

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
October 5, 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 6:30PM

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.

A moment of reflection was observed, and all were asked to encourage those needing support during this time.

Roll Call of the 2020 Members

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

Also Present: Marjorie Vanacore Assistant Chief Registered Environment Health Specialist and council liaison Thomas Brizzolara

Sheila Conroy made a motion to approve the June 2020 Minutes as presented, seconded by Nancy Congiusti. All in favor, the motion carried.

Reports:

Assistant Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist: Marjorie Vanacore

Ms. Maccaroni stated that the September REHS Reports were emailed to all board members to review. The Chairwoman welcomed Marjorie to the meeting and mentioned that Linda had retired for those who may not have known.

Ms. Vanacore briefly reviewed the following:

- The REHS report has 2 entries for an establishment in some instances. One represents Covid Mitigation
- All Conditionals are now Satisfactory and will appear on the October Report
- Complaints were investigated and resolved regarding the dumpster at Dunkin Donuts and an issue with a patron at Ragazzi who found a fish hook in their dinner

- Ms. Maccaroni asked Ms. Whalen if she is making regular reports of violations to the Record, to which Ms. Whalen replied no. Debbie has not received the regular weekly call from her contact since the Pandemic and will reach out to her to follow-up on this issue
- Chairwoman Maccaroni reported that all Norwood Day Food Vendors and the Fire Department were thoroughly inspected and passed by Connor Brogan, REHS

Secretary/Registrar:

Debbie Whalen

Correspondence

Debbie reported the following:

- Choe Dae Presbyterian asked for guidelines for in-person services. Ms. Whalen provided information posted on the Board of Health Page of the Borough Website from the Corona Virus Update information furnished by the County
- 3 complaints were received regarding Impact Zone Fitness for patrons and personnel not social distancing or wearing masks. Ms Whalen learned that the Impact Zone is registered as a private club and therefore does not fall under the executive order for gyms. In this case Debbie is providing a phone number for the county for callers to file their complaint and Gloria asked that Debbie also advise the police of all complaints even though they are not responsible for enforcement
- Several calls came in for people inquiring about where to get tested for Covid. Ms. Whalen directed them to the link www.covid19nj.gov/testing Ms. Maccaroni asked Debbie to suggest that callers contact their primary care physician for further information in addition to providing the link.

Vital Statistics

	Sept
Deaths	2
MARRIAGES	3
Childcare Visits	2

Income: \$369.00

Licensing: \$225.00

Nurses Report/September

Client Visits at the **Borough Hall**

Client Visits at the **Senior Center**

September

Cancelled due to Covid-19

Phone Contact Follow-ups:

September 27

Reportable Diseases:

September: 73

School Audits:

September: 0

Council Liaison:

Thomas Brizzolara

Councilman Brizzolara reported that the paving projects were complete for Hudson Avenue and Fairway Terrace while Blanch Avenue is in progress. The Basketball Court was dedicated to Gus D'Ercole at the start of Norwood Day. Permits and final plans for the Dog Park are underway. Ms. Conroy inquired about the Davies & Puccio Projects. Councilman Brizzolara said progress is moving swiftly and that both are mixed use sites. The Davies Project is scheduled for completion in a month or two. The Puccio Project should be complete in the Spring of 2021.

Meeting was opened to the public via zoom at 6:49 and with no public present, the meeting was closed.

Old Business:

- Norwood Day

Chairwoman Maccaroni observed that the day went well. Gloria took a moment to recognize Angela and Darlene, the 2 residents that were instrumental in the coordination of a fun and safe event. Thanks and appreciation were extended to both for a job well done as was a compliment to the Mayor for making this annual event happen.

- Website

Ms. Maccaroni noted that Ms. Whalen is posting Corona Virus Updates on a regular basis as the County provides information.

- Hair Salons

Chairwoman Maccaroni reported that all Salons, Nail Salons and Barbershops were inspected by the Registered Environmental Health Specialist as contracted from Ridgewood on 9/25. Minor violations were cited, mostly issues with Barbicide not completely filled and expiring licenses. Ms. Maccaroni added that the State requires one inspection per year. Certificates of inspection will be sent to all shops when in compliance

New Business:

- Flu Shot Clinic

Ms. Maccaroni was grateful that the M & C approved use of the Community Center for a Flu Clinic but after speaking with the President of the Senior Club and learning that seniors are afraid to leave home due to the virus decided that turn out might be less than in the past

- NPS Safe School Reopening Committee-Susan Soliman

Ms. Soliman gave a brief summary of her time on the committee which primarily reviewed logistics and safety in school reopening. Suzanne reported that Northern Valley settled on half day school sessions and allow students to have a snack prior to the end of the school day. All parents have the option to do in school or virtual learning.

- BOH Sponsored Walks

Chairwoman Maccaroni asked that with a few good weather days left in the year, if anyone was interested to lead a walk around the track at Kennedy Field. The initial intention to walk with a healthcare professional had been delayed with the onset of the Pandemic. Suzanne and Sheila raised concerns about the ability to social distance and upon hearing push-back from others in the community about organizing situations where staying 6ft apart presents a challenge. Ms. Conroy suggested to post a notice on our website that the walking path at Kennedy Field is now open for everyone to enjoy.

- Health Fair

Ms. Maccaroni asked Barbara to reach out to her contacts regarding the potential for a virtual health fair/program. In addition, Ms. Fanelli asked the question "how does the community know about BOH meetings. Ms. Whalen said the meetings are advertised in the Record at the beginning of every year, adding that the zoom meeting links are posted on the BOH website page.

Ms. Conroy made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Barbara Fanelli. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned AT 7:20 PM.

- The next BOH meeting will be on November 2nd @ 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