

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 and Dr. Hawkshead

Excused: Ms. Deppert, Dr. Valas and Mr. Tremble

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

Approval of Invoices: Motion to approve the May 2024 invoices was made by Ms. Kearny seconded by Mr. Spies and carried by all members eligible to vote.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the May 16, 2024 meeting was made by Mr. Spies, seconded by Dr. Hawkshead 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 May 2024: Ms. Caperino went over the submitted report.

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

All pool inspections have been completed for May.

The new restaurant in town, Four Leaves, received all pre-operational inspections.

A complaint was received regarding outdoor smoking at the laundromat in town. The county can only enforce food establishments.

A complaint regarding mice in a garage at Peppercorns was unfounded.

A couple of animal bites were received.

Ms. Caperino spoke to someone locally who handles wild life. She suggested she call Ms. Janeiro to introduce herself and let her know what services she provides. It seems as if she is the holding point until the wild life can get the rescue in West Milford. Councilman Goldsmith asked if she would be a good candidate for the vacant member position.

Dr. Miller said over Memorial Day weekend there was an incident at the pool with paint chips floating in the water. All of the pool water needed to be drained. Dr. Miller asked where the water was drained. Ms. Caperino is only notified if the pool samples are non-conforming.

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

Communicable Disease Reports: The Board went over the submitted May 2024 report. Dr. Hawkshead asked where the Yersiniosis case was reported from. Dr. Lincoln said it was a probable case and unsure where it was from.

Animal Control Responses: The Board went over the submitted April and May 2024 reports.

Monthly Dog License Reports: The Board went over the submitted January, February, March, April and May 2024 reports.

Council Report:

Rabies Clinic – Councilman Goldsmith asked if there were any volunteer calls? Ms. Janeiro said she is all set with volunteers.

Vacant Position - Councilman Goldsmith asked if the board was looking for a member with any specific background experience? The answer was nothing specific.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Ms. Janeiro reminded the Board of the June 28th Park Ridge Water Department tour.

Pet Shop Ordinance – Dr. Lincoln asked if there was any update on the Pet Shop Ordinance. Councilman Goldsmith said no. Dr. Lincoln said that Mahwah and Hillsdale passed ordinances on this matter, and he feels Park Ridge should pass a similar ordinance following the advice of The Animal Protection League. The members agreed. Dr. Lincoln asked if Councilman Goldsmith could pass this information along to the Mayor and Council. If they agree with the ordinance, then they can adopt the ordinance, as we do not meet again until September.

New Business:

Dr. Hawkshead spoke about the noise pollution from gas powered lawn equipment. He asked if the board can look into this matter. Ms. Janeiro asked if Councilman Goldsmith could speak on this matter as she knows this was discussed at a Mayor and Council meeting. Councilman Goldsmith said they only discussed a ban in California.

Dr. Miller said Woodcliff Lake has an ordinance when power equipment can be used.

Dr. Lincoln said we can discuss in September and invited Dr. Hawkshead to do some investigation on this matter.

Ms. Janeiro will forward the Woodcliff Lake noise ordinance to the board.

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

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Spies at 8:02 pm, seconded by Dr. Hawkshead and carried by all members. The next meeting is scheduled in person for September 19, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tonya Tardibuono, BOH Secretary