

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON MARCH 10, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM 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 and Cindy Bischoff. Also present was Daniel Levy, Health Officer; K. A. Hodges, Public Health Nurse, and Peggy Di Lello, Health Assistant

Absentee: Linda Lahey

Guests: Angela Musella, Health Officer, Northwest Bergen Regional Commission  
Stephanie Clark, Environmental Commission member

Health Assistant notified the Board of Health members that in case of a fire follow the Fire Exit sign above the door to the left of the Conference Room and exit calmly.

The Board of Health meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Board of Health President Mrs. E. Rizzo.

The Board of Health members saluted the Flag and had a Moment of Silence.

Angela Musella explained that Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission was organized in 1957, and that the Commission serves as the Health Department for two towns, Midland Park and Waldwick. The Commission also contracts for public health services with Hillsdale, Ho-Ho-Kus, Mahwah, Montvale, Old Tappan, Saddle River and Westwood. The staff includes a Health Officer, Registered Environmental Health Specialists, Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Health Educator and Public Health Nurse.

Angela distributed literature on the public health services provided, which include complaint investigations, food inspections, food handling courses, septic and well plans, nursing, registrar and emergency preparedness and response services.

Right to Know is not offered through NWBRHC, and presently JIF (Joint Insurance Fund) does the presentation for Emerson. Health Officer Daniel Levy noted that the Right to Know program is the responsibility of the Mayor and Council and Borough Administrator.

Tyco Animal Control Services is a separate contract.

NWBRHC provides a rabies program to be held in Emerson. The town has to purchase syringes and the vaccine is free.

Each town has their own public health nurse who does blood pressure screening, CHC and school audits. NWBRHC does all the communicable disease investigation.

NWBRHC provides an annual flu program to be held in Emerson. The fee would be \$25.00 for a borough employee to be inoculated.

The Bloodborne Pathogens class is \$300.00 per session for employees to attend. NWBRHC does not offer the Hepatitis B vaccination.

Health Officer Angela Musella, or a representative, would attend all Board of Health meetings.

Environmental Commission member Stefanie Clark discussed having a Harvest Festival on October 16, which would be a one day "pop-up" farmer's market and craft show. The event will be held on Sunday, October 16, at the high school gymnasium. Vendors will have booths or tables and hand out literature, which would educate residents on resources that are available to them. A food truck will be on site to serve food. Stefanie will supply a list of vendors who are interested in the Harvest Festival and submit it to the health assistant.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, Seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that the Board of Health Minutes of February 11, 2016 be approved as written.

The Finance, Vital Statistics, and Dog Licensing reports for February were accepted as submitted.

The Health Inspector's report for February was accepted as submitted.

Armenian Nursing Rehabilitation Center, Brookdale Emerson, Dunkin Donuts, J Y Sushi, and Old Hook Farm were inspected and are Satisfactory.

An individual from a neighboring animal hospital complained that most of the puppies are ill at Just Pups in Emerson. Health Officer Daniel Levy and Darlene Mandeville inspected the establishment and noted that the ill pets were improperly isolated. The facility was reinspected and the matter was resolved.

Cleaning and disinfecting were not occurring on a daily basis. Prescribed medications were not properly documented, and health officials met with the owner, manager and supervising veterinarian to review the procedures. Just Pups needs to be monitored, and the Bergen County Animal Shelter Director and SPCA will inspect the premises.

The Health Officer's reports for January and February were accepted as submitted.

Health Officer Daniel Levy was asked by Hazmat to contact the fire department for inspection of a Marianna Place basement due to a heating oil tank leak. Hazmat checked

the air quality and determined it to be unsafe. The homeowner refused to be relocated, and the health officer called Adult Protective Services for follow up.

Health Officer Daniel Levy checked with the Construction Department and a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued to Cradles 2 Crayons and Euro Pan Bakery.

Health Officer Daniel Levy made a final inspection of the compost pile at Dyer Avenue, and the food remnants were removed.

Health Officer Daniel Levy reported that a Jefferson Avenue dog bit a Highland Avenue dog. The unlicensed dog was quarantined for a ten-day period.

The Public Health Nurse's report for February was accepted as submitted.

Review of Compliant File.

Homeowner at 202 Colonial Road complained of rodents burrowing near her garage and property. Health Officer Daniel Levy noted that the resident had birdseed in her garage causing the rodents to burrow.

Construction Official noted there are animals in the attic causing holes in the roof at 66 Clinton Street. Health Officer Daniel Levy was notified and has inspected the premises three times within the last ten days. Construction Official sent a violation to the homeowner and will reinspect the premises.

Payment of Vouchers:

NJ State Department of Health 2/1/16 – 2/29/16 Dog Licenses	\$ 426.00
Board of Health Supplies – Computer Toner	31.84
North Jersey Media Group – Board of Health Meeting Dates	98.54
Dart Computer Services Consulting	154.20

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### a. Health Services Agreement

The Board of Health members reviewed the health service agreements. NWBRHC seems expensive, as certain health services are under separate contracts. Paramus and Bergen County Department of Health Services are under one contract. The Board of Health members will make a decision regarding the aforementioned at their April 14, 2016 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Board of Health Resume – Susan Gibbons

Susan Gibbons expressed interest in being a Board of Health member. Board of Health President Elaine Rizzo will ask Mayor Lamatina if he could appoint Susan at the next Council meeting.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on April 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the borough hall conference room. Health Officer Daniel Levy's retirement dinner will be at a restaurant after the meeting.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, Seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Di Lello".

Margaret Di Lello  
Health Assistant