

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 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 Councilman Knoller, Angela Musella, Health Officer NWBRHC, Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary and Elaine Palumbit

Apologies: Corey Melillo

Board of Health Secretary notified the Board of Health members that in case of a fire to 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.

Linda Lahey pointed out typographical error in the minutes in the Recreation Concession Stand Health Inspection section of new business. This will be corrected. Motion by Cindy Bischoff seconded by Sue Gibbons, that the minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting be approved with the change noted.

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

The Animal and Financial Reports for November was given.

The November report is quite short as there was not much activity. One dog license was issued for a new pet. There are no reported registrar's fees as they were not received during November.

Payment of vouchers

Two standard payments, one to state for the dog license, \$1.20 and the monthly payment to NWBRHC were made in October.

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Reports for November was circulated to the meeting.

The Rabies Clinic was held on November 2nd and a total of 26 animals were vaccinated. Any leftover vaccine was returned to Bergen County Animal Shelter.

Inspections

There were four inspections were done, all were satisfactory.

Plan reviews & consultations-None to report

Temporary Licenses-None issued

New Complaints

No new complaints

Inquiries-None for the month

Animal Bites- One dog to person bite

Summonses/Abatements/Violations-None for the month

Court Appearances-None

OPRA requests-None

Servsafe Food Handlers Classes- One food handler's manager's course was held and a representative from Pimaan Thai restaurant, Kinderkamack Rd attended.

Vital Statistics

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

Health Education-Chantal Folkes, the health educator participated in the rabies and flu clinics held in November. She also distributed the NWBRHC Fall Newsletter, attended the CHIP conference in Paramus, participated in the Bergen County Public Health partnership meeting and ordered a baby CPR anytime doll for the AHA Babysitting class 101.

Public Health Nursing/Communicable Disease Investigations

There was one case of campylobacter.

The Emerson blood Pressure Screening and the flu shot clinic were held November 14. There were two residents came for flu vaccinations and one for blood pressure screening. The latter had vital signs within normal limits.

Correspondence-No correspondence received

Council Liaison Report

- An Ordinance designating the parking lot on Locust as commuter parking to replace the lot that was by the Ambulance building was passed. The old lot had 44 spots and the one on Locust will have 56. When the redevelopment has been completed there will be 55 spots. No decisions have been taken as to what will be done with the Locust properties when the new commuter lot in the redevelopment has been opened.
- The Mayor and Council discussed the report from the architect commissioned to provide an assessment as to whether rebuilding or refurbishing Borough Hall was the better option. Refurbishment would involve building a temporary structure in the existing parking lot, moving staff into that building and then refurbishing the existing building. It

was stated that the time line for doing this or building a completely new building are the same but Councilman Knoller was concerned this was not accurate.

- There has been an ongoing discussion about the stop signs on Palisade Avenue. Councilman Bayley has arranged for the County's camera to be installed near these signs to assess how effective the signs are at keeping pedestrians safe.
- There was a discussion about an open space grant which was tabled till the next meeting.
- The governing body ratified an agreement with the Board of Education to officially appoint a police resource officer for the schools. PO Howard has been acting as the resource officer since the beginning of this school year and the schools have given positive feedback on him and the position.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion, re: Hookah Lounge and anti-vaping

The Borough Attorney responded to Nicole's email and said the Hookah lounge needed further analysis and he would ask for authorization to do this at the next meeting of the governing body but unfortunately he was not able to. Nicole followed up and was told that the Borough Attorney would not get to it before the end of the year.

Sue had done further research on Cloud Nine a vaping shop in Emerson which ceased trading a couple of years ago. The Borough was not able to provide a lot of information, only the CO and letter from the attorney stating that no notice or resolution was needed for this application as it was just a change in tenancy. In the initial application it was stated that there will be no vaping in the store only smelling and no food and beverages will be sold. The ATF regulates this type of institution and no special permits are needed so there was no requirement for an inspection which is how they were able to start the business. There are other stores in Paramus, Clifton and Bergenfield.

Discussion re: Shop Rite Flu shot clinic

Although there has been no further update regarding the potential liability issues around the Board of Health approving Shop Rite running a clinic the view was it still worth trying. The Board of Health secretary will follow up with the Borough Administrator.

Discussion re: 2020 Meeting Dates

Motion to approve the meeting dates as shown in Resolution 1-19 made by Sue Gibbons and seconded by Linda Lahey.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion re: Recruitment of a new Board of Health Member

Elaine Palumbit, who had expressed an interest in joining the Board of Health to take the seat that will be vacated by Nicole on January 1st attended the meeting. Nicole had forwarded Elaine's letter and resume to the mayor and subsequently spoke to her about appointing Elaine to

the Board of Health. The Mayor suggested that she appoint Elaine at the November 12 meeting. As the Board had not had the opportunity to discuss this Nicole asked if that be delayed. Elaine was asked to tell the meeting about herself and her experience which she did.

A suggestion was made that the Board of Health should request a line item for the budget to cover legal services. It was agreed that \$1,500 would be an appropriate amount and the Board of Health secretary will ask the CFO to add this to the draft budget. Nicole commented that the Borough Attorney told her that he was not allowed to charge the Borough for work done on public health matters. If there were funds in the budget it is possible he could be reimbursed for some of the work that he does for the Board of Health such as reviewing an ordinance. The meeting agreed that an ordinance to prevent the sale of marijuana and vaping products and Hookah lounges should be written. The Borough Attorney will be asked to review it and although he could deny it he would have to have substantial reasons to do that. There was a discussion about ordinances banning vaping in other towns and it was agreed that the one from Midland Park would be circulated which would highlight the possible consequences of passing such an ordinance, specifically requiring vendors of all and any vaping and related products to remove them from their establishments. This ordinance was passed by the Midland Park Mayor and Council and not the Board of Health

This will be included on the new business section of the January meeting agenda. The item will be 'Discussion about writing an ordinance to ban the sale of vaping products or open an establishment which sells them.'

The Board of Health secretary will ask the CFO about the possibility of adding the extra line item for legal fees to the value of \$1,500 to the budget.

Discussion re: Reorganization for President and Vice President for 2020

Nicole will be leaving the board to take up her position on the Borough council and a new president needs to be appointed. Cindy is vice president and is willing to move to the role of president in 2020.

Linda is the next longest serving member and will consider whether she would like to take on the position of vice president. Sue commented that she would be happy to take on the role if Linda did not want it. The Board will vote on the president, vice-president and the appointment of Elaine's to the Board at the January meeting

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, seconded by Sue Gibbons, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Morris, Board of Health Secretary