



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2023
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.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of September 12, 2023, was made by Josephine Higgins, second by Dr. Steven Sperber and approved by John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Dr. Steven Sperber, Raphael Maurrasse, and Ina Palatnek. Dr. Clark abstained.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Kristin Caperino went over the inspection reports from September 2023 to November 2023. Ms. Caperino stated that she is currently reviewing BMW plans because they are updating their building which includes their cafeteria. There was a dog bit at the end of September and the dog was released by the vet. The person who was bitten by the dog did not go to the doctor or hospital. The owner of the dog went and told their vet, and the vet notified the County. The PBA had their event in October. There was a food truck called Dark Side of the Moon which was closed because they had no running water. A rabid racoon bit a dog. The owner of the dog opted

to get another rabies vaccine because they were not sure when their dog last had one. There was a 45-day observation period in which the dog must stay home. The owner knows the dog best to tell if the dog is acting differently. The dog is going to be released from the 45-day quarantine shortly. Ms. Caperino explained what Risk 2 and 3 are. There was nothing out of the ordinary. The Hilton's hot tub was closed for non-conforming issues. Debbie Dakin explained that the Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the fire department are looking to have a chili cook-off. Ms. Caperino explained the necessary steps that need to be taken.

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

- Animal Control Reports

There were only a few Animal Control Reports to go over, September through November. There did not seem to be much action except for accidents involving deer.

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

Councilwoman Josephine Higgins asked that she and Ina Palatnek be reappointed by the Mayor in January.

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 and John Frey stated that they will contact Holly Schepisi to see if Park Ridge is doing anything to see where the contamination is coming from. Mr. Frey stated that he will contact Mr. O'Leary from Park Ridge Water about the water reports.

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. Mary Clark, second by Raphael Maurrasse and unanimously approved by voice call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deborah Dakin".

Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk