

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2nd FLOOR
12 MERCEDES DRIVE, MONTVALE, NEW JERSEY 07645
May 2, 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 (A), J. Jacobson (P), 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: Lifetime Fitness Personnel; Alicia Kockler & Al Fischer

Approval of March 7, 2016 Minutes

A motion to approve was made by P. Lennon & M. Danna seconded it. Minutes approved by roll call vote.

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 A. Kockler and A. Fischer asked members to introduce themselves. President Cohen explained that the BOH invited them to the meeting to learn what changes were implemented to help reduce the occurrence of a medical incident similar to what has been reported from recurring. The members have reviewed the police report and the Lifetime Fitness incident report. A. Kockler answered the questions and said that an on duty lifeguard and an off duty employee who was swimming at the time pulled the victim from the pool. There was a delay in administering the AED because of the presence of water as well as the victim being wet. After reviewing the incident report, A. Kockler admitted that there were areas that needed improvement. A. Fisher said there has been an increase in emergency response drills and the response team actions are reviewed immediately to find ways to improve. Written reports are prepared and reviewed after emergency drills. All lifeguards are AED/CPR certified with renewal every two years. The numbers of guards on duty at any of their pools are determined by the day and time. President Cohen thanked them for attending and for their cooperation.

New Business

At the request of Mayor Ghassali, President Cohen, Public Health Nurse Wendolowski, and Health Officer Musella prepared a wish list of items that were health related that they believed would benefit the majority of the residents. Memorial Sloan Kettering wants to donate something with name recognition to the Borough. The items should contain an approximate cost, a lead person, and outline of the scope of the project. The secretary was asked to compile this. J. Russo admitted this was not easy to complete with some of the items. Also, no monetary range was provided so it is unsure if the items may exceed the available funding. Councilwoman Curry stated that she will speak with Mayor Ghassali and learn more about funding.

There was one suggestion, generated at the meeting that was believed to be needed: an electronic marquee in the center of town to announce Borough events. Councilwoman Curry said this has been suggested. J. Russo will contact a vendor to get an approximate cost and forward her findings to Councilwoman Curry.

With the recent concern regarding lead in the water, the BOH expressed a wish to ensure that water within the Borough, especially the schools, is safe. Health Officer Musella has spoken to Chief Chemist at Suez Water. In addition, there is a link from the Borough website to Suez's website, where residents can find the 2015 water quality reports. There was discussion regarding when testing is done and how often. J. Landzberg suggested contacting Suez to see if free water testing kits are available for the residents. After discussion, it was decided to table this suggestion. J. Landzberg asked if a representative from Suez be invited to a future BOH meeting to address water concerns. President Cohen asked for it in a form of a motion. J. Landzberg made motion to invite Suez representative to a future meeting. M. Danna seconded the motion. All in favor. J. Russo will contact the corporate office.

Also, J. Russo was asked to contact public schools regarding water testing. J. Russo will ask if the results could be forwarded to the BOH. She will contact the superintendents for the Montvale pre-K to 8 grades and the Pascack Valley Regional High School.

President Cohen wrote a short article about Zika for the April newsletter. She announced is being updated regularly and much information has been written after article submission. To keep residents best informed there is a link from borough website to the Center of Disease Control (CDC) website.

President Cohen received a report from Fair Game Geese control. Amounts of geese at property on Memorial Drive have decreased. However, there is one family of geese that has laid eggs that have been addled and mature geese will remain for the summer as they attempt to hatch eggs. Fair Game Geese Control submitted an extra fee last month to the Borough and the Montvale public school, the lawn was treated with pesticides and the dogs came in contact with it. The dogs required a special cleansing and the Borough will incur the costs. DPW Superintendent, Mr. Campanelli has included Fair Game Geese Control and his email blast so that they are notified of all future lawn treatments.

Mayors Wellness Program is in conjunction with the Park Ridge program and residents will meet over the course of next six weeks. There will be health lectures provide by the Public Health Nurses from HUMC at the senior community center. Programs are advertised on Borough website and are open to all residents.

Old Business

President Cohen distributed a draft of the grease trap application that is before M&C. The Borough administrator would like the Board to review the application and changes will be sent to the Borough attorney. After discussion regarding the application, members made several suggestions regarding required information. J Russo will email the amended application to Borough attorney, Councilwoman Curry, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan and President Cohen.

J. Landzberg requested that the secretary to send a courtesy copy of the grease trap ordinance and the application to member L. Hopper as he was instrumental in educating the Board re: grease traps

Monthly Reports:

Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Activity Report: A. Musella read March & April reports.

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. Next meeting will be on June 6th.

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