

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
January 11, 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: Marjorie Vanacore Assistant Chief Registered Environment Health Specialist

Mayor James Barsa
Council Liaison: Annie Hausmann

BOH Reorganization for 2021

Reorganization

Reappointment. Nancy Conguisti was reappointed for a 3 year term expiring 12/31/23 as Mayor Barsa administered the Oath.

Election of Officers. It was moved by Nancy Conguisti and seconded by Murray Bass, to elect Ms. Maccaroni for the position of President of the Board of Health for 2021. All Members present voted for the motion.

It was moved by Ms. Fanelli and seconded by Nancy Conguisti to elect Ms. Conroy for the position of Vice-President of the Board of Health for 2021. Ms. Maccaroni accepted on behalf of Ms. Conroy. All Members present voted for the motion.

Appointment of New Member. Ms. Alberti was sworn in as an alternate Board Member by Mayor Barsa for the unexpired term of Justin Gallo ending 12/31/22.

Introduction of Resolutions.

1. Introduction of Resolution 2021-01 Agreement for Child Health Services provided by the town of Hillsdale

NAME	MOVED	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alberti			X			
Bass			X			
Ballante		X				
K. Congiusti			X			
N. Congiusti			X			
Fanelli	X					
Soliman					X	
Conroy					X	
Maccaroni			X			

2. Introduction of Resolution 2021-02 for Bergen County Health Services

NAME	MOVED	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alberti		X				
Bass			X			
Ballante			X			
K. Congiusti			X			
N. Congiusti	X					
Fanelli			X			
Soliman					X	
Conroy					X	
Maccaroni			X			

3. Introduction of Resolution 2021-03 for the Bergen County Dept of Health Registered Environmental Health Specialist

NAME	MOVED	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alberti			X			
Bass			X			
Ballante			X			
K. Congiusti			X			
N. Congiusti		X				
Fanelli	X					
Soliman					X	
Conroy					X	
Maccaroni			X			

4. Introduction of Resolution 2021-04 for Registered Environmental Health Specialist
Salon Inspections to be provided by the REHS from Village of Ridgewood

NAME	MOVED	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alberti			X			
Bass	X					
Ballante	X					
K. Congiusti			X			
N. Congiusti		X				
Fanelli	X					
Soliman					X	
Conroy					X	
Maccaroni			X			

5. Introduction of Resolution 2021-05 for unexpired term of Laura Borchers for Deputy
Registrar, appointing William McGuire through 12/31/23

NAME	MOVED	SECOND	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Alberti			X			
Bass		X				
Ballante	X					
K. Congiusti			X			
N. Congiusti		X				
Fanelli	X					
Soliman					X	
Conroy					X	
Maccaroni			X			

All Resolutions presented were adopted by all members of the Board of Health present at the 1/11/21 meeting

Regular Meeting

Nancy Congiusti made a motion to approve the December 2020 Minutes as presented, seconded by Barbara Fanelli. All in favor, the motion carried.

Reports:

Assistant Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist: Marjorie Vanacore

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

Ms. Vanacore reported that all Norwood Businesses had been inspected for the closing year and some had 2 inspections. Chairwoman Maccaroni asked Marjorie to explain her role with the County Department of Health. Ms. Vanacore said her team would follow-up on the opening of Mochinut at 450 Livingston. The business was to make a minor change to the plan that the County DOH reviewed. Ms. Vanacore was excused from the meeting after presenting her report.

Secretary/Registrar:

Debbie Whalen

Correspondence

- Ms. Whalen reported following up on miscellaneous requests for certified copies along with calls for marriage license appointments and resident calls pertaining to Covid-19 questions.
- Chairwoman Maccaroni reported that she and Debbie worked with the Borough in getting key information to the Senior members of the community on registering for the Covid-19 Vaccine. A flyer was distributed by the Borough Clerk to the Foxhill Senior Apartments and to the general senior population via distribution to Martha Kleinlaut, Senior Club president, as well as via Facebook and the Borough Website. The NJ Vaccination website was provided and a direct phone line was set-up at the Borough for anyone needing help with registering on the State of New Jersey Department of Health Website.
- Ms. Maccaroni asked Board Members to contribute ideas on topics as well as how to communicate information other than utilizing the Borough Website, Email and Facebook.

Vital Statistics

	December
Deaths	6
MARRIAGES	0
Childcare Visits	0
<u>Income:</u>	\$38.00
<u>Licensing:</u>	\$0.00

Nurses Report/December

Client Visits at the **Borough Hall**

Client Visits at the **Senior Center**

Cancelled due to Covid-19

Phone Contact Follow-ups:

December: 23

Reportable Diseases: 217

School Audits: 0

Council Liaison:

Annie Hausman

Councilwoman Maccaroni welcomed Council Liaison Hausmann and invited her to tell the Board about herself. Ms. Hausmann said she has been a resident of Norwood for 25 years and has been newly appointed to the Council. Annie is an active fund-raiser with an emphasis on food insecurity especially for

at-risk women and children. Ms. Hausmann also mentioned her affiliation with a Norwood Breast Cancer Foundation upon its inception 15 years ago. Councilwoman Maccaroni welcomed Angela Alberti and asked her to introduce herself. Ms. Alberti has 3 small children and has lived in Norwood for 2 years with her husband who owns a business in Closter. Angie is currently doing academic research in the 3rd year of her nursing PHD program, focusing on caregiver health. Ms. Alberti is also a registered nurse.

Meeting was opened to the public via zoom at 7:09. With no one present, the meeting was closed to the public.

Old Business:

- BOH Postings on Website Ms. Whalen stated that registration information for the Covid-19 Vaccine has been added.
- Blood Borne Pathogens Training. Ms. Maccaroni gave a brief explanation of the need for this training. Ms. Whalen added she is updating the County Roster and communicating to all departments about updating their training and submitting training certificates as required by the state to the Board of Health in a timely fashion

New Business:

- Chairwoman Maccaroni asked all Board Members to introduce themselves to Angie Alberti & Annie Hausman.
- Covid-19 Vaccine. Ms. Maccaroni suggested everyone register and to consult the Borough Website where they will find the flyer previously mentioned that gives the NJ Department of Health link to the vaccine registration form.
- Discussion of Goals and Objectives for 2021. Chairwoman Maccaroni opened the floor for new ideas to serve the community and asked that everyone-consider ideas to present at the next meeting. Virtual programs will be explored as well as in-person events. In speaking with seniors to help with registering for the Covid-19 Vaccine, Ms. Maccaroni learned that many did not know the Borough had an active Board of Health and posed the question on how the BOH could more effectively communicate their programs etc. Ms. Fanelli voiced her concern about reaching participants for virtual events and was very disappointed on the low turnout for the Webinar (Maintaining Health in these Uncertain Times) which was postponed due to the limited number of participants. Ms. Maccaroni stressed that the information was sent to all BOH contacts and outlets. Gloria stated that every effort was put forth in the hopes of a successful program.

Current Committees:

- Program Committee (current members: Barbara Fanelli, Murray Bass and Gloria Maccaroni)
- BOH By-Laws Review Committee (current members Sheila Conroy & Gloria Maccaroni)

New Committees:

- Gloria asked everyone to think of other committees & program ideas while outlining goals and objectives for 2021. Chairwoman Maccaroni said committees would be formalized at the next meeting.

- Angie will provide-ideas on how to collect resident emails for the BOH email -list. Annie suggested using the Norwood Day Database as well as researching all the ways of messaging that we might use. Ms. Alberti proposed the on the 'Healthy Norwood' Initiative that she has been working on with the Mayor. Angie also reported working with Nancy Conguisti to make Kennedy Field a fully accessible recreation area. Ms. Hausmann added she is working on Grants, mostly for Open Space, and outdoor initiatives. There was also discussion about starting the organized walks that the BOH had originally planned to start but were postponed due to COVID.

The next BOH meeting will be on February 1st @ 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