

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, Ms. Deppert, Dr. Valas and Mr. Spies.

Excused: Ms. Scheulen

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

Invoices: Invoices for March 2023
Borough of Hillsdale - \$35.00
RR Donnelley - \$99.00
NJ Local Boards OF Health - \$95.00

Motion to approve the invoices for March 2023 was made by Ms. Deppert, seconded by Ms. Kearney and carried by all members.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the March 16, 2023 meeting was made by Dr. Miller, 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 March 2023: Ms. Caperino went over the submitted report.
Ms. Caperino spoke about the following items....

Conditional approvals have been met. Bagels for Life has been abated in March. Yuki Hana was re-inspected in April and posted satisfactory. The originally failed for storing raw foods incorrectly, i.e. fish.

Pies and Quiche/Girl from Empanada – Pies and Quiches is no longer sharing space. New space to be occupied by chocolatier, will sell at farmers market.

The complaint regarding an illegal kennel at a single-family home. Ms. Caperino mentioned creating a new ordinance for the number of animals allowed for homeowners since the originally ordinance has not been found. Ms. Deppert and Dr. Valas would like to continue to look into trying to find the original ordinance. Ms. Caperino suggested it might be quicker and easier to create a new ordinance and has given examples from other towns to follow verbiage for a new ordinance.

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

Communicable Disease Report March 2023: COVID19 and Lyme Disease.

Animal Control Responses Reports – The Board went over the submitted March 2023 reports. One dog bite. Dog up to date and licensed.

Council Report: Councilman Bruce Goldsmith spoke about the following items....
Councilman Goldsmith advised board that the first introduction to the municipal budget was recently discussed at past Mayor and Council meeting. He mentioned that there will be a 3.5% increase to cover allowable cap. He also mentioned a percentage to an increase of rates for water and electric.

Councilman Goldsmith advised board about the parking lot next to The James and that the borough is obligated to cover the \$75,000 cost that is a yearly fee to the owners of The James. The original owners where to build a senior center originally. The council would like to try to monetize the parking lot to get funds back.

Councilman Goldsmith also mentioned that Councilman Fenwick was serving as acting Mayor and introduced a resolution to make the month of May Mental Health Awareness Month.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: The Board discussed the following items:

A Board discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of virtual meetings. Dr. Lincoln is in favor of having the January and September meetings in person. This item will be listed on the May 18, 2023 agenda for further discussion.

New Business: No new business was discussed.

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Valas at 8:04 pm, seconded by Ms. Deppert and carried by all members. The next meeting is scheduled virtually for May 18, 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

.....Elena Rega.....
Covering BOH Secretary