

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE  
BOARD OF HEALTH REORGANIZATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 18, 2017  
7:45 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**

Dr. Mary Clark was sworn in as a member of the Board of Health.

MOTION to name Deborah Dakin as Board of Health Secretary was made by John Frey, seconded by Josephine Higgins and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

**SELECTION OF OFFICERS**

MOTION to nominate John Frey as President of the Board of Health was made by Josephine Higgins, seconded by Dr. Steven Sperber and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

MOTION to nominate Dr. Steven Sperber as Vice President of the Board of Health was made by Dr. Mary Clark, seconded by Michelle Micali and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

**ROLL CALL**

John Frey, Board of Health President asked for a roll call. Members Josephine Higgins, Dr. Steven Sperber, Michelle Micali and Dr. Mary Clark were present. Councilwoman Kristy Herrington, Board of Health Secretary Debbie Dakin and Linda Quinn, were also present. Members Elaine Metlitz and Dr. Christine LaPaglia were absent. Councilwoman Gadaleta was absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the Minutes of December 7, 2017 was made by John Frey, seconded by Josephine Higgins and unanimously approved.

## **PRESENTATION – BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES**

Deborah Yankow, Director of Animal Services and Mark Byrnes, Animal Control Officer were present from the Bergen County and gave an overall presentation of what the County offers.

Ms. Yankow stated that Tyco Animal Control Services gave a presentation at the last Board of Health meeting. Ms. Yankow further stated that she sent in an OPRA request to receive a copy of the disc for that Board of Health meeting and felt that there were some discrepancies as to what was said. Ms. Yankow stated that Mark Byrnes was going to speak first and then she would address some matters.

Mr. Byrnes stated that after listening to the disc, there were erroneous claims made. One of them was that the County had additional costs to investigate potential dangerous animals. This is untrue and they never charged a municipality for a potentially dangerous dog case. There is a claim that the County charges for court appearances. This is not true. As far as animal cruelty goes, the BCSPCA handles that. There are 15 full-time animal control officers. A third of them are certified for cruelty investigators. There is no fee for sick or injured animals on your property. They are a full-time, 24-hour service. Not on call. They are there 365 days a year.

Mr. Byrnes stated that there was animal suffering at a home in Woodcliff Lake and the County responded because they did not want the animal to suffer. Woodcliff Lake was a non-contract town but they came because it was the right thing to do.

Ms. Yankow gave out a handout regarding the Trap-Neuter-Return program. Ms. Yankow stated that Ms. Tyler and she have a different definition of compassion. They are associates, they speak and mentor at times. Ms. Yankow stated that she and Mr. Byrnes listened to the disc of the previous Board of Health meeting together. At that meeting Ms. Gadaleta asked specific questions about the Trap-Neuter-Return program. Ms. Yankow stated that it has taken her several years on changing the trapping program for cats at the County.

Ms. Yankow stated that they do educational programs at the school. Ms. Yankow stated that all of her officers are State certified. Ms. Yankow also stated that they are very compassionate. Sometimes you do need to put an animal down, but you have to do it with compassion and kindness.

John Frey stated that in 2015 Woodcliff Lake 3 cats were picked up and adopted. No cats were picked up and euthanized. Ms. Yankow stated that our town does not have a cat problem.

Ms. Micali asked Ms. Yankow about the policy of when an animal being cared for if someone was in the hospital. Ms. Yankow replied that they must be escorted into the house and the Borough must have a contract with the County for animal services.

Councilwoman Herrington asked what happens if a coyote is seen in a yard. Mr. Byrnes stated they have a staff to send someone to the house. There is not much they can do but they sometimes could identify why they are on your property. There are methods on how to deal with them and exclude them from your property. Councilwoman Herrington asked what happens if they look sick. Mr. Byrnes replied that the animal is hopefully leaving with him. Any sick or injured animal on your property is taken care of at no charge to the resident or the municipality.

Mr. Frey stated that one of the differences between the County and Tyco is the Trap-Neuter-Release program. One feels that they would do anything they could to save the animal and the other feels that the animal might be dangerous if released because they are unlicensed. Mr. Frey stated that he dug up statistics for two years and cats are not an issue in this town.

Mr. Frey asked Linda Quinn about Tyco since she interacts with them and has experience with them. Ms. Quinn stated that she knows Tyco but also knows Mark from the County. She doesn't know the County as well because they don't cover the towns that she works in. She knows them from the shelter.

Mr. Frey stated that the services are very similar. One of the differences was that Tyco provides the geese service. They bring 2 German shepherds to the pool to scare the geese away. Councilwoman Herrington was going to speak to Elizabeth about this and see how beneficial it is.

Mr. Frey asked if there were any recommendations on whether or not they want to stay with Tyco or go with the County. Councilwoman Herrington stated that she was impressed; however, she was not here for Tyco's presentation.

