: Buckley's Drug Store, 35 East Palisade Avenue Englewood, Walmart, 174 Passaic Street, Garfield, Levy's Pharmacy 299 Stuyvesant Avenue, Lyndhurst, Walgreen, 72 Crescent Avenue, Waldwick and Rite Aid, 265 Pascack Rd., Washington Township.

Any issues with lead can be minimized by running cold water for 15 seconds before drinking. This includes water from refrigerator.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, seconded by Linda Lahey, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Roll Call: NA=yes LL –yes CM=yes

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary