

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Borough of Paramus held on May 24, 2021 at the Paramus Borough Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 8:01pm by President Nazziola.

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Joanna Adamiak, Dave Volpe, Michael Meyer

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 Dave Volpe.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the Minutes of the meeting of March 22, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Nazziola asked for comments on the correspondence.

The students at Stony Lane School wrote letters and drew pictures thanking the Nurses, EMT's and first responders for their hard work during Covid.

STAFF REPORT FOR MARCH & APRIL

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

Before discussion began, Ms. Adamiak prefaced a brief introduction to the Board:

My first three weeks as the Health Officer of Paramus are coming to a close. As you can imagine, much of my time was spent becoming acquainted with the office staff and the daily routines of each division. Some of the noteworthy activities included:

- Participating in the annual rabies clinic.
- Becoming more intimately involved with the "VPOC Grant" through discussions with Irene Brown, this included generating a list of expenditures such as office equipment.
- Attending both the State of New Jersey and Bergen County weekly telephone conferences.

- A virtual meeting with the Board of Education and Paramus Administration regarding Covid-19 guidelines for the prom.
- Participating in the first Johnson and Johnson Covid-19 immunization clinic.
- Discussions on Covid-19 testing for youth camps at Paramus Park.

Presently, I am reaching out to community leaders and stakeholders who in collaboration with the Paramus health department have participated in annual public health programs. I am considering which Committees to join and which may have greatest impact on our population (e.g. CHIP, Valley, etc.), planning programs for the balance of 2021, and the possibility of new programs for 2022.

The staff of the Paramus Health Department, Administration, the Board of Health, and staff from other offices have been most welcoming and helpful and I am looking forward to working with everyone and continuing the great work of my predecessor, Judy Migliaccio.

Respectfully,

Joanna Adamiak

At this time, Ms. Adamiak asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the Staff Report.

Dr. Nazziola inquired about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and if we are still offering that shot. Michael Meyer, a VPOC Coordinator at our office responded by saying that we have 250 doses of the J&J vaccine left and are having a difficult time getting people to want it. Mr. Meyer stated that the J&J vaccine will be good until the end of June and the 280 doses of the Moderna vaccine is good until October. Ms. Adamiak stated that due to the upcoming expiration of the J&J vaccine, the remaining doses will be transferred to the AFC, a Dr's Express in Paramus, when we get the final approval for the transfer. The Board was curious why we weren't using Facebook to advertise the vaccine availability and Michael stated that we can't access the BOH page anymore because it needs a password that we no longer have. The Board advised Michael to try and create a new Facebook page and will keep the Board apprised.

Dr. Kyriakakis inquired as to whether another vaccination location, like a furniture store would need a permit from the Building Department to offer the vaccine to the public.

Dr. Nazziola asked Ms. Adamiak what the most recent development was from the State and County weekly phone conferences regarding Covid. She stated that today Governor Murphy signed an Executive Order #242 allowing the lifting of the mandatory laws of wearing a mask indoors and social distancing in public. Also he declared the lifting of prohibitions on dance floors, bars and restaurants which will all go into effect May 28th.

Even though these laws will exist, it is up to the individual owners of Restaurants to decide whether to request that patrons still wear a mask.

Ms. Adamiak also stated that effective 6/4/202, Governor Murphy removed the general indoor gathering limit, which is currently 50 people. He also included removing the indoor gathering limit for political gatherings, weddings, funerals, performances and all other catered and commercial events, which is now at 250 people. Lastly, removing 30% capacity limitation for indoor large venues with a fixed-seating capacity over 1,000.

A discussion followed by the Board members with questions regarding schools, proms, etc.

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

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Resolution No. 21-4-1 Foodhandling License– 2021

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Folcarelli that the attached Restaurant Licenses Appendix A-FH 112577 through A-FH 112576 be approved.

Resolution No. 21-4-2 Beauty/Nail Salon Licenses - 2021

Moved by Ms. Ivanicki and seconded by Ms. Memon that the attached Beauty/Nail Salon Licenses Appendix I-BNS 112584 through I-BNS 112581 be approved.

Resolution No. 21-4-3 Vending Machine Licenses - 2021

Moved by Ms. Memon and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the attached Vending Machine Licenses Appendix E-VMO 112580 through E-VMO 112583 be approved.

Motions were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time, Ms. Adamiak reviewed some information for the Scholarship Committee members. The Board members will report the students that they have chosen to be awarded the Charles Lorber Scholarship Committee as soon as it is decided.

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Volpe reported on the Paramus Weight Loss Program. He stated that the program ran from January to April. 132 people pre-registered, 93 weighed in weekly and 56 finished. In total the amount of weight lost was 334 pounds. The male winner, John Tarabochia and the female winner, Tracy Tarabochia each received \$100.00. Also, a power couple, Denise and James Sperduto, won \$100.00.

At this time, Michael Meyer (VPOC) was asked to give the Board members an update on the VPOC Grant.

He stated “The Office of the Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinators has progressed well through the current grant cycle, having met all deliverables in the prescribed time period.

The VPOCs have applied for the next grant cycle for the COVID-19 response grant and expect to hear results by the end of the month of May. We thank the Board of Health for their continued support and interest in our endeavors.”

He went on to explain what the VPOC Grant actually is. First of all it stands for Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinators, mainly concerning Covid 19 outreach. It focuses on testing, but mainly reaching out to the most vulnerable population which include homebound residents, economically disadvantaged individuals, religious venues and long term facilities. They have been working with Irene Brown, our Public Health Nurse who administers the shots and waits with them for 15 minutes after each injection. They are also working with Anastasia Maltsez and Debbie Cibelli, also VPOC Coordinators. Next, Michael relayed that they have to be working towards the next Grant and whether a booster shot will be needed in the future. There is still a lot of work to be done.

The Board members thanked Mr. Meyer for his exemplary work on reaching out to all those who need to be vaccinated and for explaining everything so clearly.

Dr. Nazziola read the first Resolution: No. 21-05-24 :

RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-24 (4) - AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF Joanna Adamiak TO THE POSITION OF HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Moved by: Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki.

Roll Call: Dr. Nazziola, Yes; Dr. Kyriakakis, Yes; Ms. Ivanicki, Yes; Ms. Javed Memon, Yes; Ms. Folcarelli, Yes.

Motion was approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-24 (5) - AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF Joanna Adamiak TO THE POSITION OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Moved by: Ms. Folcarelli and seconded by: Ms. Memon.

Roll Call: Dr. Nazziola, Yes; Dr. Kyriakakis, Yes; Ms. Ivanicki, Yes; Ms. Javed Memon, Yes; Ms. Folcarelli, Yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-24 (6) – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF Joanna Adamiak TO THE POSITION OF SECRETARY FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Moved by: Ms. Folcarelli and seconded by Ms. Memon.

Roll Call: Dr. Nazziola, Yes; Dr. Kyriakakis, Yes; Ms. Ivanicki, Yes; Ms. Javed Memon, Yes, Ms. Folcarelli, Yes.

Motion was approved.

At this point, Dr. Nazziola introduced the next point of discussion which is the replacing of Clare Pigoncelli, a full time retired employee.

A discussion incurred and it was stated that a full time employee was not needed at this time, but possibly a part-time employee just to cover phone, counter and vacations. Dr. Nazziola stated that he would meet with Mr. D'Arco to find out exactly what position he wanted to fill to assist the girls in the Health Department on a daily basis. It was left for a later discussion.

Since there were no other matters for discussion Dr. Nazziola called for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Board, upon motion by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Adamiak
Secretary