

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2018 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.

Roll Call: Elaine Rizzo, Nicole Argenzia, Cindy Bischoff, Linda Lahey and Susan Gibbons.
Also present was Public Health Nurse Kay Hodges and Peggy Di Lello, Health Assistant

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.

The Board of Health meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Board of Health President Elaine Rizzo.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, Seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that Minutes of September 13, 2018 be approved as written.

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

The Financial Report for September was accepted as submitted.

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report for September was accepted as submitted.

Eleven establishments were inspected and received Satisfactory ratings. Emerson Jr/Sr. High School, ShopRite of Emerson, and Villano School received Re-Check Satisfactory to ensure that their establishments are perfect.

Ackerman Avenue

A resident complained that there is poison ivy on Ackerman Avenue property line, and health inspector observed the growth through a fence on the property line of Blair Place. The health inspector spoke to complainant, who said the adjacent property on Ackerman Avenue is where the growth is originating. A notice of violation was sent, and health inspector spoke with the property owner providing guidance on poison ivy removal.

Complaint investigation is in progress.

Mara's Italian Market

A customer claims she developed food poisoning after consuming eggplant parmesan stack from Marra's Italian Market. The health inspector examined premises and witnessed staff preparing the eggplant. She also observed cleaning and sanitizing procedures for using the slicer. The prep table had soiled wiping cloths and no bucket of sanitizer. The container in which the eggplant was rinsed was returned to a shelf from which it was taken without being washed. The

staff was instructed to take the 3-compartment sink to always be sanitized after its use. Staff was also told not to use the kitchen hand wash sink to dump food and utensils.

No further action required.

Kinderkamack Road

A resident complained that her apartment does not have a thermostat and she is constantly warm.

Complaint investigation is in progress.

There were no animal bites in the month of September.

There were no food handler's courses in the month of September.

There was one OPRA request on 145 Colonial Road asking for records of water wells and sanitary disposal.

Health Education

The deputy registrar scheduled flu vaccination programs at the Health Fair between 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., October 6, as well as October 16, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the senior citizens center.

The health officer emailed school nurses regarding the JUUL webinar on September 26 and Talk Save Lives program on October 1, 2018. The health officer sent correspondence about CHP to school nurses in the Emerson school district, and ordered free literature from NIH and FDA for upcoming programs.

Correspondence was sent to Emerson school nurses regarding upcoming health programs, and literature and newsletter were sent to municipalities.

The health officer returned a telephone call on one inquiry regarding West Nile disease

The health officer picked up promo items from NJ PIES.

Vital Statistics

There were twelve deaths and one marriage application in the month of September.

Communicable Disease Investigations

There was one case of E. Coli and one case of Lyme Disease included in the communicable disease investigation report.

Correspondence Received

State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection - Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge notification. Substance Release: Oil Fuel #2 1/1000 Gallon UST Removed. Clean up Pending at this time. Orchard Avenue.

Antea Group. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection – Site Remediation Program. Remedial action protectiveness/Biennial Certification Form – Ground Water. Kinderkamack Road

Northwest Regional Health Commission \$4,916.10

NJ Department of Health 9/1/18 – 9/30/18 Animal License Report \$ 1.20

Council liaison Report

Although Council liaison Karen Wolf was not able to attend the Board of Health meeting, she reported that Borough Administrator Bob Hoffmann noted that 2018 pet census should be paid out of the animal fund.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Eagle Project Wellness Fair

The health fair event was held on October 6, 2018 between 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Assumption Academy. Representatives from Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission handed out literature to the residents. Eight residents had blood pressure taken and flu inoculations given. Eagle Scout Stephen Munson also requested a presentation on mental health. Since the health fair was not well-attended, board of health president suggested that the event should be advertised in local newspapers, instead of electronically.

b. Pet Census

The health assistant contacted Tyco Animal Control to be put on the pet census list for 2019, which will be done in the spring.

Health Officer Angela Musella noted that Emerson's rabies clinic will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion, re: Hookah Lounge

The health assistant will poll surrounding towns and ask for an ordinance banning hookah lounges. The board of health discussed amending the vaping ordinance.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, Seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Di Lello
Health Assistant