

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Borough of Paramus held on February 22, 2021 at the Paramus Borough Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nazziola at 8:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Dr. Nazziola, Dr. Kyriakakis, Ms. Javed-Memon, Ms. Tracy Ivanicki, Ms. Folcarelli

Also Present: Mrs. Migliaccio, Council Liaison MariaElena Bellinger, David Volpe, Irene Brown, RN.

**PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

In accordance with the Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mail to THE RECORD and filed with the Borough Clerk on January 2, 2021.

**AGENDA**

Reading of the Agenda by Secretary, Judith Migliaccio.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Ms. Folcarelli and seconded by Ms. Javed-Memon that the Minutes of the meeting of January 25<sup>th</sup> be approved as circulated.

Motion was approved.

At this time, Irene Brown, RN. our Public Health Nurse, spoke to the Board about the Grant that we received “Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity” from the State, which is a target outreach for vulnerable populations. Ms. Brown explained the different parts of the Grant, the first being able to identify our vulnerable populations within the community. These can be people who have underlying diseases that place them at a greater risk of poor health outcomes. The risks may be due to age, social or economic factors.

An important part of the job is to gather statistics to identify the vulnerable population and report it to the Board of Health. At this time, additional help is needed to help compile and review information to make sure no one is left out.

It is no surprise that our most vulnerable population is the elderly. Paramus having 10 LTC facilities, has been hit hard with Covid deaths seeing 174 in the past year. The elderly is not the only vulnerable population, therefore assistance by 3 part timers who have be hired will dedicate themselves to sorting and compiling information to review the other vulnerable populations assessed.

Ms. Brown asked for any questions, and thanked the Board for their time and stated that she will report to the Board Monthly.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Dr. Nazziola asked for discussion on the correspondence:

Letter from the County DPW Mosquito Control Division requesting a letter from the Borough granting permission to perform aerial spraying during the mosquito breeding months.

Memo to Sheri Luna from Mrs. Migliaccio with Clare Pigoncelli's sick leave accumulation.

Memo to the Mayor & Council from Ms. Pigoncelli that she will be retiring, making her last day March 26, 2021.

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Folcarelli that the Correspondence be approved as submitted.

Motion was approved.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

Dr. Nazziola asked for comments on the Health Officer's Annual Report for 2020.

Mrs. Migliaccio then introduced the 2020 Annual Report and briefly reviewed the focal points of the report.

She stated that almost the entire year was devoted to Covid. The report is basically a timeline of how and when the pandemic started and the many webinars and calls to the State that were needed to keep up with the challenging statistics of Covid cases climbing each day. Paramus saw its first case of Covid in early March and from there the cases climbed dramatically daily.

On a positive note, the plastic bag ban was passed soon to be followed by a paper bag ban.

Mrs. Migliaccio stated that Debbie Cibelli has been doing a great job as a volunteer for the Food Pantry with many generous donations.

Mrs. Migliaccio relayed that she has really enjoyed her time as Health Officer here at the Board of Health and will try and stay involved as much as possible.

Our nurses continue with their telephone counseling, flu shots, school immunization audits, home visits, adult health assessments, blood pressure screenings and communicable disease investigations.

In vital statistics, we continue with marriage license applications, processing death certificates and in the near future, we will be processing birth certificates as Valley completes construction.

In Environmental Health, our 3 inspectors continue to be busy with inspections of Food Establishments, Vending machines, Beauty & Nail Salons, pet shops and youth camps. Also sampling is done for bathing facilities and complaints are taken daily. The inspectors are also at the ready for any Fire and Emergency calls on nights or weekends. This year we received 127 complaints, which in comparison is quite low considering they used to be in the 100's several years ago.

Although we had to cancel our Rabies Program this past year, we are hopeful we will be able to run it this coming May 6<sup>th</sup> following distancing protocol and wearing masks.

Tyco continues with our Animal Control cases which for the year are 224 calls, 231 animals handled and 45 emergency calls.

We will be continuing dog & cat licensing this year.

In Health Education, we have been contracting with Valley Health System who routinely provides programs and educational literature to local groups, from pre-school to school age children, adult groups and senior citizens groups. They also assisted us with our Covid vaccine program and other clinics when needed.

We held our Weight Loss Program virtually this year, with 134 participants.

We also held National Night Out with a good turn out.

Paramus Stigma Free Program, started by MaryAnn Uzzi for Paramus, continues to be so important during this pandemic. A virtual county-wide meeting is planned for February.

Our final receipt total Licenses & Permits was \$147,500.00. In vital statistics, our total was \$55,689.00.

Our grand total for the year that was turned over to our CFO was \$237,306.71.

Moved by Ms. Folcarelli and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that Mrs. Migliaccio's Annual Report be approved as submitted.

Motion was approved.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr. Nazziola read off the following 2021 Committee Assignments:

Environmental Health .....	Zalaikha Javed Memon Tracy Ivanicki	Chairperson Co-chairperson
Administration & Finance....	Dr. Eric Nazziola Dr. Kyriakakis	Chairperson Co-chairperson
Residential Health .....	Zalaikha Javed Memon Tracy Ivanicki	Chairperson Co-chairperson
Public Information .....	Dr. Eric Nazziola Dr. Kyriakakis	Chairperson Co-chairperson
Scholarship Committee.....	Dana Folcarelli Tracy Ivanicki Dr. Kyriakakis	Chairperson Co-chairpersons

## **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Dr. Nazziola opened the meeting to the public. Since no one wished to be heard, the meeting was closed to the public.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Committee Assignments attached.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **LICENSES AND PERMITS**

### **Resolution No. 21-2-1 Restaurant Licenses – 2021**

Moved by Ms. Ivanicki and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the attached Restaurant Licenses Appendix A-FH 112545 through A-FH 112446 be approved.

Motion was approved.

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the attached Food Establishment Licenses Appendix A-FH 112538 through A-FH 112225 be approved.

Motion was approved.

**Resolution No. 21-2-3 Beauty/Nail Salon – 2021**

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the attached Beauty/Nail Salon Licenses I- BNS 112509 through I- BNS 112503 be approved.

**Resolution No. 21-2-4 e-Cigarettes Licenses – 2021**

Moved by Ms. Javed-Memon and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the attached e-Cigarette Licenses Appendix G-EC 112454 through G-EC 112533 be approved.

**Resolution No. 21-2-5 Pet Shop License – 2021**

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Folcarelli that the attached Pet Shop License C-P 112452 be approved.

**Resolution No. 21-2-6 Vending Machine Licenses – 2021**

Moved by Ms. Javed-Memon and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the attached Vending Machine Licenses Appendix E-VMO 112444 through E-VMO 112486 be approved.

Motion was approved.

At this time, questions were asked regarding Marijuana sales in Paramus? Councilwoman Bellinger relayed that the Mayor & Council are still discussing adult use dispensaries. She stated that they will reintroduce the subject and apprise the Board of their decisions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Board, upon motion by Ms. Folcarelli and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Migliaccio  
Secretary