

*MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2nd floor
12 MERCEDES DRIVE
MONTVALE, NJ 07645
November 2, 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. COVID precautions observed.

Roll Call

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

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

Contracted Professionals: G. Behre, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer (A)
J. Wendolowski, Hackensack Meridian Health Public Health Nurse (A)
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 September minutes. J.Landzberg 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 Borough website.

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. Restaurants, gyms and all businesses are required to comply with Gov. Murphy's Executive Orders. Complaints from residents regarding noncompliance are referred to COVID-19 hotline.

G. Behre, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer was unable to attend tonight's meeting and observed that many other municipalities NWBRHC contracts with meet via Zoom. G.Behre contacted President Cohen and discussed this. J. Wendolowski, said she was unable to attend, however, would be available via telephone conference. President Cohen stated that she will reexamine in-person meetings by next month.

President Cohen said J. Wendolowski provided Mayor Ghassali with a weekly report of the number of positive cases and various COVID issues in the Borough. The number of cases had increased in the Borough as well as the state. Data provided is an approximation.

G. Behre and J. Wendolowski spoke with Secretary J. Russo and reported that they each are extremely busy with their responsibilities regarding schools and nursing homes. President Cohen stated that certain responsibilities with nursing homes are under the responsibilities of NJ local boards of health. In addition, school closings are the decision of the Board of Education and in consultation with the Board of Health. The responsibilities that the local boards of health are assigned are increasing and President Cohen stated concerns.

A food establishment in the Borough, had voluntarily temporarily closed due to their employees testing positive for Covid-19. The establishment is currently reopened.

President Cohen stated Mayor Ghassali reached out to her regarding accompanying him for a safety check regarding health and safety equipment which were in place at a corporate office. President Cohen consulted with the health officer, and it was decided that neither one possessed the qualification to recommend or approve

any business's preventive protocol regarding the safety of their employees. President Cohen relayed this information to Mayor Ghassali and recommended that he does not provide such inspections.

NWBRHC health educator, along with President Cohen's approval have submitted an informative article regarding quarantining and testing regarding Covid-19 for the November newsletter. Members were provided with a copy of article and President Cohen suggested that members review it.

At the last meeting members were provided by email copy 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 by title only and asked for motion to adopt the ordinance. P.Lennon made motion, J. Landzberg seconded. Roll call vote, approved the ordinance.

Members were provided with new ordinance from the Borough Administrator and attorney requesting the Board to adopt , entitled *2020-02; amending and supplementing, chapter 408 of the Borough Code to prohibit the feeding of wildlife*. President Cohen reported that the amended ordinance is an updated addition of Article II. President Cohen read the ordinance and asked for motion to introduce Ordinance #2020-02. P. Lennon made motion, seconded by J. Landzberg. Roll Call vote approved the motion. The second reading will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting on December 7. The ordinance will be published in *The Record*.

The 2021 Board of Health Budget has been submitted within the municipal 2% cap. The Board is waiting to receive contracts.

J. Russo reported that grease trap inspection documentation continues to be received by some restaurants. All routine health inspections are postponed by NWBRHC due to increase workload due to the pandemic. Reoperation inspections continue to be scheduled.

President Cohen stated she mailed several letters of appreciation and the Borough of Montvale re-usable masks to Board's professionals. At this time the Board did not receive any confirmation of receipt.

The annual rabies clinic which in the past had been held at the DPW Garage in January may need to be modified in order to observe CDC guidelines. Various options were discussed. Last month there was a motion to move the clinic to the November, which perhaps would allow residents to socially distant outside in milder weather conditions. However, the veterinarian schedule and the holidays prevented the scheduling of the event. The clinic will be held on Saturday, January 9 from 10:00AM to 11:30AM. Logistics will be determined. President Cohen announced that a press release regarding the clinic will be prepared for the borough's social media accounts. Updates will be posted in timely manner.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 7. Members please check your emails for details.

Monthly Reports

Tyco Animal Report - M. Danna.

NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Activity Reports for September & October were emailed to members and items discussed.

Registrar & Vital Static Report- M. Danna

Child Health Conference Report- No report

Council Liaison Report- No report

Adjournment A motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM was made by J. Landzberg & second by M. Danna. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.