

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
June 1, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

The Board of Health regularly scheduled meeting was held via Zoom on the above date due to social distancing guidelines set forth by the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

Board Chairwoman Ms. Maccaroni called the meeting to order at 6:35PM and led those in attendance in a moment of silence to reflect on the effects of the pandemic and thoughts of thanks to the frontline workers.

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." A link to join the Zoom meeting was posted on the BOH web page allowing the public to join the meeting.

Roll Call of the 2020 Members

Kathy Ballante	Present
Nancy Congiusti	Present
Murray Bass	Present
Barbara Fanelli	Present
Keri Congiusti	Present (called to duty as the meeting began)
Suzanne Soliman-Alternate	Present
Justin Gallo -Alternate	Present
Sheila Conroy	Present
Gloria Maccaroni	Present

Also Present: Linda Quinn REHS
Thomas Brizzolara Council Liaison

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

Reports:

Registered Environmental Specialist: Linda Quinn

Chairwoman Maccaroni reviewed the report submitted by Ms. Quinn for the meeting. Sanitarian Quinn briefly discussed the following:

- The Board were presented a recap of inspections and notes for the months of March and April via email. The Inspectors report was not available for the month of May
- The Buckingham Covid-19 Virtual Inspection conducted 4/29 and 4/30. It was noted that the Fire Department called the Board of Health on 6/1 to report that they responded to an emergency call at the Buckingham regarding an issue with the sprinkler system going off in a walk-in refrigerator. Gloria asked Debbie to again communicate the County Emergency Phone Number to the Fire Department and the Police.

- Ms. Quinn spoke about the outbreak of the virus at The Buckingham, noting that the local Health Department is responsible for the kitchen inspection. With any outbreak of disease, the State has the jurisdiction to enact a full inspection at these facilities.
- Regarding outdoor dining, Sanitarian Quinn stated that outdoor dining falls under jurisdiction of the Boroughs zoning department and not that of the Health Department. The police are responsible for enforcing the Governor's guidelines while considering the safety of outdoor dining patrons.
- Ms. Maccaroni mentioned that restaurant inspections have continued throughout the pandemic via virtual inspections.
- Linda reported that there is still no word on the opening of public pools
- Chairwoman Maccaroni requested that a letter be sent to all businesses, which was mailed on May 22nd, offering information on resources for masks, gloves, and sanitizer as they prepare for reopening. The letter additionally served as a reminder for those businesses who had not submitted their annual fee to the Board of Health to do so. All late fees will be waived due to the Pandemic.
- Ms. Maccaroni mentioned that she requested that all restaurants that have been closed during the pandemic be inspected prior to reopening.

Secretary/Registrar:

Debbie Whalen

- Ms. Maccaroni reported to the Board while Debbie was dealing with a technical issue, that Ms. Whalen had been conducting several 'socially distanced' marriage license appointments at the Borough Hall and continues to handle her job responsibilities from home.

Vital Statistics

	March	April	May
Deaths:	11	42	12
MARRIAGES	1	0	1
Childcare Visits	0	0	1

Income: \$1475.00

Licensing:

Total Businesses: 39 + 9 Salons

Outstanding: Total 5 3 restaurants/2 salons

Nurses Report/March

Client Visits at the **Borough Hall**

March	0
April	Cancelled due to Covid-19
May	Cancelled due to Covid-19

Client Visits at the **Senior Center**

8

Reminders Sent:

March:	5
April:	0
May:	0

Reportable Diseases:

March:	24
April:	44
May	38

School Audits:

March:	2
April:	0
May:	0

Council Liaison:

Thomas Brizzolara

The Councilman reported that the Council had not meet due to the pandemic but was planning to meet via on line in the near future. The Councilman reported that the Boroughs new fiscal budget was approved.

Meeting was opened to the public at 6:50 and with no public present, the meeting was closed.

Old Business:

- Website Gloria reported that in addition to the ongoing Covid-19 Updates being posted, she requested the creation of several documents to cover other important updates on Testing, Testing Sites and State Contact numbers for Pandemic related issues.

New Business:

- Covid-19 Updates
In an effort to keep the public informed on the latest information concerning Covid-19 the BOH has been reviewing and editing information as provided by the State and County Department of Health, and posting key information to the Borough

website on a regular basis. The police dept and seniors are also being kept informed of these updates.

- Weekly Calls with Bergen County

Ms. Maccaroni and Ms. Whalen continue to attend a weekly call-in facilitated by the County Health Department.

- Hair and Nail Salon Status

Ms. Maccaroni advised as contracted ,the Ridgewood BOH will be inspecting hair and nail salons virtually in due time after the state allows these businesses to reopen. Ms. Whalen sent a letter to all salons regarding the status of reopening, providing the State/Department of Cosmetology link so to monitor for updates.

Ms. Whalen called hair salons and barbers to inquire about their plans for reopening.

Nancy Congiusti made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Kathy Ballante. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned AT 7:01 PM.

- The next BOH meeting will be on September 14th @ 6:30PM

Chairwoman Maccaroni took a moment to recognize and thank Keri and Michael Conguisti for their service as front-line workers during the health crisis.

Ms. Maccaroni also mentioned that she would keep the Board informed on any issues that may arise during July and August, when the Board is on summer recess.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Whalen
Board Secretary