



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
BOARD OF HEALTH REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2025
4:00 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

Steven Sperber
Michelle Micali

ROLL CALL

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

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Motion to appoint Raphael Maurrasse as Chairman was made by Raphael Maurrasse, second by Josephine Higgins and unanimously approved.

Motion to appoint Josephine Higgins as Vice-Chairman was made by Josephine Higgins, second by Michelle Micali and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2024, was made by John Frey, second by Josephine Higgins and approved by John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Dr. Steven Sperber, Raphael

Maurrasse, and Dr. Mary Clark. Michelle Micali abstained since she was not present at the meeting.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Kristin Caperino, Sanitarian, from Bergen County went over the inspection reports from October, November and December 2024. Ms. Caperino stated that the County did a pre-operational inspection in November, and they were approved to stock, train and operation at BMW. They also conducted a plan review for Amoreena which is a new restaurant being constructed Kinderkamack Road and are waiting to find out what menu items they will be serving before it can approve the plans. Ms. Caperino stated that they received a complaint about John's Bagels regarding a possible food-borne illness. That was the only complaint received with regards to this.

Michelle Micali stated that there was a raccoon on Lincoln Avenue staggering around and asked Ms. Caperino what the results were. Ms. Caperino stated that it looked like the raccoon was never tested because they never received any results.

Dr. Sperber asked Ms. Caperino how they investigated the complaint regarding John's Bagels. Ms. Caperino stated that they only investigated to see if there were any other complaints around the same date and there were none.

Councilman Pollack asked if Fusco's has an active food license. Ms. Caperino replied no.

John Frey asked Ms. Caperino if they would inspect the Waterfront Home. Ms. Caperino replied that the laws have changed, and they are no longer required to inspect the premises because the individuals cook their own food.

MOTION to approve the Sanitarian's Reports was made by Dr. Mary Clark, second by Dr. Steven Sperber and unanimously approved.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORTS

A discussion took place regarding the Animal Control Reports. Dr. Clark asked why the raccoon was not tested. Ms. Caperino replied that she did not know why. John Frey stated that there is a fee for the removal of animals from a resident's yard or house.

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

Councilman Pollack stated that some residents received a Notice of Unknown Service Line Composition from Park Ridge Water. The purpose of this letter was that the NJDEP and USEPA require an inventory of all service line materials for all water systems which Park Ridge Water

have been working to identify and update since at least 2021. Since the materials are unknown, the letter provides the USEPA required Health Effects of Lead and Steps You Can Take to Reduce Exposure To Lead in Drinking Water. They are still updating their inventory and to meet the NJ requirement of replacement of all lead and galvanized service lines by 2031. They are also working on a customer survey form to help them with their inventory. Councilman Pollack stated that we should draft a letter to request Park Ridge Water to subsidize replacing it over a period of time. All agreed that a letter should be sent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

No comments.

MOTION to close to the public was made by John Frey, 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 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk