

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 by the Board Secretary.

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Dr. Lincoln, Ms. Kearny, Dr. Miller and Dr. Valas

**Excused:** Ms. Deppert, Ms. Scheulen and Mr. Spies.

**Also Present:** Ms. Caperino – Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist  
Councilman Goldsmith, Council Liaison  
Ms. Janeiro – Board Secretary

### **Invoices:** Invoices for February 2023

MGL Printing - \$108.00

Registrar's Association - \$150.00

Borough Payroll - \$453.17

Borough of Hillsdale - \$250.00

Borough of Hillsdale - \$35.00

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Motion to approve the invoices for February 2023 was made by Dr. Valas, seconded by Dr. Miller and carried by all members.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the February 16, 2023 meeting was made by Ms. Kearney, seconded by Dr. Miller and carried by all members. Dr. Valas abstained.

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

**REHS Monthly Reports for February 2023:** Ms. Caperino went over the submitted report.  
Ms. Caperino spoke about the following items....

There was evidence of mice droppings at The Residence Assisted Living, however the kitchen was posted satisfactory because there was no evidence of mice in the kitchen. A follow up inspection will take place.

Still ongoing is the suspected illegal kennel at a 231 Emily Drive. Ms. Caperino is working with the Borough's Zoning Officer, Animal Control, Clerk and Humane Officer. The court date was initially set for March, but it has been pushed back to April.

Dr. Miller asked if this rule applies to home breeders as well. Ms. Caperino said the Borough has no restrictions regarding the number of animals a resident is allowed to own. Therefore, it makes it hard to control home breeders.

Dr. Valas said we are an autonomous Board and can change the ordinance. Dr. Valas asked Ms. Caperino to forward us ordinances from other towns regarding the number of animals they allow.

Dr. Valas asked if there was any ordinance regarding animals making noise in the house. Ms. Caperino said towns generally have an ordinance regarding dogs outside making noise. This would be a Police or Animal Control issue.

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

Dr. Valas said they are changing the way Covid cases have been investigated in the past. Now, they will only investigate extreme cases.

**Immunization Reports:** The Board went over the submitted February 2023 reports from Lollipop Nursery School, The Valley School, Montessori Learning Center and Little Footprints.

**Animal Control Responses Reports** – The Board went over the submitted January 2023 reports.

**Council Report:** Councilman Bruce Goldsmith spoke about the following items....

Councilman Goldsmith spoke about a tour he recently received of The Pascack Mental Health Center located at 114 Kinderkamack Road in Park Ridge. Councilman Goldsmith spoke briefly regarding the services offered through this center.

Councilman Goldsmith recently spoke with a member of the Handicap Advisory Committee. Councilman Goldsmith spoke about some of the changes the Committee helped to implement, such as, the lowering of the speed limit on Park Avenue and the improvements to cross walks in the Borough.

**Correspondence:** The Board discussed the following items:  
GES – 161 Kinderkamack Road.

Ms. Janeiro stated that the Borough Engineer, Mr. John Dunlea, will follow up with GES regarding this matter. Mr. Dunlea answers all matters pertaining to groundwater issues within the Borough. Dr. Valas asked if the Board would received findings of the report. Ms. Janeiro said she would ask Mr. Dunlea to forward any reports received regarding this matter.

**Old Business:** The Board discussed the following items:  
Virtual Meetings / In-Person Meetings - This item will be listed on the April 20, 2023 agenda for further discussion when more Board members are present.

**New Business:** The Board discussed the following items:

Dr. Valas said there is proposed legislation to allow cannabis smoking rooms. She said unlike a cigar bar, there is no standard on a ventilation system for cannabis.

Councilman Goldsmith spoke about the dredging of Mill Pound. He said the Borough is trying to get a grant to have the silt dug out and removed from the premises. Councilman Goldsmith said the silt is contaminated. Currently the Borough is asking New Jersey State Senator Holly Schepisi and Congressman Josh Gottheimer to assist the Borough in obtaining grants. Dr. Valas asked what was contaminated. Councilman Goldsmith replied, “the silt is contaminated but it is encapsulated in the silt, so the contaminates don’t travel.”

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

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Miller at 8:00 pm, seconded by Ms. Kearney and carried by all members. The next meeting is scheduled virtually for April 20, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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