



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2024
5:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Notice of this meeting, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, C. "231", was posted at the Borough Hall, and two newspapers, The Record and The Ridgewood News, were notified.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OATH OF OFFICE

Josephine Higgins
Ina Palatnek

ROLL CALL

Deborah Dakin, Board of Health Secretary asked for a roll call. Members John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Ina Palatnek, Dr. Steven Sperber and Raphael Maurrasse were present. Board of Health Secretary Debbie Dakin and Laura Folco from the Bergen County Board of Health were also present. Michelle Micali and Mary Clark were absent.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Motion to appoint John Frey as Chairman was made by Dr. Steven Sperber, second by John Frey and unanimously approved.

Motion to appoint Josephine Higgins as Vice-Chairman was made by Ina Palatnek, second by Dr. Steven Sperber and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2023, was made by Josephine Higgins, second by Ina Palatnek and approved by John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Dr. Steven Sperber, Raphael

Maurrasse, and Ina Palatnek.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Laura Folco from Bergen County went over the inspection reports from December 2023 to January 2024. Ms. Folco stated that the County met with BMW regarding their alterations. The permits were issued by the town but the County did not approve the plans yet. The County still had some questions about their menu. The menu would dictate what equipment is needed. Going forward, the County needs to give permission to the building department before the permit is issued.

The Woodcliff Lake Hilton has closed. Clerk Dakin stated that as of this date they have not come in with any applications. Ms. Folco stated that Bareburger had a cross-contamination violation for food protection. Fusco's and Ray's Café have not submitted applications for 2024.

MOTION to approve the Sanitarian's Reports was made by John Frey, second by Josephine Higgins and unanimously approved.

- Animal Control Reports

John Frey stated that there are a lot of deer being hit by cars. Mr. Frey asked Ms. Folco as to why a resident is being charged a fee.

MOTION to approve the Animal Control Reports was made by Josephine Higgins, second by John Frey and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Josephine Higgins stated that there was a public hearing at the last Mayor and Council meeting regarding the Park Ridge Board of Public Utilities Permanent Treatment Plan for Well #20, represented by Holly Schepisi, Esq. Councilwoman Josephine Higgins stated that Holly Schepisi, Esq., stated that the reason this Public Hearing was required is because the Hearing must take place in the community where the well is located. Ms. Schepisi explained that Park Ridge operates a municipal water utility and there is a pre-existing well utilized for drinking water on the land owned by Woodcliff Lake. There is an expected future exceedance of a maximum containment level for perfluorooctanoic acid otherwise known as PFOA or PFAS or such other contaminant established by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the "Safe Drinking Water Act," P.L. 1977. Park Ridge Water is looking to be proactive and is looking to install on the land improvements to address the expected exceedance prior to the exceedance taking place and as such that meeting needs to take place. No other improvements shall be made to the land except as deemed reasonably necessary, and approved by the Department of Environmental Protection, to address the exceedance of the maximum contaminant level, and any such improvements shall be sited in a manner to minimize disturbance to the environment. The additional use of the lands and any improvements made pursuant to this section shall not

substantially impact the use of the lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including public access to the land.

Josephine Higgins stated that she contacted Holly Schepisi and Ms. Schepisi stated that Park Ridge is trying to determine where the contamination is coming from. Mr. Frey stated that he spoke with Mr. O'Leary from Park Ridge Water and their consultant. Park Ridge is making an expedited effort to get a treatment bid out by the second quarter of 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOTION to open to the public was made by Josephine Higgins, second by Ina Palatnek and unanimously approved.

No comments.

MOTION to close to the public was made by Ina Palatnek, second by Dr. Steven Sperber and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn was made by Dr. Steven Sperber, second by Raphael Maurrasse and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk