

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2nd FLOOR
12 MERCEDES DRIVE, MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY 07645
March 7, 2016 at 7:45pm

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 and the Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place, according to the Provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975). Sunshine Law is in effect.

Roll Call

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

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

Contracted members: A. Musella, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer (P)

Guest: Mayor Ghassali

Approval of January 4, 2016 Minutes

A motion to approve was made by P. Lennon & J. Woodward seconded it. M. Danna abstained.

Meeting Opened to the Public

A motion was made by P. Lennon & seconded by J. Landzberg to open the meeting to the public.

President Cohen welcomed Mayor Ghassali and asked members to introduce themselves along with their credentials. Mayor Ghassali thanked volunteers for giving their time to Montvale.

New Business

A. Musella discussed the Mayors Wellness Program seminar which was attended by Councilwoman Curry and Mayor Ghassali on March 3. The program includes walking programs, exercise classes, and healthy eating. Mayor Ghassali told the members about a walking path connecting the neighboring towns. Montvale anticipates installing a few blocks of sidewalk in the downtown vicinity to connect to Park Ridge. The goal is have one continuous walkway connecting Montvale, Park Ridge, Woodcliff Lake and Hillsdale.

Old Business

President Cohen distributed a draft of the grease trap ordinance that is before M&C. The Borough administrator would like the Board to review the draft and Council Liaison Curry will report back to Council with feedback. After discussion regarding the ordinance, members made several suggestions regarding time frame to comply, penalties for repeat offenders and stated that they believed certain sections required further clarification. J Russo will email the list of suggestions to Councilwoman Curry for the upcoming Mayor & Council meeting.

L. Hopper provided handouts and explained the process of grease trap interceptors. President Cohen thanked him for sharing his expertise and taking the time to prepare a comprehensive program. Members stated that they gained an increased understanding of what happens to grease as it travels from the food establishment to the municipal sewer lines.

The incident that occurred at Lifetime Fitness Facility in October was further discussed. Police report and an incident report prepared by Lifetime Fitness safety director, Ms. Fitzner, was reviewed by each member. The Board discussed how the procedure might be modified to prevent this from reoccurring in the future at this or any similar facility J. Landzberg made a motion to invite Ms. Fitzner to a future Board of Health meeting. P. Lennon seconded it. J. Russo will contact Ms. Fitzner by email and invite her to the May or June meeting.

Monthly Reports:

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report: A. Musella read January & February report.

Registrar of Vital Statistics Revenue Report: M. Danna read the report.

Retail & Food Establishments Revenue Report: M. Danna read the report.

Tyco Animal Control Report: M. Danna read the report.

Liaison Report: R. Curry provided an update on Mayor & Council meeting.

Meeting Closed to the Public: J. Landzberg made a motion to close the meeting. P. Lennon seconded it.

Adjournment:

President Cohen requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by J. Woodward, seconded by J. Landzberg. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. Members are asked to please email President Cohen and Janet Russo if they are unable to attend a meeting.

2016 Meeting Dates
January 4
March 7
May 2
June 6
September 6 (Tuesday)
November 7
December 5