

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

Roll Call

Present: Dr. Lincoln, Ms. Kearny, Dr. Miller, Dr. Valas (7:36 p.m.) and Mr. Spies.

Absent: Ms. Deppert and Council Liaison, Councilman Goldsmith.

Also Present: Ms. Caperino – Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist
Ms. Tonya Janeiro – Board Secretary

Prospective

New Members

Present: Mr. Sean Tremble and Mr. Charles Kehrli

Dr. Lincoln asked Mr. Tremble and Mr. Kehrli to share their professional backgrounds with the Board.

Mr. Tremble – Has worked in the restaurant business for 26 years. He has held a variety of jobs in the restaurant business, from bussing tables to restaurant owner. Despite the recent sale of their family restaurant, he is continuing in his role as general manager.

Mr. Kehrli - Mr. Kehrli is a Culinary Institute of America graduate with extensive restaurant experience. He has experience in every role in restaurants, from executive chef to dishwashing. He most recently served as Montclair University's executive chef.

Invoices: No invoices to approve for October 2023.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the October 19, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Spies, seconded by Dr. Valas 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 October 2023: Ms. Caperino went over the submitted reports.
Ms. Caperino spoke about the following items....

Bagels for Life – Ms. Caperino commented that she is trying to get them a satisfactory rating; if not, a summons will have to be issued.

Spoke about a complaint received regarding feeding deer. It seems that the feeding is taking place after hours. The complaint was anonymous; therefore, we cannot follow up.

Dr. Valas commented that New Jersey's recently appointed Commissioner of Health resigned.

Dr. Valas spoke about the New Jersey Local Boards Narrative for Health Equity. They are in the process of issuing public health standards for diversity and health equality.

Health Consultation Reports: The Board went over the submitted October 2023 reports.

Communicable Disease Reports: The Board went over the submitted October 2023 reports.

Rabies Clinic Reports – The Board went over the submitted 2023 reports.

Immunization Audit Reports – West Ridge Elementary School, East Brook School and Park Ridge High School. The Board went over the submitted 2023 reports.

Council Report: Councilman Bruce Goldsmith was not present.

Correspondence: No correspondences received for October 2023.

Old Business: No old business to discuss.

New Business:

Dr. Valas would like Dr. Lincoln to follow up regarding member badges. Ms. Janeiro said she would follow up with Borough Administrator, Maggie Giandomenico, and ask her to speak with Chief Madden. Dr. Valas said receiving the badges is tradition, but the badges cannot be carried.

The holiday party will be on December 14, 2023 with the Pool Commission.

The December 21, 2023 Board of Health meeting is cancelled.

The January 18, 2024 Board of Health meeting will be in-person at Park Ridge Borough Hall.

Public Comment: The following residents commented...

Mr. Tremble – Thought the meeting was well organized and all members were very knowledgeable. He would like to become a member.

Mr. Kehrli – He asked what assistance he and Sean can provide to the Board. Dr. Valas spoke about the role of a Board of Health member. Dr. Lincoln commented how it would be nice to have members on the Board with restaurant experience.

The Board went into closed session.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Kearney at 8:10 pm, seconded by Dr. Valas and carried by all members. The next meeting is scheduled in-person for January18, 2024 at 7:30 pm. at Park Ridge Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tonya Janeiro
Board of Health Secretary