



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
BOARD OF HEALTH REORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2021
4:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231", was posted at the Borough Hall, and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, were notified.

OATH OF OFFICE

- Josephine Higgins
- Ina Palatnek

ROLL CALL

John Frey, Board of Health President asked for a roll call. Members Dr. Mary Clark, John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Ina Palatnek and Dr. Steven Sperber, were present. Board of Health Secretary Debbie Dakin and Joe Gautier from the Bergen County Board of Health were also present. Michelle Micali and Gina DiCostanzo were absent.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION to nominate John Frey as President of the Board of Health was made by Josephine Higgins, second by Ina Palatnek and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

MOTION to nominate Dr. Steven Sperber as Vice President of the Board of Health was made by Ina Palatnek, second by Josephine Higgins and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2020 was made by Ina Palatnek, second by Josephine Higgins and approved by Dr. Mary Clark, John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Dr. Steven Sperber, and Ina Palatnek.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Joe Gautier, Sanitarian, stated that every food establishment was inspected and was satisfactory. Mr. Frey stated that we do not need to go through every report from last year. Mr. Frey summarized that there were a couple of dog bites and an animal was bitten by a bat. In November, Mr. Frey stated that in November there were 2 cases of COVID at KinderCare and in January there were 2 reports of COVID at KinderCare. Mr. Frey asked Mr. Gautier if he could explain what went on here. Mr. Gautier replied that any COVID case is submitted to his supervisor and she handles it as deemed appropriate. Sometimes there is an actual case, and she would follow-up on it and make sure that they are following protocol. Ms. Palatnek asked if we knew how many cases were at the nursing home. Mr. Gautier stated that he does not know off hand how many cases in a particular nursing home.

MOTION to approve the Sanitarian's Reports was made by Dr. Sperber, second by Dr. Clark and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board of Health Secretary's Report

Debbie Dakin stated that we were very busy during COVID with marriage licenses. We issued 12 marriage licenses in 2020. Marriage licenses were done via zoom and outside of the Borough Hall. We now have an area in the back with a table to meet with the applicants and their witness. The rabies clinic will take place in May this year due to COVID. This will allow us to be outside for the rabies vaccinations as well as the animal licensing.

- Various Water Reports

Mr. Frey discussed the water reports from Park Ridge, and all complied. There were 2 wells that had a slightly higher sodium, but we have had that in the past as well. There really were no problem on any of the water reports that he saw. Dr. Sperber stated that he did not see the coliform reports for August and September. Dr. Sperber is not sure if they come out every month. Mr. Frey stated that he will reach out to Park Ridge Water to see if they were done. Councilwoman Higgins stated that it could be that the salt is getting into the wells. Mr. Frey stated that they were not significantly high.

- Animal Control Reports

Mr. Frey discussed the animal control reports that were received. Dr. Clark asked if we could follow up on the vicious dog report. Ms. Dakin stated that she will check with the police department to see what happened. However, the report says Mercedes Drive and there is no Mercedes Drive in Woodcliff Lake. There is only a Mercedes Drive in Montvale.

- COVID

Dr. Sperber encourages everyone to get the vaccine. Dr. Clark asked if the Senior Association is doing anything to contact the elderly who are not computer savvy to help them get signed up for the vaccine. It was discussed that the Borough try and get a letter out to the residents with the State hotline number for assistance in scheduling an appointment for the vaccine and stating that residents check on their neighbors to see if they can help them sign up for the vaccine. We spoke about the police officers possibly putting letters in mailboxes of the districts that they are assigned to. Councilwoman Higgins stated that the Mayor and Borough Administrator offered up the Senior Center as a site for giving the vaccine. The problem is the demand for the vaccine. The hotline number is 855-568-0545.

Councilwoman Higgins stated that it was discussed at the last Mayor and Council meeting that the Park and Recreation department is looking to open the pool and camp for the summer. Mr. Gautier stated that there is a COVID Mitigation plan that must be filed with the County by the Certified Pool Officer before a public pool could open. He would review that plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION to open to the public was made by Josephine Higgins, second by Ina Palatnek and unanimously approved.

Geri Cantor, Woodcliff Lake, stated that this meeting was very informative.

MOTION to close to the public was made by Ina Palatnek, second by Dr. Clark and unanimously approved.

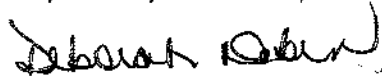
The next Board of Health meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 4:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn was made by Josephine Higgins, second by Dr. Sperber and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Deborah Dakin", written in a cursive style.

Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk