

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH of the Borough of Paramus held on June 28, 2021 at the Paramus Borough Hall.

Meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President Nazziola.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Nazziola, Dr. Kyriakakis, Ms. Memon, Ms. Ivanicki, Ms. Folcarelli

Also Present: Councilwoman Bellinger, Ms. Adamiak, Mr. Dave Volpe, Michael Meyer,
Anastasia Maltsev

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Adamiak opened the meeting to the public. Since there was no one else in attendance the meeting was closed to the public.

PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

In accordance with the Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mail to THE RECORD and filed with the Borough Clerk on January 2, 2021.

AGENDA

Reading of the Agenda by Secretary, Joanna Adamiak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Ivanicki and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis that the Minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2021 be approved as circulated.

Motion was approved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Nazziola asked about this Month's correspondence.

Ms. Adamiak stated that her first piece of correspondence was a letter to the NJDOH regarding continuing to retain Dave Volpe, a retired Health Officer who has over 40 years experience, to assist our newly hired Health Officer/Director Joanna Adamiak as she gets acclimated to her new position. Mr. Volpe's exit date was July 1st, but to our delight Mr. Volpe has been approved to stay until October 2021. Ms. Adamiak and staff consider Mr. Volpe to be an invaluable asset to us during this busy pre and post Pandemic time.

The only other piece of correspondence is a copy of Robert's Rules. This given to the Board as a guide to assist them in the proper guidelines during Board of Health meetings.

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the Correspondence be approved as submitted.

Motion was approved.

STAFF REPORTS

Dr. Nazziola asked Ms. Adamiak for comments on the Staff report.

At this time, Ms. Adamiak invited the Board members to take a look at the Staff Report if they haven't already and ask any questions they may have.

The Board members at this time began an active discussion about Covid and the upcoming school year. Mr. Volpe stated that Paramus should be very proud having the highest percentage (90%) of all ages of residents in Paramus vaccinated.

Ms. Bellinger inquired whether school children will be required to wear masks or will it be optional and whether there were statistics on vaccinated children, age 12 +. Mr. Volpe relayed that if they wanted more specific stats, to ask the VPOC people we have in our department who I'm sure will come up with graphs and more detailed statistics on all ages of people vaccinated. Dana Folcarelli stated that it would be very beneficial to know the number of kids that have been vaccinated in that age group.

A question was asked "How do we promote getting vaccinated?" Ms. Bellinger stated that we should just continue to keep everyone informed as to why they should get vaccinated.

Dr. Nazziola relayed some interesting facts on deaths from the AMA from just last month. He stated that 8,000 people died of Covid and only 150 were vaccinated. Of the 8,000 people who died most of them were not vaccinated.

Because there was so much miscommunication last year between school principals, teachers, students and the State and local Health Departments that Ms. Bellinger and Ms. Folcarelli both requested specific data from Ms. Adamiak and the Health Department on general instructions and restrictions concerning Covid before the beginning of the school year to have a heads up on what is to be expected.

Ms. Bellinger assured the Board that she or Ms. Adamiak will communicate any changes on Covid regulations to make sure everyone is kept apprised of new information.

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the Staff report for June be approved as submitted.

Motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Adamiak relayed that there are 2 recipients of the Charles Lorber Scholarship. The award letters went out to both recipients and once she gets verification of their enrollment into school, a check will be sent to each of them.

At this point, Ms. Adamiak stated that there had to be a restructuring of the Charles Lorber Scholarship Funds account, making Dr. Nazziola the sole account holder.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time, Ms. Adamiak spoke about her meeting with Mr. D'Arco as to hiring a new clerical employee for the Health Department. Unfortunately, he would not approve a full timer, just a part-timer. Ms. Adamiak stated that we need someone for several reasons: Someone needs to cover for the other girl's vacations, sick time, heavy phones, counter work, etc. Plus Valley Health Systems is expanding into Paramus, resulting in the Paramus Health Department recording births in the near future. The Board agreed that a part-timer is definitely needed and the interview process can begin.

Also, the Board was asked about a Resolution to re-hire the current Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordinators, to which they unanimously agreed.

Dr. Nazziola then asked the Board for an update on the VPOC Grant. At this point, Michael Meyer and Anastasia Maltsev, the VPOC'S, were given the floor. They were asked about vaccine statistics data and their sources. Michael added that they had to change the wording on the original Resolution because the date of hire was incorrect, so that was amended.

Anastasia stated that the Grant will hopefully be extended for another year.

The Board had no more questions, so the meeting continued.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Adamiak then stated that we will be holding a "Wear Red, White and Blue" breakfast July 1st in honor of Women's and Men's Health Month. It will include a light breakfast and assorted health information.

Record Retention Initiative: Mr. Volpe briefly explained the guidelines for the destruction of Government records, called Records Retention. He went on to explain that the Health Department has begun compiling records that need to be destroyed and all of the detailed paperwork that has to be done each time.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

At this time, Ms. Adamiak responded to Dr. Kyriakakis regarding possible illegal (pop-up) vaccination clinics. Ms. Adamiak discovered in her investigation that all of the clinics were found to be in legal compliance with licensing to operate the clinics and they are only "testing sites" and not vaccination sites.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Resolution No. 21-6-1 Foodhandling License – 2021

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the attached Food Establishment Licenses Appendix A-FH 112589 through Appendix A-FH 112587 be approved.

Motion was approved.

Resolution No. 21-6-2 – Beauty/Nail Salon - 2021

Moved by Dr. Kyriakakis and seconded by Ms. Ivanicki that the attached Beauty/Nail Salon License Appendix I-BNS 112 586 be approved.

Motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Board, upon motion by Ms. Ivanicki and seconded by Dr. Kyriakakis and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Adamiak
Secretary