

*MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH  
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
12 MERCEDES DRIVE  
MONTVALE, NJ 07645*

Specially Scheduled Meeting on Teleconference format  
*April 6, 2020*

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.

Roll Call

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

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

Contracted Professionals: A. Musella, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer (P)  
J. Wendolowski, Hackensack Meridian Health Public Health Nurse (P)  
C.Tyler, Tyco Animal Control Officer (A)  
Mayor Ghassali (P)

Due to the restrictions in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19, this is a virtual meeting on Zoom. The meeting information was posted on the website and the sunshine law is in effect. There was no one from the public.

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

President Cohen asked the members for a motion to extend deadline for health licenses, dog licenses, and grease traps. A new deadline will be imposed once normal operation returns. The deadline for animal licenses was February 28 and Health License was March 1.

President Cohen remains in daily contact with Mayor Ghassali, the public health nurse the , the health officer and the OEM Director.

The end of day numbers of positive, negative tests results and deaths in Montvale are provided to the Mayor. The Mayor provides updates to the residents via an email blast. Residents are reminded that numbers are subject to errors as hospitalizations are not included or electronically available. If one family member had tested positive, the remaining household members are assumed positive and must quarantine. Available numbers do not reflect this.

Meadowlands Sports Complex is a food distribution center. The information is posted on the Borough website.

President Cohen stated that, in an emergency, she is asked to make decisions immediately . Members voiced approval that President Cohen should continue to make health decision on behalf of the Board members.

Public Health Nurse J. Wendolowski explained the reporting process. Hospitals are required to fax in the test results to each community. Holy Name Hospital currently in not submitting reports via fax. Testing centers are open by appointment only.

President Cohen asked A Musella if health complaints, unless extremely serious, are not being addressed as of now. A Musella stated this is correct.

The Borough's website continues to provide update information and it is recommended that residents only visit credible websites such as NJ Health and Center for Disease Control (CDC) to stay informed.

If there is a household that has a member with a positive test results, the information is shared with only emergency personnel. In the event of an emergency, this assists response teams required on the scene.

Members are reminded to file their financial disclosures online to avoid any penalties.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 4. The members will be contacted by email with details.

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All reports are tabled.

### [Adjournment](#)

A motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm was made by P. Lennon & second by J. Jacobson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.