

MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2nd floor/ZOOM MEETING
12 MERCEDES DRIVE
MONTVALE, NJ 07645
June 7, 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 (P), J. Jacobson (P) J. Landzberg (P), & P. Lennon (P)

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

Contracted Professionals:

R. Piccollini, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission REHS (P)

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

The meeting information was posted on the website and the Sunshine Law is in effect. There was no one from the public.

President Cohen asked for a motion to approve the May 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.

President Cohen updated the members regarding the activity since the last meeting. President Cohen thanked R. Piccollini for attending the meeting in G. Behre's absence. Unfortunately, NWBRHC is experiencing staffing issues and they are in the process of resolving it soon.

President Cohen questioned J. Wendolowski about the inability to communicate via phone and emails at times. Also, stressed the urgency of obtaining a fully executed contract. J. Wendolowski apologized and said she at the time she was experiencing heavy volume of emails and calls.

J. Landzberg made a motion to submit an article regarding the importance and safety of Covid-19 vaccines for the next newsletter. J. Jacobson seconded the motion. All in favor. J. Russo asked if J. Wendolowski, could provide the article.

The Senior Center resumed exercise classes; Covid-19 guidelines are still in effect.

J. Wendolowski said there are new classes from Heartsaver for hands only CPR classes. The seniors will be offered these classes along with stroke awareness information. J. Russo will email the camp director to contact J. Wendolowski to arrange classes for summer camp counselors.

J. Wendolowski said that Covid-19 vaccines are currently available to those that are homebound. Also, free transportation to vaccines sites is available. Vaccines are available locally, appointments not required, at several locations countywide.

The at home Covid-19 tests were discussed, although the actual test is similar to those used by healthcare providers, the administration of test can cause inaccurate results. These tests results are not accepted in health care establishments or educational facilities. The results of the at home tests are not reported to the state, in some instances, if the tests were supervised by a virtual healthcare provider, the results may get reported.

Gov. Murphy on June 7 lifted the requirement for school age children in the classrooms the option to remove their masks due to the high temperatures. In September based on rate of transmission of the virus, the guidelines are unknown.

Wendolowski said due to all the schools being closed, the state has extended the deadline for routine immunization reports to be submitted to August 31.

President Cohen reported that J. Wendolowski provides she and Mayor Ghassali with a weekly report of the number of positive cases in the Borough. Data provided is an approximation. J. Wendolowski said at this time there are zero cases of Covid-19 in Montvale.

The Board discussed the recent legalization of marijuana. The M&C are currently discussing the topic this week at their meeting. The Board of Health members are in support of not allowing the sale or cultivating marijuana within the borough.

A written complaint was received by Mayor, which was forward to President Cohen regarding a resident experiencing second hand marijuana smoke from neighbor in a condo development. The condo home association would need to intervene, the borough cannot interfere with residential property.

Discussion that there have been an increase of homeowners raising chickens. Chickens are permitted in the borough; construction of chicken coops require obtaining building permit and meeting all the building requirements. Roosters are not permitted.

President Cohen said that the Rabies Clinic is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 9 at the DPW Garage. The clinic will be for vaccinations only. The date will be confirmed once DPW Superintendent confirmed the garage's availability. Dr. Cohen and Tyco Animal Control along with NWBRHC are available. Once confirmed a save the date announcement will be posted on the borough website.

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

President Cohen said that the tentative date for seasonal flu clinic is set for Saturday, October 2 at the Community Center. The clinic is anticipating providing the normal dose and the high dose vaccine. It will be advertised later this summer on borough social media and the newsletter. J. Wendolowski suggested that in addition to offering the vaccines, offering prescription medicine take back program. J. Russo will contact the police chief to gather the logistics.

President Cohen discussed how there are state group homes in residential areas in the borough. Occasionally the noise level from their residents is bothersome to their surrounding neighbors. Unfortunately, the Board of Health has no jurisdiction and cannot intervene.

Tyco Animal Report – M. Danna read the March, April & May reports.

NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Activity Reports R. Piccollini read reports. All members were provided with copies.

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

Child Health Conference Report- No report.

Council Liaison Report- D. Koelling said M&C will be meeting on Thursday this week due to election. One of the topics of interest will be allowing or not allowing the sale of marijuana in the borough. This excludes use for clinical trials & medical use.

[Adjournment](#) A motion to adjourn was made by Clark second by. All in favor. Hopper. Meeting adjourned.

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