

MEETING OF MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2nd floor
12 MERCEDES DRIVE
MONTVALE, NJ 07645
November 1, 2021

President Cohen called the meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:45pm. Adequate notice of the meeting was provided to *The Record* informing the public of the time and place, according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975). The Sunshine Law is in effect. Meeting Open to the Public.

Attendance

Members: J. Cohen, President (P), G. Clark (P) M. Danna, Vice- President (P), L. Hopper (A), J. Jacobson (P) J. Landzberg (P), & P. Lennon (A)

Non- Members: Council Liaison Koelling (P), & Secretary J. Russo (P)

Contracted Professionals:

G. Behre, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer (P)

J. Wendolowski, Hackensack Meridian Health Public Health Nurse (A)

The meeting information was posted on the website & Sunshine Law is in effect. There was no one from the public.

President Cohen asked for a motion to approve the September minutes. J. Jacobson made a motion to approve the minutes & G. Clark seconded it. The minutes were approved on a roll call vote. The minutes will be posted on Borough website.

President Cohen updated the members regarding the activity since the last meeting. NW Bergen Regional Health Contract is for two years with a 1.5% increase each year. President Cohen questioned G. Behre the re:addendum regarding flu vaccines, and if the contract differs from the previous years. G. Behre said it was in the current submitted contract. The Board will review and vote on acceptance of the contract at the December meeting. Hillsdale Child Health Conference contract was received, zero increase.

The seasonal flu clinic was held on *Saturday, October 2* at the community center. Vaccine was offered to the Montvale Volunteer Fireman and Tri Boro Ambulance Volunteers, and several volunteers received the vaccine at no cost. The Board of Health has absorbed the cost for volunteers for last several flu clinics. Attendance at the clinic was less than in the past.

The Mayor remains in contact with the public health nurse regarding number of COVID cases and posts information for residents.

G. Behre stated Covid-19 vaccine booster clinics were offered in other communities which they serve. Vaccine doses 1, 2 & 3 continue to be available in pharmacies. G. Behre said vaccines are currently available to homebound residents. For additional information, residents may contact NW Bergen Regional Health Commission or visit <https://www.newbridgehealth.org/health-services/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination/> for latest updates. President Cohen said HARP public health nurse is also providing vaccines to home bound residents. J. Landzberg made a motion & second by J. Jacobson to post the link on the Borough website. All in favor. The Borough website continues to provide Covid-19 information.

There was discussion regarding clinics to vaccinate school age children. The State Health Department will coordinate the clinics. More information to follow.

Montvale Chamber of Commerce hosted a street fair in October. All food vendors were licensed and physically inspected. The Board of Health thanks REHS inspector Rebecca Pigoncelli and the NW Bergen Regional Health Commission for their assistance with this event.

President Cohen reviewed the 2022 meeting dates. Members were supplied with a copy of the dates. President Cohen asked for a motion for the following dates: Jan. 3, March 7, May 2, June 6, and September 6 (Tuesday), November 6 & December 5. J. Landzberg made a motion, J. Jacobson seconded it. All ayes. The dates will be advertised in the Borough designated newspaper, *The Record* in December and displayed at the Borough.

President Cohen stated the Rabies Vaccination Clinic will be held on Saturday, November 6. Rabies vaccination will be offered. An animal license will be offered starting in January. Masks will be required regardless of animal vaccination status and a request will be made that only one owner accompany each pet attending the clinic and spacing will be done. The clinic will be advertised on all the borough social media accounts, including Mayor's email blast & electronic sign.

Tyco Animal Report – J. Russo read the report.

NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Activity Reports G. Behre read September & October reports. All members were provided with copies. Open discussion regarding items.

Registrar & Vital Static Report- J. Russo read September report.

Child Health Conference Report- No report.

Council Liaison Report- D. Knoelling reported an update from M&C

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:45pm was made by J. Jacobson, second by J. Landzberg. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Reminder if you are unable to attend, please email Joyce Cohen & Janet Russo. **DECEMBER 6. IS NEXT MEETING.**