

MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2- floor/ZOOM MEETING
12 MERCEDES DRIVE
MONTVALE, NJ 07645
May 3, 2021

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. Meeting Open to the Public.

Roll Call

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

J. Jacobson (P) J. Landzberg (A), & P. Lennon (P)

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

Contracted Professionals:

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

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

The meeting information was posted on the website and the Sunshine Law is in effect. There was no one from the public. This meeting is held via Zoom and information was posted on the Borough website. President Cohen thanked Lorraine Hutter for her assistance in arranging the virtual meeting.

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

G. Behre, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer reported that she is in contact with the NJ Department of Health. The state guidelines and restrictions are often updated. G. Behre informed the members that Gov. Murphy Announced Expansion of Eligibility for New Jersey's COVID-19 Vaccination Program. The Borough's website continues to provide updates of information and it is recommended that residents visit credible websites such as NJ Health and Center for Disease Control (CDC) to stay informed.

President Cohen updated members regarding the activity since the last meeting. NW Bergen Regional Health Commission has arranged for a mini Covid-19 vaccination clinic for River Vale residents. Montvale is invited. J. Russo will contact the residents that are on the vulnerable population list and notify them of the local clinic. Bergen County Transportation is providing free rides to seniors to vaccination sites as available.

President Cohen & Secretary J. Russo have made several unsuccessful ttempts via emails, and phone calls to contact HARP Public Health Nurse. The Board remains without an executed 2021 contract and has been informed by both the Administrator & Treasurer that a contract must be on file. President Cohen would like the minutes to reflect that communication is difficult.

President Cohen asked for motion to approve Fair Game Geese Control contract. M. Danna made a motion & J. Jacobson seconded it. All in favor of accepting the contract.

President Cohen asked J Russo to compose a thank you letter addressed to the several nurses that volunteered to administer vaccines at mini clinic in Montvale. Unfortunately, due to the limited supply, the state never provided the vaccines to Montvale and registered nurses were not utilized.

President Cohen was pleased to announce that during the summer months, the Borough will begin twice a week curbside sanitation pick-up. Visit the borough website for information regarding schedule.

President Cohen reported that J. Wendolowski provides both she and Mayor Ghassali with a weekly report of the number of positive cases in the Borough. Data provided is an approximation.

President Cohen that Ordinance 2021-01 read by title only. President Cohen asked for motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-01. M. Danna made motion. P. Lennon seconded . Roll call voted all in favor. It will be published in the newspaper and sent to the Deputy Clerk to be codified per requirement.

No updates on the pending Noise Nuisance Ordinance, which M&C asked Board to review. Gina Behre is a certified officer. The Borough administrator was to be informed of G. Behre's certification . Montvale is in need of such an officer.

The Board discussed the recent legalization of marijuana. The M&C are currently discussing the topic.

President Cohen reminded the members that the Board voted on the side of caution and cancelled the December 2021 rabies vaccination clinic, which was scheduled for January, when there was high number of COVID- 19 cases. She asked members for input in regards to scheduling a rabies clinic in November. The clinic would offer rabies vaccine; however, pets were required to be licensed by February 28, 2021 and licensing will not be necessary. President Cohen asked for a motion to have the rabies clinic on November 6. J. Jacobson made the motion. P. Lennon seconded it. Roll call vote in favor of the clinic. Secretary J. Russo will contact Dr. Cohen, vet. and Tyco Animal Control. The tentative date is Saturday, November 6, 2021, time to be determined. A drive-by clinic is a possibility.

Seasonal flu vaccination clinic was discussed. Health Officer, G. Behre stated vaccines are expected to be available in the September/October timeframe. . President Cohen asked for motion to have the Seasonal Flu Clinic in early October. J. Jacobson made motion; P. Lennon seconded it. Roll call vote is in favor of having a Flu Vaccination Clinic. Once all information is finalized it will be advertised on Borough's social media websites.

President Cohen reminded members to file their financial disclosure prior to the June deadline.

Monthly Reports

Tyco Animal Report – M. Danna read report.

NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Activity Reports G. Behre read reports. Swimming pools are scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend per Governor's and CDC's guidelines.

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

Child Health Conference Report- No report.

Council Liaison Report- Council Knoelling update the members on road repairs. Dieter provided items discussed at last M & C meeting. D. Knoelling excused himself from the meeting early.

Members are reminded to check their emails for meeting updates and notices.

[Adjournment](#) A motion to adjourn was made by Pennon & second by M. Danna. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting Dates: **~~January 4, March 1, May 3, June 7, September 13, November 1, & December 6.~~**