

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON MAY 12, 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: Nicole Argenzia, Cindy Bischoff, and Susan Gibbons. Also present was Angela Musella, Health Officer; Kay Hodges, Public Health Nurse; Board of Health liaison Danielle Di Paola and Peggy Di Lello, Health Assistant.

Absent: Elaine Rizzo and Linda Lahey

Guest: Robike W. Noll, Animal Rescue

The health assistant notified 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 7:30 p.m. by Vice President Nicole Argenzia.

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

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, Seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that the Board of Health Minutes of April 14, 2016 be approved as written.

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

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

Health Inspector Darlene Mandeville worked on Just Pups, which included a lengthy OPRA request (Open Public Records Act.)

Pimaan Thai Restaurant and Quick Chek were inspected and are Satisfactory.

The Health Officer's report for April was accepted as submitted.

Health Officer Angela Musella explained the Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report for Emerson and what each category means.

The State of New Jersey groups restaurants by Risk Level.

Risk Level 1 is packaged food.

Risk Level 2 consists of deli food.

Risk Level 3 is a complex preparation of food, as it goes according to population and can include vulnerable individuals such as senior citizens.

Risk Level 4 is a specialized processes, such as Sushi making and smoked meats or fish.

Satisfactory rating means that the establishment is in compliance with health regulations.

Re-check Satisfactory means that everything looks good, but the Health Officer would like to check the establishment again.

Conditional rating means that the establishment has some critical violations that need to be taken care of.

Unsatisfactory rating means that the establishment has critical violations and people can become ill. The Board of Health can close the business.

Preoperational Satisfactory means that the health inspector will inspect a new establishment, or one that is renovating, to ensure that the business complies with the health laws.

The State Health Department mandates that an employed individual have a Food Manager's certification. Health Officials encourage employees to take the basic food handling course. Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission has a ServSafe training program.

All complaints received by health officials are assigned a number to keep track of every establishment.

The Health Officer provides information and answers inquiries.

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission (NWRHC) documents animal bite reports.

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission (NWRHC) issues summonses, abatements and violations. Court appearances are documented.

Infectious diseases are reportable and the health officer is required to follow up on Communicable Disease reports.

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

Review of Compliant File.

May 4 - Miriam Comiskey, Hillsdale, revisited Just Pups and noticed the employees are not wearing gloves. An employee took a Havapoo out of its cage, and it appeared that the back leg was either broken or sprained.

May 16 – Board of Education Administrator Phil Nisonoff asks if the health department has a mechanism to check for mold in school classes.

May 19 – Sandra Savo, Valhalla, NY, claims she purchased a Chihuahua puppy in December, 2015 that was ill with kennel cough, upper respiratory infection and diabetes. Sandra claims the young employee injected the puppy with medication. The puppy was brought to her veterinarian and passed away from illness.

May 31 – Dr. Gallegos would like to know if there is a procedure for a child being bitten by chipmunks in her garage.

Payment of Vouchers:

NJ State Department of Health 4/1/16 – 4/30/16 Dog Licenses: \$10.20

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Just Pups

Robike Noll discussed an ordinance for a municipality to ban the sale of dogs and cats from pet shops. Just Pups is a kennel and not a pet shop. Robike noted that the Board of Health could recommend to the Mayor and Council not to renew Just Pups license. According to the ordinance, kennel licenses should be issued by the governing body and not the health department.

Health Officer Angela Musella, Health Inspector Darlene Mandeville, Animal Control Officer Carol Tyler, Just Pups owner Mr. Lo Sacco and Veterinarian Dr. Muller, who was involved in the Paramus store, discussed what needs to be done in order to be in compliance. Just Pups currently has a Conditional rating and is anxious to be Satisfactory. If the owner is not in compliance at renewal time, the borough does not have to renew his license.

The borough attorney is presently working on a draft ordinance that prohibits the sale of dogs from puppy mills.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Child Health Conference (CHC)

The Child Health Conference (CHC) contract between Hillsdale and Emerson was signed by Board of Health Vice President. The contract, along with \$100.00 fee, will be forwarded to Hillsdale Board of Health President for signature.

Health Officer Angela Musella is reviewing the Public Health Annex of Emergency Operation Plan to determine if there will be any changes or additions.

Public Comments:

Robike W. Noll
473 Kinderkamack Road
Westwood, NJ 07675

Robike wonders why there is no timeframe for the owner of Just Pups to be in compliance, since there have been complaints and violations since February. The puppy store in New Brunswick had many violations and was shut down. Robike does not believe the owner should keep having extensions. The owner does not have the proper license to be operating in the State of New Jersey. He also does not have a license to transport animals over state lines.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, Seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Di Lello
Health Assistant