



**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 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 roll call. Members Dr. Mary Clark, John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Raphael Maurrasse, Michelle Micali and Ina Palatnek were present. Kristin Caperino, Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist from the Bergen County Department of Health Services was present as well. Councilman Pollack and Dr. Steven Sperber were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes of June 3, 2025, was made by Josephine Higgins, second by John Frey and approved by Dr. Mary Clark, John Frey, Josephine Higgins, Raphael Maurrasse, Michelle Micali, and Ina Palatnek.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Kristin Caperino, Sanitarian, from Bergen County stated that the County has a new program and they are still working out some of the kinks. Ms. Caperino stated that the pool at the Bristol Assisted Living Facility was closed and then it reopened. During the summer months they also inspect the town pool and snack stand. They are currently conducting a plan review of the new menu items for one of the restaurants located on Kinderkamack Road. Ms. Caperino went over the inspection reports from June to August 2025.

MOTION to approve the Sanitarian's Reports was made by Raphael Maurrasse, second by Ina

Palatnek and unanimously approved.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORTS

A discussion took place regarding the Animal Control Reports from June to August 2025. Dr. Clark asked Ms. Caperino if there were reports on raccoons with rabies in Woodcliff Lake. Ms. Caperino replied that there are some towns in Bergen County, but not Woodcliff Lake or around Woodcliff Lake. Ms. Caperino stated that they have seen more rabies in stray cats. The County traps, neuter and releases the cats if they do not have rabies. There are no reports on Woodcliff Lake. It was suggested that an article be added to the newsletter regarding the TNR program with the County. Mr. Maurrasse asked if anyone received calls regarding coyotes. All replied no.

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

Josephine Higgins mentioned the topic of the two letters that were sent out by Park Ridge regarding the water situation. Mr. Maurrasse stated that Councilman Pollack was sending a letter to Park Ridge Water. He would follow up with him to see if he received a response. Ina Palatnek asked Mr. Maurrasse when Councilman Pollack sent the letter. Mr. Maurrasse replied that he will follow up. It was his understanding that Councilman Pollack was waiting to hear back from Park Ridge Water.

Dr. Mary Clark asked if Woodcliff Lake is doing anything regarding the volume of deer. Dr. Clark stated that Saddle River just started their bow and arrow season for the deer.

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 Michelle Micali 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 5:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah Dakin, RMC, CMR
Borough Clerk