

**Meeting of Montvale Board of Health
Executive Conference Room
12 De Piero Drive
Montvale, NJ 07645
Monday, December 6, 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 (p), J. Jacobson (P) J. Landzberg (P), & P. Lennon (P)
Guest: Marie Hopper, resident

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

Contracted Professionals:

Dr. Reddy, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer (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. President Cohen asked for motion close meeting to the public. M. Danna made the motion. P. Lennon seconded the motion. Meeting is closed to the public.

President Cohen asked Dr. Reddy to introduce herself and provide brief history of her education and medical experience. Members did so as well.

President Cohen said tonight is a special meeting, long time member, Leigh Hopper will not be seeking re-appointment to the board in 2023. Vice President, M. Danna read a proclamation thanking Mr. Hopper for his years of dedication and service to Montvale Board of Health. President Cohen presented Mr. Hopper with a plaque of recognition. M. Danna read a proclamation. L. Hopper shared memories and expressed his enjoyment on being on the Board and volunteering with the members. J. Landzberg made a motion that Leigh Hopper is granted Lifetime Membership to the Board as member emeritus. M. Danna seconded it. All members voted in favor of the motion.

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

J. Cohen asked Dr. Reddy to read Activity Report and provide updates. President Cohen asked that the report be provided earlier next month to provide the members time to review. There was an open discussion regarding inspections. Dr. Reddy provided further explanation to President Cohen's health concerns regarding Wonder, a mobile restaurant. Dr. Reddy stated the commissary where the food is cooked is inspected, the mobile units are not inspected by Montvale. They are viewed by NJ Health Department as food delivery truck. If any food issues are reported to the borough, the resident is referred to NWBRHC, which will conduct an investigation. Montvale Board of Health license will not be required to operate in the municipality.

The Annual Flu clinic was held on October 8. The attendance at the flu clinic was low, & has been experiencing low attendance the last few years. President Cohen, at the last meeting, asked Council Liaison Cudequest to question the Borough attorney if a flu clinic is state mandated. Council Liaison said after discussion with Mr. Voytus, at the M&C, it was determined that many municipalities have discontinued their seasonal flu clinics. With the abundance availability of the vaccine locally, Mr. Voytus reported that the status of the clinic is at the Board's discretion. J. Landzberg raised a question regarding the Tri Boro Ambulance EMT and the firemen receiving their vaccines at no cost to them. One option if the clinic is cancelled, the volunteers can receive it elsewhere and Board of Health can provide reimbursement

for the cost (\$25). President Cohen reported that next year a decision should be made regarding the clinic.

The Rabies Vaccination clinic was held on **Saturday, November 19**. The attendance was lower and included 9 out of town residents. President Cohen reported that next year the status of the clinic and different options will be discussed.

The Borough received a complaint in an email regarding a resident feeding wildlife on the homeowner's porch. Photos were submitted. This feeding of wildlife has created an increase of raccoons in the neighborhood. Tyco Animal Control visited the neighborhood and spoke to the homeowner that was feeding the wildlife and explained the consequences to the raccoons. Tyco Animal Control in addition spoke to the resident whom reported the issue. The Board is anticipating that feeding of wildlife will be discontinued by the resident. In communication with Tyco Animal Control officer, C. Tyler recommended to the secretary to review Franklin Lakes ordinance prohibiting feeding of wildlife on private property. The current ordinance is limited and prohibits feeding of wildlife in municipal owned property and public property. The Franklin Lakes ordinance was reviewed by members and amended. J. Landzberg made a recommendation to change the penalties to show a first offense is a written warning prior to any financial penalties. J. Jacobson seconded it. All in favor. The amended version will be forward to the Borough attorney for review. Board of Health Council Liaison Cudequest stated the problem of feeding of wildlife was discussed at the last M&C meeting by Councilman Roche.

President Cohen asked for motion to approve 2023 meeting dates. A motion was made by J. Lnadzberg; second by J. Jacobson. All in favor. A hard copy of the meeting dates was distributed. Meetings start at 7:45PM. The 2023 meeting dates: **January 3 (Tuesday), March 6, May 1, June 5, September 5 (Tuesday), November 6 & December 4**. The dates will be on the borough website, posted at borough hall & published in two municipal designated newspapers per borough code.

Public Health Nurse. J. Wendolowski provided the regional program report to the members. A revised 2023 contract was presented to the Board and the contract was signed. Public Health nurse will retrieve the contract from Borough offices, after J. Russo emails J. Wendolowski that it is ready to be picked up. President Cohen reminded that the borough needs a fully executed contract as soon as possible. Last year the contract was received late and the auditors questioned the Borough about the delay. As an additional topic it was reported that there are plans for a memory training class, which is a four week program. Once details are secured, the class will be advertised. In addition, a hands- on AED class including certification is tentative schedule for spring 2023. All classes will be advertised on the website and Council Liaison will announce at a future M&C meeting.

NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Reports: Dr. Reddy ready the report and items were discussed.

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

Child Health Conference Report- No one attended the clinic.

Council Liaison Report- T. Cudequest reported updates from the M&C meeting.

[Adjournment](#)

Meeting closed to the public. A motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm was made by P.Lennon, second by M.Danna. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting is **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 AT 7:45PM**. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND EMAIL JOYCE COHEN & JANET RUSSO.