

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order by President Lincoln at the above time and date. The Sunshine Law Compliance Statement as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, and Chapter 231 is in effect.

Roll Call

Present: Dr. Lincoln, Dr. Miller, Ms. Kearny, Mr. Spies, Dr. Valas (7:36pm),
Dr. Hawkshead and Mr. Tremble.

Excused: Ms. Deppert and Mr. Kehrli

Also Present: Ms. Caperino – Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist
Councilman Goldsmith – Councilman Goldsmith (7:39pm)
Ms. Janeiro – Board Secretary

Invoices: Invoices for March 2024
NJ Local Boards 2024 membership - \$95.00

A motion to approve the invoices for March 2024 was made by Mr. Spies, seconded by Dr. Miller and carried by all members.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the January 18, 2024 meeting was made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Kearny and carried by all members eligible to vote.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the February 15, 2024 meeting was made by Dr. Hawkshead, seconded by Ms. Kearny and carried by all members eligible to vote.

Reports: The following activity reports are on file in the Borough Board of Health Office.

REHS Monthly Reports for March 2024: Ms. Caperino went over the submitted report.

Ms. Caperino spoke about the following items....

All Chapter 24 inspections have been satisfactory.

A septic abandonment inspection took place for a home re-sale.

A NJDOH product recall took place at The Dollar Tree for Neptune's Fix. No Neptune's Fix produces were found.

The Pascack Joint Municipal Court has rescheduled the complaint for 231 Emily Drive. This case has been going on some time. There is a new judge and prosecutor in the court for 2024.

The Fire Marshall conducted an inspection at Deliciously Alicia's and confirmed no baking was being done in the premises.

Health Consultation Reports: The Board went over the submitted February 2024 report.

Communicable Disease Reports: The Board went over the submitted February 2024 report.

Immunization Audit Reports: The Board went over the submitted February 2024 reports from Little Footprints, The Valley School and Lollipop Nursery School and Day Camp.

Health Consultation Reports: The Board went over the submitted January 2024 reports.

Animal Control Responses Reports – The Board went over the submitted February 2024 reports.

Council Report: Councilman Goldsmith apologized for missing the last couple of meeting. He said he does not have anything to report from the Mayor and Council that would pertain to the Board of Health.

Councilman Goldsmith said in the news research was done on long Covid and there were no findings that long Covid was still an issue.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Dr. Hawkshead asked what the notification letters from the Park Ridge Water Department were for. Dr. Lincoln said we are an advisory board. The letters are sent to advise the board of the status of the water in town. The board does not make any comments to the water company. Dr. Valas pointed out that we are a rule-making board. Dr. Miller said in the past, the Director of Operations, Mr. Bill Beattie, would take the board on a tour of the water company and wells in town, and periodically he would attend one of Park Ridge Board of Health meetings. Councilman Goldsmith said that overall, the Park Ridge Water Company has 22 wells. He also mentioned that even if a well is offline, the water company is obligated to report any issues with the well. Dr. Lincoln asked Ms. Janeiro if she could reach out to the water department and coordinate a tour.

Dr. Valas spoke about the Independent Review of New Jersey’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic. She sent the link to the report to Ms. Janeiro and asked her to forward to all board members.

Councilman Goldsmith said that the Pascack Mental Health Group which was located on the second floor of the Wells Fargo Bank was closing due to issues with ongoing support. There are mental health centers located in Hillsdale and Ridgewood.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Valas at 7:55 pm, seconded by Mr. Spies and carried by all members. The next meeting is scheduled virtually for April 18, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

.....Tonya Janeiro.....
Tonya Tardibuono, BOH Secretary