

**Meeting of Montvale Board of Health  
Council Executive Chambers  
12 De Piero Drive  
Montvale, NJ 07645  
Monday, May 2, 2022  
Meeting Time: 7:45pm**

President Cohen called the meeting of the Board of Health to order. 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 (P)

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

**Contracted Professionals:**

G.Dorsi, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission (P)

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

Carol Tyler & Kim Nangle, Tyco Animal Control Services (A)

The meeting information was posted on the website & Sunshine Law is in effect. Meeting open to the public. There were no members of the public present.

President Cohen asked for a motion to approve the March minutes. G. Clark 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.

J.Wendolowski provided updates. J. Wendolowski spoke of recent Covid outbreak that occurred as a result of the senior meeting. Approximately 37 positive cases were reported; this number does not reflect those that used at home tests and did not report their results. (Recommendations were offered for the March reopening, see March minutes). President Cohen, Public Health Nurse, and the board members prepared recommendations. Public health nurse, President Cohen and Janet Russo participated in a walkthrough of Senior Community to help prepare information for the Board's recommendation. The recommendation will be submitted via email to Mayor by President Cohen following the meeting.

The following recommendations should be in place prior to open the senior/community center.

1. Spacing of tables and chairs is a concern. Tables can be placed on wooden floor in atrium area. Currently there are 14 tables of eight chairs with approx. 4 inches apart.
2. A sign on the entrance door requesting all individuals stay at home if respiratory symptoms are present.
3. A senior member should be assigned to take attendance at each meeting, list maintained on file.
4. Disinfecting of tables after each meeting.
5. Ventilation is paramount to keep germs from spreading. Where able, windows and doors should be open.

The center was closed and is scheduled for reopening this week. President Cohen will follow up with members regarding the mayor's response.

The Mayor remains in contact with the public health nurse from HARP regarding number of COVID cases and posts information to residents. President Cohen stated that, with the availability of home testing not reported, the case numbers will show significant decrease.

J. Wendolowski said she was contacted by Am Tree Nursery School personnel regarding mask policy. The daycare wished to reinstate the mask policy, however, met with negative feedback from the parents.

J. Rotante, Senior President asked J. Wendolowski about an AED/CPR class for the seniors. The class would be held during their meetings.

June 1-7 each year is National CPR and AED Awareness and HARP would like to offer a free class to residents. J. Russo will look at the Borough calendar for weekday availability at the center. Class size will be limited to residents only.

President Cohen spoke with Gina Behre regarding offering a seasonal flu vaccination clinic, Saturday, October 8. This date is acceptable to HARP. President Cohen asked for a motion to schedule the clinic. M. Danna made motion to schedule a clinic, P. Lennon seconded it. All in favor. Secretary will schedule the date. It will be advertised on social media a month prior.

President Cohen stated she spoke with Leigh Hopper regarding feedback from the Boys Scouts constructing a dock or bridge so that that animal control officer & the geese chasing canines can access the island at Huff Pond to harass the geese. Unfortunately, the scouts are unable to accommodate this request. The idea of Bergen County Sheriff's Labor Assistance Program, or SLAP crew will be pursued by Leigh Hopper with Police Chief. It was noted that the island has been cleared of low-lying brush and grass making it less desirable for geese to nest there. At the recent M&C meeting Councilwoman T. Cudequest discussed the possibility of a floating dock. Borough Engineer, Mr. Hipolit said it would create a Borough liability.

President Cohen stated once again that the Borough has not received a fully executed contract from HARP.

President Cohen discussed her review of PB applicant regarding a medical laboratory. The facility will be drawing blood, 6 days a week. The applicant was also reviewed by Gina Behre and Joanne Wendolowski. Concern re: disposal of medical waste including infectious material was forwarded to PB. The Board has not received a response. The laboratory will be licensed by NJ Health Department, not the local Board of Health.

Thrive Adult Community is scheduled to open. Health license to operate the dining facility has been inspected, and license has been paid.

**NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Activity Reports** G. Dorsi read March & April reports. All members were provided with copies. Open discussion regarding items. G. Behre was unable to attend tonight's meeting per President Cohen.

**Registrar & Vital Static Report-** M. Danna read March & April reports.

**Child Health Conference Report-** No one attended the clinic.

**Council Liaison Report-** T. Cudequest reported on the M&C meeting. Discussed upcoming EID Celebrations and asked if any food trucks registered. Per secretary there has not been any applications, and an email along with a submission deadline will be sent to the organizer.

### Adjournment

Meeting closed to the public. A motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm was made by M. Danna, second by J. Landzberg. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.