

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER 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 Sue Gibbons. Also present was Angela Musella, Health Officer and Peggy Di Lello, Health Assistant. Public Health Nurse Kay Hodges was absent.

The health assistant notified 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 President Elaine Rizzo.

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, Seconded by Linda Lahey, that the Board of Health Minutes of June 8, 2017 be approved as written.

The Finance, Vital Statistics and Dog Licensing reports for June, July and August were accepted as submitted.

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report for June, July and August were accepted as submitted.

All food establishments for the month of June received a Satisfactory rating.

Complainant on Sanford Avenue claims that his neighbor is feeding feral cats. Health Inspector has been to the home in question for stagnant water complaint and knows that some of the cats are the homeowners. The feral cat issue was referred to Tyco Animal Control. Health Inspector followed up with Carol Tyler, ACO, and was informed that they had not observed a problem. When the Health Inspector conducted a follow up visit for stagnant water, she did not observe any water but did see numerous cats in the back yard. One kitten had eye infections and health inspector notified Carol Tyler, ACO. The homeowner gave permission for Tyco Animal Control to pick up the feral cats. *This information was relayed to Carol Tyler.*

Resident claims that someone on the corner of Ross and Huyler Avenue has been putting dog droppings in the storm drain. The health inspector went to the home and spoke to a woman who said that her husband walks the dogs. She will advise him that if he is throwing waste in sewer, it is not permitted.

Complainant stated that he was at Dunkin' Donuts and they posted the Ladies Room as out of order. He then observed an employee use the bathroom and go directly into the food area with wet hands. Health inspector advised the manager of complaint and she denied not allowing access. Proper handwashing procedures were reviewed. Manager claims they follow procedures

after using restroom and upon re-entry to food preparation area. The health inspector spoke with owner and advised him of same.

Customer observed hornet's nest in many of the bunkers at Emerson Golf Course. Customer also said that the golf course property is not maintained.

All food establishments for the month of July were Satisfactory, except for Emerson Golf Club which received a Conditional rating. The golf club was given a Satisfactory rating upon reinspection.

A resident complained there was a strong odor coming from the dumpster of Boston Market. The interior of the garbage cans were dirty and exterior had accumulations of debris and garbage. The cardboard recycling had water inside it, which could allow mosquito breeding and must be abated. The garbage area was cleaned up, and complainant was provided an update on the investigation.

Stagnant water complaints regarding pools not being taken care of were received, and the mosquito commission was called several times.

There is nothing new to report on Just Pups. The trial was set for May 31, 2017 and was postponed.

Health Officer Angela Musella submitted a Press Release to the Community Life on North West Bergen Regional Health Commission's 60th Anniversary celebration.

All food establishments in August were Satisfactory except for Shop Rite, which was Conditional. Shop Rite was given a Satisfactory rating upon reinspection.

The pool manager at Hackensack Golf Club reported that a patron who visited the facility tested positive for Cryptosporidiosis. The pool was hyperchlorinated. The health inspector reviewed disease prevention methods with the manager. The health department has not received any reports of Crypto infection from area residents or from the NJ DOH.

Concerned Board of Health members inquired if the health officer heard about asbestos in Emerson High School. Health Officer Angela Musella responded that the school would hire a certified asbestos remover and does not have to notify the health department.

The annual flu vaccination program is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 20 Palisade Avenue.

The annual rabies vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the DPW Garage, Palisade Avenue.

Public Health Nurse did not attend the meeting and health report was not submitted.

Council Liaison's Verbal Report for June, July and August.

Board of Health President Elaine Rizzo received a phone call from Council liaison Richard Worthington apologizing for not attending the meeting tonight. Councilman Worthington asked what went on at the meetings. Elaine Rizzo responded that the health assistant would send him the Minutes as she always does, and to call her if he has any questions.

Payment of Vouchers:

June:

NJ State Department of Health 6/1/17-6/30/17 Dog Licenses	\$ 18.60
W. B. Mason Office Supplies	\$ 16.04
Karen Campanelli - Registrar Services	\$ 95.00

July:

NJ State Department of Health 7/1/17-7/31/17 Dog Licenses	\$ 4.20
Karen Campanelli - Registrar Services	\$ 155.00

August:

NJ State Department of Health 8/1/17-8/31/17 Dog Licenses	\$ 7.80
Karen Camp	\$ 90.00

Board of Health President Elaine Rizzo asked the health assistant not to sign Tyco Animal Control vouchers, as the Board of Health only contracts with NWBRHC and Child Health Conference. The Chief Financial Officer confirmed that the fees for Tyco Animal Control comes out of the DPW budget, and not the Board of Health.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion on Registrar Position

Emerson's current Registrar is also River Vale's Borough Clerk and was paid \$20.00 per hour for her services. The Mayor of River Vale suggested that the Board of Health enter into an Interlocal Agreement with River Vale at a fee of \$5,000.00, instead of \$20.00 an hour. The Board of Health members discussed other options, such as having another candidate who would accept \$20.00 per hour, or negotiating the Interlocal Agreement fee.

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, Seconded by Linda Lahey, that Board of Health President Elaine Rizzo will speak to the Mayor of River Vale and negotiate an Interlocal Agreement fee \$5,000.00 to \$3,500.00.

Roll Call: EJR NA CB LL SG

b. Opioids Literature

Board of Health President Elaine Rizzo distributed KNOCK OUT OPIOID ABUSE doorknockers to the Police Department and Board of Health members. Opioids are prescribed by physicians for patients as a pain medication. The Board of Health members volunteered to put doorknockers on doors in Emerson on October 6. Health assistant will inquire if Emerson has a Municipal Alliance Coordinator.

Motion by Nicole Argenzia, Seconded by Cindy Bischoff, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Di Lello
Health Assistant