

**BOROUGH OF NORWOOD
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
April 8, 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	Absent
Nancy Congiusti	Present
Murray Bass	Present
Barbara Fanelli	Present
Keri Congiusti	Present
Suzanne Soliman-Alternate	Present
Angie Alberti-Alternate	Present
Sheila Conroy	Present
Gloria Maccaroni	Present

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

Murray Bass made a motion to approve the March 2021 Minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Nancy Congiusti. All in favor, the motion carried.

Reports:

Assistant Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist: Joe Gautier

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

Following up from our last meeting, Mr. Gautier noted a site inspection for Hunan Royal and reported that most of the issues were addressed and will continue to follow-up. In addition, Joe revisited Dunkin Donuts where he saw no violations regarding use of PPE. At that time, he met with the manager and reviewed the importance of compliance to all items outlined in the Executive Order. Mr. Gautier reported that Wild Wasabi was conditional. Mr. Bass said this establishment has had problems in the past and asked if they have enough violations for action by the Board. It was noted that Wild Wasabi did not have recent violations. Joe said a follow-up visit will be made and reported at our next meeting. Ms. Maccaroni read Ordinance 245-8 concerning inspections of food establishments. Mr. Gautier stated that he met with the manager at Dimora's in response to the complaints received pertaining to capacity and seating in reference to the EO regarding restaurant capacity. Dimora's had removed tables to be at 50% capacity found that all was in order.

Secretary/Registrar:

Debbie Whalen

Correspondence

- Ms. Whalen gave the following report on licensing:

Income: \$3,387.00

Licensing: \$3,251.00

Total Businesses: 38 + 8 Salons (46) Paid to date: Restaurants: 17 out of 18

Salons: 8 out of 8

Schools/Other: 19 out of 20

Total Pd 44 Outstanding: 2

A follow up report regarding the 2 outstanding license renewals will be given at the next meeting.

Vital Statistics March

Deaths 2

MARRIAGES 0

Childcare Visits 0

Nurses Report/March

Client Visits at the **Borough Hall**

Client Visits at the **Senior Center**

March

Cancelled due to Covid-19

Phone Contact Follow-ups: 27- (with Seniors)

Reminders Sent: 0

Reportable Diseases: 111- (most related to COVID contact tracing)

School Audits: 1

Council Liaison:

Annie Hausmann

Councilwoman Hausmann reported that efforts to coordinate a Vaccine Site for Norwood resulted in the signing of a resolution with 5 towns. Ms. Hausmann advised that a link was posted on the Borough Facebook Page for vaccinating 55 and over. Annie told the Board about her involvement with the Food Pantry and noted that the numbers have grown from 20 families last year to over 80. In Councilwoman Hausman's coordination to get the Food Pantry registered with the State through contact with the

Bergen County Food Task Force .Annie reported that a new refrigerator was recently delivered to the site. Chairwoman Maccaroni mentioned that a request for a food donation box in town was not approved by the Department of Health as it is not something they could regulate in regard to food safely.

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

Old Business:

- BOH Postings on Website Ms. Maccaroni said she coordinated with Debbie to remove outdated items. Relevant information and updates continue to be added
- Facebook Nancy Conguisti is posting information regarding the vaccine and Covid-19 related articles to the page. Ms. Hausmann said she would share and post the information on the vaccine offered at CVS Northvale. Chairwoman Maccaroni stated updates regarding all Bergen County Vaccine Sites are regularly posted and updated and that CVS has been on the list of sites since they started providing vaccines. Regarding the BOH FB Page, Ms. Soliman explained that the original page and content was removed by Facebook. She and Ms. Whalen will request the page to be removed. Previous attempts did not receive a response.
- Blood Borne Pathogen Trainings Status: EMS should have completed training by the end of the first week of April. The Fire Department still needed to submit verification of training . It appears that the wrong contact email was being used to contact the chief which has now been corrected.
- Covid Vaccine Ms. Maccaroni reported that a letter was sent to Seniors at Fox Hill and to the Senior Club President to communicate the availability of the vaccine for Seniors which is being offer by State of NJ Department of Health at select Walmart Stores. Additionally, the State is offering rides for seniors if needed.

New Business:

Ms. Hausman asked what the procedures were for mask wearing at the Borough Hall. Chairwoman Maccaroni stated that the Board of Health cannot enforce any of the Governors EO's but the Police Department is authorized to do so. And suggested that she contact the Mayor directly.

- Ordinance #245-5 Licensing Requirements-Ms. Whalen reported she contacted the owner at Gerry's Place, and he is aware of the outstanding licensing fee owed. Ms. Maccaroni said no late fees have been enforced due to Covid. The Board agreed to waive any late fees due to Covid.
- Ordinance #245-2 Licensing; Food-handler's course requirements – Ms. Maccaroni reviewed the guidelines outlined by the County and Norwood's Ordinance pertaining to such and noted that the information regarding training and access to training is now posted on the BOH page of the Borough Website.

Committee Reports:

- Wellness/Seminars: Barbara Fanelli Ms. Fanelli has been in touch with Jackie and Stephanie who worked on the previous wellness seminar that was cancelled. A date of April 28th has been tentatively set for a 30-minute Webinar geared towards wellbeing and nutrition with 20 minutes of presentation followed by 10 minutes of Q&A. Gloria mentioned healthy meals and recipe sharing and suggested contacting the Shop-Rite Nutritionist
- Fitness/Walks: Angie Alberti Reported the hike & walk with the Mayor went well.
- Mayor's Initiative-'Healthy Norwood' Campaign: Angie Alberti Bike Ride scheduled for April 11th. Partnering with Urban Cycle in an effort to promote local businesses. Angie said a Beautification walk has been planned in conjunction with Earth Day to take place on April 24th. Ms. Alberti also said Fitness at the Field is scheduled for 5/16 partnering with Impact Zone. Gloria asked Angie if she would share flyers to communicate with the Seniors who do not use Social Media. Debbie will follow-up.
- Communication: Suzanne Soliman Reported a survey has gone out regarding an extended school day for May. Ms. Soliman said there is also confusion among parents about school quarantine policy which differs from CDC Travel Quarantine guidelines
- Compost Commission: Sheila Conroy Ms. Conroy stated she met with Annie and asked Annie to fill the Board in on the details. Ms. Hausman said the Beautification Walk is scheduled for April 24th as reported by Angie. In keeping with the Green Initiative, there will be 2 walks in separate directions to clean up areas needing attention. Annie suggested the committees work together on ideas and also touched on creating video content for social media to attract interest from the community.
- Newsletter: Nancy Congiusti Gloria and Nancy are yet to discuss – and explained that the idea came from the positive response to the editorials that used to be published in the NVP.

Nancy Congiusti made a motion to close the meeting, Murray Bass seconded. All in favor, the meeting ended at 7:42 PM

Next Meeting May 3 @ 6:30 PM on Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Whalen
Board Secretary