

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Monday, March 14, 2022**

The Board of Health meeting for the Borough of Midland Park was called to order at 7:36 pm by Alexandra Zubok, Board of Health President, who advised the Sunshine Law is in effect.

Corinne Woodward called the roll:

PRESENT: Alexandra Zubok
Michelle Di Benedetti
Debra Dziubinsky
Nancy Peet

ABSENT: Miguel Garcia

PROFESSIONALS: Gina Behre, Health Officer
Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Zubok asked for an approval on the minutes from the January 10, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Dziubinsky made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mrs. Di Benedetti and unanimously approved by all present.

NURSING REPORT

Mrs. Behre reviewed the nursing report, which was provided in writing by Mrs. Kirsteen Pinto, Public Health Nurse. For details, please refer to Nursing Report.

Regarding COVID, numbers are declining. Contact tracing is beginning to scale down. Hoping for the best with the mask removal in schools, Spring break, traveling, etc. All of our Long-Term Care centers are out of outbreak status. The Giardiasis case was due to exposure to recreational water; family had traveled from Florida. Lyme case was investigated.

Mrs. Peet questioned could a decrease in COVID be attributed to at home testing? Mrs. Behre confirmed we do not keep track of home tests and that could definitely be affecting numbers. If they are reported to the Health Department they are noted as probable cases in CDRSS.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The January and February 2022 reports were discussed by Mrs. Behre. January was a tricky month due to the COVID surge, frequent guidance changes, etc.

Highlights included:

- Planned and offered multiple COVID vaccination clinics. Westwood had a nice turnout; other towns had less.
- Offered Food Handlers Course via Zoom on February 22, 2022, well attended.
- Working on building social media presence, Facebook, Instagram.
- Recall of infant formula; inspectors contacted/spot checked.

Mrs. Peet inquired about the conditional inspection from Peter's Fish Market. Mrs. Behre was going to follow up with Mr. Dorsi on details.

Mrs. Zubok inquired about the COVID at home test recall. Mrs. Behre stated that the state sent out the information which NWBRHC forwarded to all of the boards.

REGULATORY FEES REPORT

The January and February 2022 Registrar reports were reviewed by the Board of Health members. The Reports were accepted as information.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Updates: The minutes from the Board of Health meetings have been posted on the website.

Midland Park Wellness Council: Mrs. Behre was researching for a contact. Ms. Dempsey contacted the High School today to see if they are going to reinstate the committee. Mrs. Peet recommended contacting Marie Cirasella, superintendent or Nicholas Capuano, Principal of the High School to direct us.

License Fees: Mrs. Peet noted that the licensing fees have not been reviewed recently. Mrs. Behre stated we could review the town ordinance and compare with other towns for reference. Mrs. Dziubinsky stated this is probably a tough time for businesses. Therefore, the Board will only review the fees for now and not revise the licensing ordinance.

Mrs. Peet questioned if we license spa or massage establishments. There is a new establishment being configured that will have kiosks that offer these services. Mrs. Behre said this would be something that would go through the state, but we will follow up with zoning to check on the status.

Open Board of Health Seat: Mrs. Peet stated there is no open Board of Health seat. The Town Council reviewed the ordinance. Mrs. Peet is listed as a member resulting in five sitting residents.

NEW BUSINESS

Rabies Clinic: The clinic drive thru was poorly configured last year which caused traffic. We need to reconfigure the traffic flow. Mrs. Behre asked if borough would provide a police officer or someone to direct traffic. Mrs. Dziubinsky stated she was able to get pens donated, this way residents can fill out the form themselves to save time. Board of Health meeting will follow the clinic with an approximate start time of 8:15pm. We will try and get some additional volunteers to help as well.

Mrs. Zubok inquired about having some additional community outreach. Mrs. Behre noted that we sent out a survey to poll the interests regarding health topics from community members. We can work with schools, senior center, etc. if there are any specific areas of interest. Mrs. Peet asked if we could do a presentation about the opioid crisis or to create more awareness. Discussed possibly offering seminar geared toward parents at the library. Ms. Fox, the VPOC for Northwest is going to be visiting the Board to go over demographics of the town. We are having an in-house training with Karen Barbato, LCSW, to learn about social service resources that we can utilize.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:33pm by Mrs. Zubok, and unanimously agreed to by all present. ***The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, March 9th, at 8:00 pm; location Council Chambers.***

Respectfully Submitted by:

Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant

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