

*MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH  
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
12 MERCEDES DRIVE  
MONTVALE, NJ 07645  
September 8, 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 (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 (P)  
C.Tyler, Tyco Animal Control Officer (A)

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 June minutes. M.Danna 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.

Gina Behre, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer introduced herself to the members.

President Cohen said the board will suspend from the regular agenda in order for Joanne Wendolowski, Public Health Nurse to read report. Contact tracing pros and cons were discussed. The tracers undergo a short training course and conduct the follow up to those that test positive. Quick test for the virus is 72 hours.

J. Wendolowski said that during the pandemic shelter at home months, the end of day numbers of positive/negative tests results and deaths in Montvale were provided to the Mayor and President Cohen. . Mayor Ghassali posted the reports on the borough social media accounts. At this time, daily report has ceased. There are still new cases occurring in NJ mostly in the 34 years olds to 64 years old.

For latest update information visit NJ Health Department website. Information and additional links are available on borough website. Montvale Schools will be hybrid. Restaurants, gyms and all businesses are required to comply with Gov. Murphy's Executive Orders. Complaints from residents regarding noncompliance are referred to Covid hotline. NW Bergen Regional, sanitarian Rebecca Pignoncelli has been to several establishments providing education regarding CDC guidelines.

The protocol regarding if there are any positive Covid-19 cases in schools was provided to the Board of Education.

G. Behre reported regarding a recent incident that occurred at Courtyard Marriott Hotel, which was not reported to NW Bergen Regional Commission. The general manager was unaware of the protocol regarding the incident. G. Behre provided the manager with the requirements regarding reporting of any incidents such as a drowning.

J. Wendolowski will provide flyer to recruit volunteers to receive the vaccine. Upon approved the flyer will be available at borough hall, library and website.

All the members were provided by an email of an ordinance from the Borough Administrator's office and the Borough Attorney. All the members have reviewed the ordinance, entitled 2020-01; adopting a revision and codification of the Board of Health ordinances. President Cohen read the ordinance and asked for motion to introduce the new ordinance. L. Hopper made motion, J. Landzberg seconded. Roll call vote, approved the ordinance. The second reading will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting on November 2, 2020. The ordinance will be published in *The Record*.

The annual flu clinic has been cancelled. The cancellation has been posted on the borough social media accounts.

The members, G. Behre and J. Wendolowski discussed Patriot Day, which is scheduled for 9/11 in the parking lot in front of the Montvale Fire House. Mask and social distance will be enforced. G. Behre said she strongly recommends that refreshments not be served. President Cohen said all events similar to this, have been cancelled and was disappointed that the board was not consulted prior to the planning of the event. President Cohen asked for the restriction on refreshment to be made in the form of a motion.

J. Landzberg made a motion. The Board of Health is in support of Mayor & Council for continuing with a ceremony in honoring the 9/11 event, however, the health and welfare of the speakers, residents and emergency management personnel are foremost. Therefore, under the recommendation of the Health Officer, the Board is recommending that refreshments not be served. J. Jacobsen seconded it. Roll call vote, all in favor. Council Liaison Knoelling will report this decision at the M&C meeting later this evening. A memo will be forward to Mayor Ghassali.

President Cohen discussed that the Board of Health would like to be notified of any new health-related facilities that wish to operate in Montvale. A mobile unit providing intravenous therapy (IV) to residents was not presented. She sent a letter to the Planning Board requesting that all health-related information should be passed on. President Cohen has not received any information.

The annual rabies clinic which in the past had been held at the DPW Garage in January may need to be changed. In an order to observe the CDC guidelines it was discussed if the clinic should be held outdoor during the fall. President Cohen asked for it in a form of a motion. J. Landzberg made a motion for the Annual rabies clinic to be held in November, outdoor, location to be determined. L. Hopper second it. Roll call vote, all in favor. The secretary will contact the key personnel and check their availability. G. Behre said she will confirm that she is able to receive the vaccine and the certificate for a November clinic. The clinic will be advertised and the licenses will be required to be mailed in October.

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

The next scheduled meeting will be held on November 2.

### Monthly Reports

**Tyco Animal Report** - M. Danna.

**NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Activity Reports** for June, July, & August were emailed to members and items discussed.

**Registrar & Vital Static Report**- M. Danna

**Food & Retail Establishments Report**- M.Danna.

**Child Health Conference Report**- No report

**Council Liaison Report**- D. Knoelling provided updated on new developments

Adjournment A motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm was made by J.Landzberg & second by M. Danna. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.