



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 3, 2025  
4:30 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**

**ROLL CALL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the Minutes of January 21, 2025, was made by Raphael Maurrasse, second by Josephine Higgins and approved by Dr. Mary Clark, John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Raphael Maurrasse, Michelle Micali, Ina Palatnek and Dr. Steven Sperber.

**SANITARIAN'S REPORT**

Kristin Caperino, Sanitarian, from Bergen County went over the inspection reports from January to May 2025. Ms. Caperino stated that the County began doing their yearly/semi-yearly inspections for the yearly food retail license applications that are submitted. They also did an inspection for an ice cream truck for a school event. Additionally, they did a pre-opening inspection of the snack stand for the baseball fields. The County was busy with food truck licenses for Relay for Life and SpringFest.

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 from January to May 2025. John Frey stated that there were a lot of patrols but not too many calls. The annual Rabies Clinic was held at Borough Hall, and it was once again successful.

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

Ina Palatnek asked if the Board of Health should notify the residents of anything. Councilman Pollack stated that notifications are sent out through our Rave system, such as our newsletter. If there is an emergency, a Reverse 911 is sent for that. We encourage all of our residents to sign up for Rave. Events, power outages, and major incidents are all sent out using Rave. We also post everything on our website. Unfortunately, not many people visit the website. We communicate this at every Mayor and Council meeting.

Josephine Higgins asked what the status was regarding Park Ridge Water that was discussed at our last meeting. Councilman Pollack stated that he met with Raphael Maurrasse last week and they are composing an email to send to Park Ridge Water. He did speak with Park Ridge Water a few months ago and they are working on getting a grant.

Councilman Pollack reiterated what he stated at our last Board of Health meeting. He had 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.

John Frey asked if the County still comes to do blood pressure and weight for the seniors. Josephine Higgins replied that they come to the Tice Senior Center the first Thursday of every month.

## **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 Josephine Higgins, second by Raphael Maurrasse and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR  
Borough Clerk