MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Borough of Paramus held on May 18, 2020 at the Paramus Borough Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 pm by President Nazziola.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Nazziola (And by phone Ms. Uzzi, Dr. Kyriakakis, Ms. Ivanicki,)

Also Present: Mrs. Migliaccio, (Council Liaison Maria Bellinger – By Phone)

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, 2020.

AGENDA

Reading of the Agenda by Judith Migliaccio, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the Minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Nazziola asked for comments on the correspondence.

Mrs. Migliaccio briefly reviewed the following correspondence for this month:

A memo from the office of Mayor LaBarbiera regarding efforts to control the new Coronavirus when it was first detected.

A letter from SUEZ water with information about lead in drinking water.

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the correspondence be approved as submitted.

Motion was approved.
STAFF REPORT FOR MARCH & APRIL

Dr. Nazziola asked for comments on the Health Officer’s Report.

Mrs. Migliaccio stated that communicable disease investigations continue to be followed up on a daily basis by the nurses although mostly for COVID-19, the nurses are working directly with all Long Term Health Care Facilities as they need to send surveys to us and the State daily.

IN HEALTH EDUCATION:

We began our Paramus Weight Loss Challenge in March with over 60 participants with a goal of losing 800 lbs. in 12 weeks. We were forced to continue the challenge virtually, with emails from Valley and workouts from Gold’s Gym. We had 170 participants at our kickoff and 60 participants who completed the challenge with a total of 653 pounds lost.

Animal Control remains busy with 15 calls and 28 animals handled and 5 emergency calls.

When the Borough closed its doors to the public, our inspectors kept extremely busy hand delivering the transcripts to three different Funeral Homes. Also at this time, our inspectors were putting door hangers on the many Paramus residents that we needed more information from due to them being positive for the virus. We also had two of our inspectors train to learn the CDRSS system (Community Disease Reporting Surveillance System) to help out with the many cases that our nurses were trying to keep up with. Unfortunately, our Supervising Public Health nurse, Janice Fraioli was out for a few weeks, so Irene Brown was kept extremely busy with the influx of cases. We have two young and very talented grad school interns and two college seniors offering to continue to help us during this time.

One inspector has started inspecting restaurants that have stayed open and instructing how establishments, including pool, camps and now outdoor dining plan on re-opening.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, the number of deaths were astronomical compared to previous months. In April alone we had over 1800 death transcripts processed for Funeral Homes that involved Paramus in some way. In May, we processed 700 EDRS death transcripts. To date we have processed over 4300 transcripts totaling a revenue of $26,160.00

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the Health Officer’s report for March and April be approved as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time, Mrs. Migliaccio revealed the names of several candidates that were being considered for the Charles Lorber Memorial Scholarship. More information is needed so the Board discussed ways to get more information from the possible recipients before deciding. Neil Javed volunteered to screen the candidates.

Mrs. Migliaccio then informed the Board that although we did try to figure out a way to hold our annual Rabies Clinic, due to the current pandemic, and problems with the vaccine we were forced to cancel it this year.
MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Nazziola opened the meeting to the public. Since no one else was in attendance, the meeting was closed to the public.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, Mrs. Migliaccio updated the Board on the latest Coronavirus statistics that she reports to the Mayor’s office daily. To date there are 915 cases confirmed all together. 845 are no longer isolated which means they have recovered or passed. 70 are still open which means they are still isolated and we are still following up. We had one new death, making the total 147 Paramus deaths; 125 of them are from the Long Term Care Centers. 52 deaths have been confirmed from the Veterans Home.

Mrs. Migliaccio stated that the State is now trying to get everyone tested.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Resolution No. 20-4-1 Foodhandling License– 2020

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the attached Restaurant Licenses Appendix A-FH 112100 through A-FH 112095 be approved.

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the attached Food Establishment Licenses Appendix A-FH 112101 through A-FH 112096 be approved.

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the attached Kitchen License Appendix A-FH 112092 be approved.

Resolution No. 20-4-2 Vending Machine Licenses - 2020

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the attached Vending Machine Licenses Appendix E-VMO 112094 through E-VMO 112099 be approved.

Motion was approved.

Resolution No. 20-4-3 Beauty/Nail Salon License - 2020

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the attached Beauty/Nail Salon License Appendix I-BNS 112097 be approved.

Motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Board, upon motion by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Migliaccio
Secretary