

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
March 1, 2021
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 6:30PM

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 2021 Members

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

Also Present: Joe Gautier Registered Environment Health Specialist
Annie Hausmann Council Liaison

Ms. Nancy Congiusti made a motion to approve the February 2021 Minutes as presented, seconded by Barbara Fanelli. All in favor, the motion carried.

Reports:

Assistant Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist: Joe Gautier

Ms. Maccaroni stated that the February REHS Reports were emailed to all Board members to review

Mr. Gautier reported a light month for inspections and highlighted that Mochinut, and Hunan Royal are now satisfactory upon reinspection. Chairwoman Maccaroni reminded Mr. Gautier that at the last board meeting a review of Hunan Royal's inspection history was requested. Ms. Maccaroni asked Ms. Whalen to have a copy of the Ordinance pertaining to violation history and asked Debbie to provide violation history regarding Hunan to be reviewed with Mr. Gautier. Ms. Ballante asked if Dunkin Donuts was visited after it was noted at the last meeting by Suzanne Soliman that masks and gloves were not being worn consistently by the staff. Mr. Gautier said he did stop in and found all employees in compliance with masking and glove wearing. Ms. Maccaroni asked that Mr. Guatier revisit at another time and speak to the manager. Mr. Gautier will revisit the establishment and add to the March Report.

Secretary/Registrar:

Debbie Whalen

Correspondence

- Ms. Whalen reported a complaint of a Covid Testing Lab on Hazel Street which was turned over to the NJ Department of Health Epidemiologist, where an investigation was conducted. Results reported are confidential.
- Regarding licensing, Ms. Whalen stated license renewal letters were sent out on February 18th and reported on in the following breakdown:

Vital Statistics February

Income: \$1463.00

Licensing: \$1375.00

Total Businesses: 38 + 8 Salons (46) Paid to date: Restaurants: 13 out of 19
Salons: 7 out of 8
Other: 10 out of 17
Total Pd 30 Outstanding: 14

Deaths 6

MARRIAGES 0

Childcare Visits 0

Nurses Report/February

February Cancelled due to Covid-19

Phone Contact Follow-ups: 28

Reminders Sent: 0

Reportable Diseases: 104

School Audits: 2

Ms. Maccaroni explained that the reportable diseases are based on contact tracing during the pandemic.

Council Liaison:

Annie Hausmann

Councilwoman Hausmann reported a resolution was passed for Norwood to apply with neighboring municipalities for a Northern Valley Vaccination Site. Ms. Hausman explained concern for the senior population to get the vaccine. Annie will follow-up with the Mayor's Office in an effort to get the survey out to more seniors in Norwood. Ms. Hausman said she secured space in Closter at Temple Emanuel for the vaccination site. Annie stated that the vaccine situation is fluid and changing daily. Chairwoman Maccaroni added that she and Debbie worked with the Mayor's office on a vaccine survey that was distributed by the Borough to Foxhill Residents. Gloria said it was also edited by the Board of Health and mailed with return envelopes to Senior Club Members who reside in Norwood. Ms. Maccaroni also mentioned the survey relates to the coordination of transportation to a vaccine site for those seniors needing a ride which she is working on with the Mayor.

Meeting was opened to the public via zoom at 7:00. With no one present, the meeting was closed to the public.

Old Business:

- BOH Website Postings- Chairwoman Maccaroni reported continuation of posting updates on the Vaccine and Covid related information. Gloria asked if anyone has good resources to please share them with us since our resources come from the County and State but there are other and better outlets for information.
- Facebook Debbie reported the site is up and running after the original site was taken down without warning. Ms. Whalen said Suzanne was very helpful in getting the new site live and Nancy has been posting information on a daily basis. Nancy asked all members to ask people to follow the page to grow the number from the current 51. Suzanne posted in Norwood Families Group. Demarest Board of Health is sending Nancy information to repost.
- Blood Borne Pathogen 2021 Status of Training. Ms. Whalen is waiting for certificates from the Fire Department and EMS. Nancy Congiusti offered to communicate to the Fire Department the need for training.

New Business:

Committee Reports

1. Wellness/Seminars: Barbara Fanelli Will have a report for the next meeting
2. Fitness/Walks: Angie Alberti A schedule will be put together after the responses from the Health Norwood Survey are compiled
3. Mayor Initiative-'Healthy Norwood' Campaign: Angie Alberti Reported 64 responses from the survey. Ms. Alberti broke out the responses highlighting the key areas of interest being

fitness, the environment and supporting Norwood Businesses. Angie will share the information with Nancy for the Newsletter and with Barbara for the Wellness/Seminars Committee.

4. Communication: Suzanne Soliman Reported on the new Facebook page and posted with the Norwood Families Page to assure more followers and likes.
5. Compost Commission: Sheila Conroy . Annie will follow-up with Sheila before the next meeting to report progress made with the initiative and next-steps. A survey will be going out this month.
6. Newsletter: Nancy Congiusti Gloria said she will work with Nancy to format some topics

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

The next BOH meeting will be on April 5th @ 6:30PM on Zoom

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Whalen
Board Secretary