

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE EMERSON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2016 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 Susan Gibbons. Also present was Angela Musella, Health Officer; Kay Hodges, Public Health Nurse and Peggy Di Lello, Health Assistant.

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 7:32 p.m. by Board of Health President Elaine Rizzo.

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

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, Seconded by Susan Gibbons, that the Board of Health Minutes of November 10, 2016 be approved as written.

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

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

The annual rabies vaccination program was held on Saturday, November 5, 2016. Thirty-one (31) animals were vaccinated; three (3) cats and twenty-eight (28) dogs.

The Public Health Nurse's Report for November was accepted as submitted.

#### Review of Complaint File

134 East Ackerman Avenue – Resident is concerned that there is mold on construction debris in a dumpster at a neighboring home.

*Dumpster had been recently removed and replaced. There was no mold in dumpster at the time of inspection. The health inspector spoke with property owner and advised him of the neighbor's concern. Health inspector advised the complainant of her findings and noted that mold on the exterior would be very hard to enforce, as there is a natural occurrence of mold spores in the outdoors. Complaint closed.*

Laurel Chinese – Complainant claims that she and her family went to Laurel Chinese, and three members became sick after eating the ribs.

*The health inspector found concerns with sanitizing, handwashing, knowledge of proper cooling temperatures, and no stick thermometer for cooling temperatures. A Notice of Violation was issued. No other reports of foodborne illness were received. A full inspection was conducted with a new owner one week later. A Notice of Violation was issued for not obtaining a health license to operate. Laurel Chinese received a Conditional rating. Complaint closed.*

Stop and Shop – Resident claims that an employee has long black hair and was not wearing a hair net. Complainant bought potato salad and found a hair in it.

*Health Inspector visited the establishment and individual in the Deli department was wearing both a hat and hair restraint. Stop and Shop's policy requires hats. No violation observed. Complaint Closed.*

Marshall's – An individual complained to the health department that there was a large dog in a shopping cart at Marshall's and inquired if this is a health issue.

*The health inspector called the complainant and advised her of the law regarding animals in food service establishments and ADA laws regarding exemptions for service animals. The health inspector spoke to the manager at Marshall's and advised her that animals are not permitted in food establishments, except for service dogs. Complaint closed.*

Assumption School – An employee called saying that the health inspector had inspected their kitchen.

*Assumption School needed a food handling manager and had issues with sanitizing after each diaper change. The hot water in the nurse's office was 63 degrees. Assumption School was rechecked by the health inspector and everything is fine.*

Lincoln Boulevard – Property Maintenance issue with possible overcrowding.

*Construction Official obtained an administrative warrant and requested the health inspector to accompany him on inspection. No health violations were noted at the time of inspection. Complaint closed.*

Health Officer Angela Musella advised the Board of Health members that the next court date for Just Pups is December 21, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. Notification letters were not sent out because the court date is to discuss a motion for a change of venue. The health inspector was advised to call on December 22 to get an update on the status of the case.

Payment of Vouchers:	
Tyco Animal Control	\$715.00
NJ State Department of Health 11/1/16 – 11/30/16	1.20

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Temporary Retail Food License

Emerson currently charges \$100.00 fee for a Temporary Retail Food License. Health Officer Angela Musella noted that Hillsdale discussed lowering their fee at a health meeting. The subject will be tabled to a future meeting, as the Board of Health members are interested in amending the food handling ordinance.

Board of Health members inquired about the status of the tattoo parlor. Health assistant will ask the construction department the date the owner came in to complete the application and how long it is kept on file.

The eyebrow threading and henna tattooing establishment has no health regulations. The health department is involved with permanent cosmetics or tattooing, and eyebrows would be the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology.

Motion by Cindy Bischoff, Seconded by Linda Lahey, that the Board of Health meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret Di Lello  
Health Assistant