

**MEETING OF THE MONTVALE BOARD OF HEALTH
CONFERENCE ROOM #1, 2nd floor/ZOOM MEETING
12 MERCEDES DRIVE
MONTVALE, NJ 07645
January 4, 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 (A)

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

Contracted Professionals:

G. Behre, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer (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. This meeting will be held via Zoom and information was posted on the Borough website.

President Cohen thanked Borough Office Manager L. Hutter for assistance in arranging the Zoom meeting.

Council Liaison Knoelling is attending M&C meeting and is unable to attend this meeting.

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

The Borough's website continues to provide updates of information and it is recommended that residents only visit credible websites such as NJ Health and Center for Disease Control (CDC) to stay informed.

G. Behre, Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission Health Officer reported that she is in constant contact with the NJ Department of Health. The state guidelines and restrictions are often updated.

Public Health Nurse, J. Wendolowski is conducting contact tracing. The schools are responsible for school district tracing. School guidelines requires those that tested positive to remain at home from school for 14 days.

President Cohen reported that J. Wendolowski provides Mayor Ghassali with a weekly report of the number of positive cases in the borough. Data provided is an approximation. President Cohen and Mayor Ghassali are in on-going communication.

Vaccination distribution was discussed. There is much unknown at this time. Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission is anticipating that they will conduct mini local clinics for their contracted municipalities.

President Cohen said she was notified by the Borough Administrator that Nevene Gayed and Kasey Ciborowski will be managing the incoming calls regarding vaccination.

Currently NJ is in Phase 1A of vaccination distribution. Phase 1B & 1C at this point do not have a confirmed start date. The general public will be vaccinated in Phase 2. The **NJ Covid-19 Vaccine Update** website; <https://covid19.nj.gov/> will provide vaccine distribution information. Pre-registration for Vaccine link is not yet operational. Residents are contacting NW Bergen Regional Health Commission and the Mayor's office for updates. Phase 1B has not been initiated and will last the longest. G. Behre said based upon the present data, the general public is months away from being vaccinated.

President Cohen is being contacted by local health providers interested in becoming COVID-19 vaccination locations. At this time no information is available. NJ Health sites currently advertise two sites for vaccination. President Cohen was unsuccessful in contacting the two designated Bergen county vaccination sites this week. Residents are encouraged to stay informed through reliable news media and the state website. Vaccine distribution varies from state to state.

| Bergen County | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--------|----------------|---|
| ShopRite Pharmacy #169 | 40 Nathaniel Place, Englewood NJ 07631 | Bergen | (201) 816-8322 | https://shop.shoprite.com/global/data/banner-pages/pharmacy/immunization |
| ShopRite Pharmacy of Rochelle Park | 220 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 | Bergen | (201) 843-5572 | |

The Board of Health ordered limited supply of personal hand sanitizers for distribution at future vaccination clinic.

President Cohen reported that, there is currently a list of licensed registered nurses that volunteer at local level to help administer the vaccines. The list remains with the Board of Health.

The Board received the contract from NW Bergen Regional Health Commission and although the increase was above the 2% cap, Mayor & Council approved the increase. Earlier this evening HARP contract was received in an email. President Cohen will review the contract and discuss the increase with J. Wendolowski before seeking M&C approval. Due to extra hours required because of Covid-19, the contract increase was over the 2% cap.

The annual health license invoices will be mailed within the next week. The secretary will provide any feedback she receives from the food establishments. Payment is due March 1st 2021.

Animal licenses were mailed to pet owners and licensing is ongoing. Information and animal license application is available on the borough website. Animal license registration deadline is February 28.

Monthly Reports

Tyco Animal Report – carried

NW Bergen Reg. Health Commission Activity Reports G. Behre read report, items discussed. NJ Health prohibits the Safe Serve classes being conducted online, in person classes remain suspended until further notice.

Registrar & Vital Static Report- M. Danna read report for December 2020. President Cohen asked for motion to close the reporting for 2020. L. Hopper made the motion, second by G. Clark. All in favor.

Child Health Conference Report- No report.

Council Liaison Report- No report

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

The 2021 meeting dates are as follows: ~~January 4~~, March 1, May 3, June 7, September 13, November 1, & December 6.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by J. Landzberg & second by M. Danna. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.