MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Borough of Paramus held on June 22, 2020 at the Paramus Borough Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Nazziola.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Nazziola, (by phone) Dr. Kyriakakos, Ms. Uzzi, Ms. Ivanicki, Mr. Javed (later)

Also Present: Mrs. Migliaccio,

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 Secretary, Judith Migliaccio.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Uzzi and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the Minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Congratulatory letters to both recipients of the Charles Lorber Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulatory letter to Paramus BOH on being a recipient of the 2019-2020 New Jersey Influenza Honor Roll.

Signed letter of Agreement for reimbursement by the NJACCHO to the Paramus BOH for expenses incurred for COVID-19 related response activities up to $28,783.00.

We received a copy of a letter to Governor Murphy, Commissioner Persichilli and the NJ Legislature from the Public Health Associations’ Collaborative Effort (PHACE) which is comprised of the following New Jersey associations: County & City Health Officials, Environmental Health, Public Health, NJ Local Boards of Health, Society for Public Health Education and Public Health Nurse Administrators. PHACE represents New Jersey’s public health professionals. They are concerned about the overall lack of communication with local health departments due to the great amount of monies spent by the State to hire outside sources (CommCare) for conducting contact tracing and educating the public on social distancing to prevent the spread of COVID-19. A discussion ensued with the Board members regarding the fact that if the Local Health Departments had received funding and were notified about the necessary information to be shared with the public, it could have been done more efficiently by Local Health Departments who are already well informed with ample knowledge regarding COVID-19.

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

Motion was approved.
STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Nazziola asked Mrs. Migliaccio for comments on the Staff report.

Mrs. Migliaccio stated that the Borough has been closed for several months now, therefore, other than COVID-19 related activity, not much else was done. We have no definite date to re-open but hopefully in July.

The nurses did a great deal of telephone counseling during the month and were inundated with contact tracing for the enormous amount of COVID cases. In actuality, our Supervising public health nurse, Janice Fraioli, became ill with the virus and was out for several weeks. Our nurse, Irene Brown took over handling the cases every day including weekends just to keep up.

There was no Alcohol and Drug testing for CDL drivers.

The Paramus Weight Loss Challenge was held virtually this year. We started with 170 official challengers, 89 of those participated in the program and 60 completed the challenge with a total of 654 pounds. Two prizes were given to the male and female who lost the highest percentage of weight.

The inspectors remained busy with telephoning Food Establishments, churches, gyms, etc…to give guidance regarding social distancing and masking during the pandemic.

The inspectors still did inspect 19 Food Establishments and received 4 complaints.

The inspectors will be monitoring the food establishments, camps, the Municipal Pool and other things that will be opening very soon, probably all by sometime in July to make sure they are all still social distancing and wearing masks. They have their work cut out for them as the malls in town will be opening along with everything else.

They were very busy this month with making sure that the Municipal Pool was ready to be opened, although late this year due to COVID-19, but to make sure that the facility continues to meet State code requirements. Our senior inspector, Ralph Grotheer spent a great deal of time checking the filtration system, locker rooms, toilet facilities. This year, the pool will be opening in shifts, allowing residents to come to the pool for $5.00 per person, and it will be cleaned and sanitized in between shifts.

Animal Control responded to 15 calls, 28 animals handled and 5 emergency calls.

We cancelled our annual Rabies clinic due to the virus and all temporary outdoor events were cancelled. We are issuing dog and cat licenses through the mail until the Borough re-opens.

Finally, attached is the Alternate Deputy Registrar’s Report for May with statistics on transcripts, marriages, vending, swimming facilities, pet shops, pet licensing, etc…The total to this date is $93,952.01.

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

Motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.
NEW BUSINESS

At this time, Mrs. Migliaccio gave an update on the Corona virus. As of today there are 1,054 positive cases and 1046 are no longer isolated or do not have symptoms anymore. Eight are still being investigated and open and three are from Long Term Care Facilities. We had 4,671.00 negative tests and 171 total deaths; 146 from Long Term Care Facilities. The LTC facilities have now opened for visitors after 3 months. They will be constantly monitored for precautionary reasons to make sure that social distancing and masks are still being followed.

We also have another intern with us. One of the original interns have left us after doing a great job doing computer contact tracing to assist the nurses in keeping track of the many cases of Corona Virus. The interns have been extremely helpful during this busy time dealing with the Pandemic.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Resolution No. 20-5-1 Foodhandling License – 2020

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Uzzi that the attached Food Establishment Licenses Appendix A-FH 112103 through Appendix A-FH 112105 be approved.

Motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Board, upon motion by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Uzzi and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Migliaccio
Secretary