

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2018 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.

These Minutes have not been formally approved by the Emerson Board of Health and are subject to change or modification at the next regular meeting at which time they will be adopted.

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

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 7:37 p.m. by Board of Health Vice President Nicole Argenzia.

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, Seconded by Susan Gibbons, that the Sine Die and Reorganization Minutes of January 11, 2018 be approved as written.

The Animal License report for January was accepted as submitted.

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

All establishments that were inspected in January received a Satisfactory rating.

A complaint was received regarding Cloud 9 Vapes. The health inspector went to the facility and advised that vaping is not permitted in public places, including inside the store. The health inspector left her business card with an employee if the owner had any questions. There was no vaping at the store the time of inspection.

There was a report of influenza outbreak at Emerson Health Care Center. Health Officer Angela Musella reviewed the protocol for long term care facility outbreaks, and notified the nurse with CDC Infection Control recommendations and patient line list. Once the nurse reported that no new cases had been seen one week after the last case, then control measures could be relaxed. The total number of cases was sixteen (16.) The health officer received the completed Outbreak Report for Long Term Care and other Institutions and forwarded it to the New Jersey Department of Health.

A resident reported that her husband is a patient at Emerson Health Care Center and was advised that patients are to remain in their rooms and visitors are restricted. Health Officer Angela

Musella provided education about influenza outbreak control measures, and informed the resident that she could see her husband if she was not experiencing any symptoms of respiratory illness.

A report of influenza outbreak was confirmed via nasal swab in three residents. Health Officer Angela Musella provided verbal guidance and emailed the facility supervisor and nurse with outbreak guidance information for long term care. The New Jersey Department of Health Epidemiologist was notified of the outbreak. The outbreak is ongoing at this time.

An individual from Oradell inquired about a chicken at the intersection of Kinderkamack Road and Dyer Avenue. A resident noted that the chicken was his and secured the bird back to his residence. The resident does not meet the regulations and requirements to keep chickens pursuant to Ordinance No. 4-11.

Health Officer Angela Musella attended Bergen County's 3rd Annual County-Wide Stigma-Free Symposium on January 19, 2018.

The health educator did a presentation at the Senior Citizens Center on heart disease. Seventy-seven individuals attended the seminar.

Public Health Nurse Maria Castro conducted a nutritional assessment and counseling with the mother of a child with elevated blood lead levels. The mother was given educational flyers in Spanish that contained information on how to lower her child's blood lead level.

Communicable Disease Investigation included Haemophilus Influenza B, Hepatitis B, Lyme and Varicella Zoster in the month of January.

NWBRHC received correspondence from the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection regarding Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification, Linwood Avenue. Reporting a Discharge to Groundwater from Unknown Verified Off Site Source.

Golden Bagels received their ServSafe Certification, 12/20/17 – 12/20/22.

The public health nurse's report for January was accepted as submitted.

Payment of Vouchers:	
Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission:	\$4,916.10
NJ State Department of Health 1/1/18–1/31/18 Dog Licenses:	\$ 444.60

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Stephen Munson, Life Scout in Troop 350, Westwood NJ and President of the Venturing Crew at the Church of the Assumption, will discuss a health fair that will take place at Assumption Academy, May 12, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Emerson's Board of Health expressed interest in having a health fair/wellness program in the fall. The event could be placed on the borough website and advertised in Community Life. Flyers would be brought to schools, places of worship and business' bulletin boards, noting that volunteers are needed.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, Seconded by Susan Gibbons, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Di Lello
Health Assistant