

MEETING OF MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2nd floor
12 MERCEDES DRIVE
MONTVALE, NJ 07645
December 6, 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 (A) M. Danna, Vice- President (P), L. Hopper (A), J. Jacobson (P) J. Landzberg (P), & P. Lennon (A)

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

Contracted Professionals:

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

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

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 November minutes. J. Jacobson made a motion to approve the minutes & J.Cohen 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 asked for motion to approve the contract, M. Danna made motion, seconded by J. Jacobson. All in favor. The contract was returned to G.Behre for signatures. The Board will receive fully executed contracted once signed.

President Cohen received a contact from HARP, which is within the 2% cap. The contract will be reviewed and signed at the next meeting. J. Russo will have the contract.

Hillsdale Child Health Conference contract for \$250 a year was signed and will be returned to Hillsdale Board of Health. This year Montvale did not send any children to the clinic. The cost for each attendee is \$35 regardless of care received.

J.Wendolowski reported that they continue to offer Health Bones classes at the senior & community center, which is well attended. Blood pressure screenings are offered at the senior meetings. Additional seasonal flu vaccines were made available to seniors at the meeting. It was discussed if an additional clinic should be offered, due to the low attendance at the clinic held in October. It was unanimously decided that an additional clinic is not required since the vaccine is abundantly available locally. President Cohen asked J. Wendolowski to contact Fire Chief Gibbons to see if a he is interested in having vaccines offered on drill night at the firehouse . The courtesy would be extended to Tri Boro Ambulance Volunteers.

J.Wendolowski reported that the Borough experienced an increase in amount of COVID cases in November, which was seen primarily in the schools. J. Wendolowski reported that the school nurses at Memorial & Fieldstone schools are doing an outstanding job. J. Landzberg made a motion that the Board send a letter to the Montvale Superintendent recognizing their commitment to the school community. J. Jacobson seconded the motion. All if favor. J. Russo and J. Cohen will write the letter.

J. Wendolowski reported that there is a fairly new website, POWNOW, <https://community.hmhn.org/findrx/community> which allows residents to find numerous services in the surrounding communities. Board discussed possibility of providing this link on the Borough website. The site and information will be reviewed prior.

J.Wendolowski & J. Landzberg discussed writing an article regarding the criteria for the monoclonal antibodies in fight against Covid. The article would be for the January newsletter, if received prior to the deadline.

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

G. Behre stated COVID-19 vaccine booster clinics were offered in other communities which they serve. Flyer is available at Borough hall and Mayor sent an email blast regarding clinic on December 8th sponsored by NW . Booster vaccines is available, however, it been reported that availability is decreasing in our area due to rising numbers desired. 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.

There was discussion regarding clinics to vaccinate school age children. The State Health Department will coordinate the clinics. More information to follow. Currently there are no plans for a children vaccination clinic in Montvale.

The NJ new Cottage Industry Law regarding selling home baked goods was discussed. The borough attorney was consulted and the Montvale existing zoning laws prohibits any business & or selling of goods in residential zone. No further questions from residents have been received at this time.

A complaint was received regarding a neighbor feeding feral cats. J. Russo sent a letter informing the homeowner that it is prohibited within the Borough. There have been no additional complaints.

Rabies vaccination clinic was held, and well attended. Animal licenses will be mailed soon and there will be a new software program which will allow pet owners to register and pay for licenses online on Borough website in addition to paying in person or by mail.

President Cohen reported that an attendance letter will be mailed to members. Attendance remains unreliable and J.Cohen is asking all members to review future meeting dates and their commitment to the Board. If the current attendance continues, a quorum will be difficult to achieve.

Tyco Animal Report – M.Danna read the report.

NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Activity Reports G. Behre read November report. All members were provided with copies. Open discussion regarding items.

Registrar & Vital Static Report- M.Danna read report.

Child Health Conference Report- No report.

Council Liaison Report- No report.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:00pm 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. **January 3. IS NEXT MEETING.**