Dr. Sperber stated that if we went with the county, we should monitor if there are issues over the year with the geese. That is one of the only differences. Mr. Frey stated that he wonders if there is a difference at all with the geese being chased. Councilwoman Herrington stated that the geese is an important piece because we don't want them all up by the pool. Mr. Frey stated that the County might be able to do something as well.

Ms. Micali asked how long the geese stay away from when they were chased.

John Frey asked what everyone wanted to do. Ms. Higgins stated that we should try the County and see about getting a separate agreement for the geese either with Tyco or someone else.

Councilwoman Herrington asked if Tyco would do the geese service without a full contract. John Frey stated that he will check with the County to see if they will have something in place by the time the pool opens.

Michelle Micali stated that she was a dispatcher for the Ramsey police and she dealt with Tyco and the County. Every time she called Tyco it was an issue. It took them a while to respond and the County would be there right away. Ms. Micali felt that the County was more responsive.

John Frey stated that he will speak with the Borough Administrator to pursue signing a contract with the County.

### **SANITARIAN'S REPORT**

Linda Quinn stated that a complaint was received regarding noise generated by a generator. She has been in contact with the Construction Code Official/Zoning Official, Nick Saluzzi. The generator only goes on if there is an outage so it is not something that is occurring all the time. Additionally, from time to time there is a test of the generator done. Ms. Quinn spoke with the Environmental Commission and there is nothing that could be done about the noise because it is only on an emergency basis.

BMW's building has reopened. The kitchen should be opened by now.

Woodcliff Manor was conditional. Ms. Quinn stated that everything should be fixed by now.

Ms. Quinn stated that Risks 3 and 4 get done twice a year and 1 and 2 get done once a year. Where there are complaints there will be inspections. She has not heard anything about Panera. She told them to contact her when they were going to do renovations. Apparently, those haven't started yet.

Councilwoman Herrington asked if there were any new restaurants in town. Ms. Quinn replied that they are looking to put in a restaurant in the new building on Broadway but nothing has been sent in yet.

John Frey asked about the Hilton pool. Ms. Quinn stated that the Hilton pool has been good bacteria wise. There have been no incidents. Ms. Quinn stated that they will start inspections of the pool once Memorial Day comes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Cash Receipt Reports and Registrars' Reports

Debbie Dakin gave a brief overview of what the Registrar and Deputy Registrar's responsibilities are. Ms. Dakin stated that both she and Tonya had to get licensed to be a Registrar. Upon taking the classes and passing the State test, they both have to keep their certification up, Meaning, every three years they both must go to meetings, classes and seminars to receive 18 credits. They are responsible for doing marriage license applications for anyone living in Woodcliff Lake and getting married in the State of New Jersey or if they live out-of-state and are getting married in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey.

Debbie Dakin stated that there were 20 marriage licenses done in 2016 and 107 certified copies of either birth, death or marriage certificates. Ms. Dakin also stated that as of this date there have been 207 dogs licensed and 22 cats licensed. The Rabies Clinic was not well received this year. It was planned on Martin Luther's King's weekend and a lot of people were away. Next year, it will be planned so it does not coincide with a holiday.

- Various Water Reports

John Frey stated that he has been emailing back and forth with Park Ridge Water. He included the emails in everyone's packet for this evening. Mr. Frey went over the water report with Park Ridge and they stated that there are no problems and everything is within the limits. There are no issues on the water reports.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Clark asked if the residuals were acceptable since we did not receive the actual report. It says that the samples were in compliance, but it does not say what they were. Dr. Sperber stated that it says that they are available online.

Mr. Frey stated that in Park Ridge's e-mail they asked if anyone wanted to go on a tour of their facilities they are open to do it. Dr. Clark and Councilwoman Herrington stated that they would like to. Mr. Frey also stated that they are open to come here and give their annual presentation. Councilwoman Herrington stated that she believes we should get them here sooner rather than later because there are residents that have questions regarding the well. The Board went over the calendar for the next meeting date and decided upon Thursday, March 9, 2017. Ms. Dakin stated that she would e-mail Park Ridge Water to see if they are available on that date.

Councilwoman Herrington asked if we ever received a report from Suez Water. Mr. Frey replied no. Dr. Clark stated that Councilwoman Herrington had a good point but the question was never raised before.

It was asked as to how many households have Suez Water and how many households have Park Ridge Water.

Mr. Frey stated that he met with Marla Klein from the County, Elizabeth Calderone, Park and Recreation Director, Marilyn Clark from the Senior Center and Administrator Padilla. They spoke about the programs that the County offers. There are a ton of programs and Elizabeth is very interested as part of Parks and Recreation to get things going. She is following up on a number of things. Marilyn is also in touch with the County for the seniors. They also spoke about the Mayors Wellness Campaign.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

MOTION to open to the public was made by Ms. Higgins, seconded by Ms. Micali and unanimously approved.

No comments.

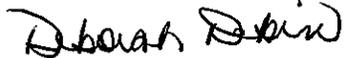
MOTION to close to the public was made by Ms. Higgins, seconded by Dr. Sperber and unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn was made by John Frey, seconded by Josephine Higgins and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk