



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
BOARD OF HEALTH REORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 2022
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.

OATH OF OFFICE

- Dr. Steven Sperber
- Michelle Micali
- Dr. Anna Flores-Locke

ROLL CALL

John Frey, Board of Health President asked for a roll call. Members John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Michelle Micali, Ina Palatnek, Dr. Steven Sperber and Dr. Anna Flores-Locke were present. Board of Health Secretary Debbie Dakin and Kristin Caperino from the Bergen County Board of Health were also present. Dr. Mary Clark was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION to nominate John Frey as President of the Board of Health was made by Dr. Steven Sperber, second by Michelle Micali and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

MOTION to nominate Dr. Steven Sperber as Vice President of the Board of Health was made by John Frey, second by Michelle Micali and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2021, was made by John Frey, second by Dr. Steven Sperber and approved by John Frey, Michelle Micali, Josephine Higgins, Dr. Steven Sperber, and Ina Palatnek. Dr. Locke abstained.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Kristin Caperino introduced herself to everyone. Ms. Caperino went over how the reports are done and when the reports are done. Ms. Caperino stated that a lot of the cafes in the corporate area were closed due to Covid. This week she is working with some of the cafes that are looking to open again. They had one café that had food out for their employees to take and they were told that they could not do that. The case being that we do not know where the food was prepared, and who was managing the food. They are collaborating with the owner of the building to try and get something set up where they cook on the premises, or they order food and have it brought in. They are trying to figure out the best form of action. Mr. Frey asked if the cafes are open to the public. Ms. Caperino replied that technically that could happen if you went into the office space and into the café. Mr. Frey stated that he noticed back in December the Hilton took a beating and had a lot of problems but there are no inspections at the Hilton in January, February, or March. Ms. Caperino stated that approximately two weeks ago they had a reading of a hot tub that was out of conformance, so they did work with the lab, and they got back out there are they complied right away. They will start having routine inspections going forward at the Hilton. Ms. Palatnek asked when Whole Foods was planning on opening. Clerk Dakin replied that they plan on opening in June. Councilwoman Higgins asked about the drain covers for pools. Ms. Caperino explained why drain covers are required. Mr. Frey asked about the animal bite and Ms. Caperino explained that there is a 10-day animal confinement when there is an animal bite. The dog is not taken away, but it is in-home confinement.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- Cash Receipts Report

Clerk Dakin stated that in January, Board of Health took in \$7,425 in food licensing. There was one marriage application and eleven certified copies of either marriages, deaths, or births. In February she took in \$2,095 in food licenses. There was one marriage license, and there were eight certified copies. In March, she took in \$4,375 in food licenses. There were three marriage licenses and there were seventeen certified copies of either marriages, deaths, or births.

MOTION to approve the Cash Receipts Reports was made by Ina Palatnek, second by Josephine Higgins and unanimously approved.

- Various Water Reports

There were no water reports from Park Ridge Water. Ms. Higgins stated that there was a general report that went out to the public. Ms. Palatnek stated that it seems like the Water Company is ignoring the Woodcliff Lake Board of Health. It seems like we are not being notified. Mr. Frey stated that he would contact Mr. O'Leary from the Water Company.

- Animal Control Reports

Clerk Dakin stated that she had not received any animal reports, so she called Bergen County Animal Control and had them email her the reports. Dr. Sperber asked about receiving reports from animals that were picked up. Ms. Caperino stated that they normally do not test animals unless there is a reason to test them. If the animal was dead on arrival and there was some type of exposure, then they would test it for rabies. It was suggested that the Sanitarian's Reports and the Animal Control Reports be emailed in advance of the meeting so members could look it over and ask and have questions answered at the meeting.

MOTION to approve the Animal Control Reports was made by Ina Palatnek, second by Michelle Micali and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

MOTION to close to the public was made by Ina Palatnek, second by Michelle Micali and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Borough Newsletter

Mr. Frey asked if anyone had any suggestions for the newsletter. Ina Palatnek suggested an article go in about pool safety. Dr. Locke stated that she would write up a column on kids and mental health during the summer. Everyone was in favor of it.

- Mayor's Wellness Challenge

Mr. Frey stated that he has not heard anything from the County regarding the Mayor's Wellness Challenge. Mr. Frey stated that he would call Ms. Klein at the county. Ms. Caperino stated that Ms. Klein is no longer at the county. Ms. Caperino stated that she would check with the county for us.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn was made by Josephine Higgins, second by Ina Palatnek and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Dakin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk