

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Monday, November 9, 2020**

The Board of Health meeting for the Borough of Midland Park was held virtually via Zoom and was called to order at 7:30 pm by Laurie DiCorcia, who advised the Sunshine Law is in effect.

Mrs. White called the roll:

PRESENT: Mrs. Laurie DiCorcia
 Mrs. Debra Dziubinsky (arrived at 8:08 pm)
 Mr. Miguel Garcia
 Mrs. Patricia McGlade
 Mrs. Nancy Peet, Council Liaison
 Mrs. Alexandra Zubok

ABSENT: NONE

PROFESSIONALS: Mrs. Gina M. Behre, Health Officer
 Mrs. Kirsteen Diaz-Pinto, Public Health Nurse
 Ms. Dana Anello White, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. DiCorcia asked if there were any comments, questions, or corrections on the September 14, 2020 Board of Health Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Peet made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Garcia and unanimously approved by all present. On behalf of the entire Midland Park Board of Health, Mrs. DiCorcia thanked the staff of Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission for their continued hard work and dedication throughout the pandemic.

NURSING REPORT

Mrs. Pinto provided an overview of the COVID-19 status in the Borough. She reviewed the new definition of “close contacts” as defined by the CDC, which has been updated to “within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes over the course of 24 hours.”

Additionally, Mrs. Pinto noted that the NJ CALI (COVID-19 Activity Level Index), which tracks community transmission, has steadily increased over the past several weeks. This represents a more robust transmission of COVID-19 in the area. To date, there have been 11 cases in November and no school-based transmission this month. The current case rate in the Northeast is 16.88. The percent positivity is 6.26.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

Prior to reviewing her report, Mrs. Behre shared Governor Phil Murphy's new Executive Order, which implements a 10:00 pm curfew for all indoor bars and restaurants. She also noted that, based on current reports, Pfizer has a two-dose vaccine, which will be released shortly. Healthcare providers will be the first recipients. Bergen County is in the planning stages for distribution.

The September and October 2020 Health Officer Activity Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health Members. For details, please refer to the Activity Reports.

Highlights discussed included:

September 2020:

- A complaint was investigated at Wendy's regarding drain flies; resolved with no further action.
- Midland Park Food Mart was inspected due to a new owner
- Continued distribution of information on COVID-19 via various channels

October 2020:

- Continued consultation with the schools regarding COVID-19 cases and contacts
- Follow ups on rodent complaints
- Investigation of a homeowner smoke complaint; resolved in conjunction with Borough consultation.
- Investigation of an odor complaint at a business; referred to Bergen County CEHA.
- Investigation of a complaint regarding COVID-19 protocols at Fitness 19; business found in compliance. No further action required.

Mrs. DiCorcia asked if there were any additional questions regarding the September and October 2020 Health Officer Activity Reports. There being no further questions or discussion, the Health Officer's Activity Reports for September and October were unanimously accepted as information.

REGULATORY FEES REPORT

The September and October 2020 Registrar Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health members. The Reports were accepted as information.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Updates: Mrs. DiCorcia noted that the Midland Park Board of Health has been updated with current information.

Midland Park Wellness Council: On hold due to COVID-19.

License Fees: On hold due to COVID-19

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Budget: Mrs. DiCorcia reported she submitted the budget request for 2021; \$1800. There were no funds used in 2020.

Communications Received: Mrs. DiCorcia received communications regarding COVID-19 related complaints at Fitness 19 and The Doctor's Office; per Mrs. Behre, both have been investigated and resolved.

COVID19 Updates: Previously addressed by Mrs. Pinto in the Nursing Report

Midland Park Board of Health Positions: Mrs. DiCorcia announced the retirement of Mrs. McGlade, and thanked her for her many years of service. A new position will be available in January 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:17 pm by Mrs. Zubok, seconded by Dziubinsky and unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, January 11, 2021, at 7:30 pm, Midland Park Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dana Anello White, Administrative Assistant