

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
March 2, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Health regularly scheduled meeting was held at Borough Hall on the above date.

Board Chairwoman Ms. Maccaroni called the meeting to order at 6:50PM and led those in attendance in a salute to the American flag.

Chairwoman Ms. Maccaroni stated:

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Law, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, setting forth the time, date, place and purpose of this Board of Health through a legal notice published in the Record and Star Ledger, filing a copy in the Board of Health office and posting on the bulletin board.”

All fire exits were pointed out.

Roll Call of the 2020 Members

Kathy Ballante	Absent
Nancy Congiusti	Present
Murray Bass	Present
Barbara Fanelli	Absent
Keri Congiusti	Absent
Suzanne Soliman-Alternate	Absent
Justin Gallo -Alternate	Present
Sheila Conroy	Absent
Gloria Maccaroni	Present

Also Present: Linda Quinn REHS
Thomas Brizzolara Council Liaison

Murray Bass made a motion to approve the February 2020 Minutes as presented, seconded by Nancy Congiusti. All in favor, the motion carried.

Reports:

Registered Environmental Specialist: Linda Quinn

Chairwoman Maccaroni reviewed the report submitted by Ms. Quinn for the meeting. Items discussed included:

- A complaint from a resident whose husband is at the Atria regarding absence of precautions being taken to prevent the spread of Coronavirus L. Quinn to follow-up
- Conditional rating at Cousin's—new inspector recommends additional hand washing sink
- The Flavor Lab- new business at 514 Livingston Street for children's baking parties and cooking lessons
- Dunkin Donuts-conditional: hand washing, sanitizing and plumbing issues.
- Ms. Quinn will speak to Elizabeth Czekanski, new REHS who is issuing more conditionals than may be warranted

- Dominos-complaint of child in food preparation area. Ms. Quinn advised the child cannot be in the food area and contacted the district manager regarding follow-up with the employee

Secretary/Registrar:

Debbie Whalen

Vital Statistics

February

0 Marriages
8 Deaths
2 Child Healthcare Visits

Income: \$1,625

Licensing:

Total Businesses: 46 Restaurant/Food: 37 Salon: 9

Outstanding: 12 (2-Salon/10-Food)

Nurses Report/February

Client Visits at the **Borough Hall**

Client Visits at the **Senior Center**

Visits 0

15

Reminders Sent: 1
Reportable Diseases: 4
School Audits: 5

Council Liaison:

Thomas Brizzolara

Councilman Brizzolara reported that the budget was finalized. A tax increase of under 2% was implemented. The need for a borough administrator was addressed and candidates are being sought for the position. Mr. Bass inquired about the outdoor sign which has been taken down. Mr. Brizzolara responded that it will be replaced by an electronic message board. Councilman Foschino and Rob Tracey (DPW) are coordinating the purchase.

Meeting was opened to the public at 7:10, and with no public present, the meeting was closed.

Old Business:

- Website Ms. Whalen reported that old notices and alerts were removed and updates will be added as received
- Hillsdale Child Health Conference Flyer distribution status Ms. Whalen reported letters were sent to Norwood Schools and Churches to make them aware of this free service offered through the borough
- Valley Health Walks Ms. Whalen is waiting to hear back from the walk coordinator at Valley Hospital to no avail. The Health Department at Ridgewood provided Debbie with another contact at the County who she will follow-up with this week. Ms. Maccaroni will reach out to Kerri Conguisti and Suzanne Soliman to come up with a walk schedule for April at the Kennedy Park walking track. Chairwoman Maccaroni will draft a press release for newspaper distribution and asked Mr. Bass to provide a suitable photo to accompany it
- Bloodborne Pathogens Ms. Whalen reported the Police Department has completed training for 2020 and submitted certificates for the file

New Business:

- Suez letter-lead in water The letter from Suez was briefly discussed and a copy was presented to the Board. Ms. Maccaroni informed the Board that she sent a letter to the Mayor and Council to advise action taken by the Board of Health to alert the public. Mr. Brizzolara added that the lead pipes running from a homeowner's property to the street are the responsibility of the resident to replace.

Committee Reports:

- Program Committee (Murray Bass, Kathy Ballante and Gloria Maccaroni) No Report
- Finance/Budget (Sheila Conroy and Gloria Maccaroni) No Report
- BOH By-Laws Review Committee (Sheila Conroy & Gloria Maccaroni) No Report
- Health Event Committee (Barbara Fanelli, Justin Gallo) Ms. Maccaroni reported in Ms. Fanelli's absence that it was communicated to her the event date has been set for Saturday, May 2nd at the Community Center. Chairwoman Maccaroni also reminded everyone to submit topic ideas to Barbara to be considered for coverage at the event. Mr. Bass offered the topic of Opioid addiction along with Justin Gallo. Ms. Maccaroni stated that although it is a very important topic, she did not believe this was the right venue and we have previously done a forum on this issue.

Nancy Congiusti made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Murray Bass. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned AT 7:25 PM.

- The next BOH meeting will be on April 6 @ 6:30PM

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Whalen
Board Secretary