

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. Deppert, Ms. Kearny, Mr. Kehrli, Mr. Spies, Dr. Valas, and Mr. Tremble.

Excused: Dr. Hawkshead

Also Present: Ms. Caperino – Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist
Councilman Goldsmith – Councilman Goldsmith (7:35pm)
Ms. Janeiro – Board Secretary

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the March 21, 2024 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 April 2024: Ms. Caperino went over the submitted report.

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

Bagels for Life inspections have been conditional for several months. Summons were issued this past month.

A complaint was called in for cockroaches in the fire suppression system at El Azteca. The report was unfounded.

A complaint was called in for a hair in a cake at A Little Cake. The report was unfounded. The inspector went over the correct protocol for hair and beard nets.

A couple temporary event inspections were completed.

Etsy Street restaurant has closed.

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

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

Registrar Reports 1st Quarter: The Board went over the submitted 1st quarter 2024 report.

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

Council Report: Councilman Goldsmith said the 2024 budget is almost approved. As of now, there will be no increase in taxes. However, the Borough is not in control of the school budget. If the school has an increase in the budget, the municipal budget will need to be adjusted.

Councilman Goldsmith spoke about a proposed Pet Shop Ordinance. The Animal Protection League recommended the Borough pass an ordinance banning the sale of dogs and cats from puppy/kitten mills. It seems that Park Ridge has an ordinance passed in 2016 to this effect, but the definition is overly vague and potentially unenforceable. The Animal Protection League said there are 140 communities in New Jersey that have passed similar ordinances.

Ms. Deppert said we have no pet stores in Park Ridge. Councilman Goldsmith replied this ordinance would be a precursor.

Ms. Deppert asked how the Mayor and Council feels about this ordinance. Dr. Valas commented that this board is the authority on this matter. Dr. Valas said we can pass the ordinance ourselves.

Councilman Goldsmith said he suggests the board look over all the material that was sent over on this matter and then he can forward any questions to the Mayor and Council.

The discussion on this matter will continue at the May 16, 2024 Board of Health meeting.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

New Business:

Sewer Reports – Dr. Valas said the board used to receive quarterly reports on when sewers were cleaned out. She said these reports have not been received in some time. In the past, there were backups in town, and the board liked to keep an eye on when the clean-outs were conducted. Ms. Janeiro will follow up with Mr. O’Leary, Water and Sewer Supervisor.

Grease Traps – Dr. Valas asked about the clean-out of grease traps. Ms. Caperino said the requirement is no longer under Chapter 12. Ms. Janeiro said she will check with the Construction Official, Keith Dalton and the Sewer Supervisor, Chris O’Leary.

Water Department Tour – Tours are only available in the morning and afternoon. Councilman Goldsmith said he can video record the tour for the members that are not able to attend. It was decided that June 28th or June 21st at 11am would be a good time for most members to attend. Ms. Janeiro will follow up with Water Supervisor Chris O’Leary and let the board know the date and time.

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Deppert at 8:09 pm, seconded by Dr. Miller and carried by all members. The next meeting is scheduled virtually for May 16, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tonya Tardibuono, BOH Secretary