

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
Monday, May 9, 2022**

The Board of Health meeting for the Borough of Midland Park was called to order at 8:10 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  
                              Cynthia Cappell

ABSENT:                Miguel Garcia –sent in letter of resignation.

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

**Appointment:** Cynthia Cappell was appointed as new Board of Health member by Mayor and Board with consent of Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Zubok asked for an approval on the minutes from the March 14, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Peet made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mrs. Zubok 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.

NWBRHC has been working closely with schools, long-term care facilities and the community monitoring COVID cases. We are seeing a slight uptick again with the new variants. No longer required to do contract tracing which causes the numbers to be skewed. We hosted multiple COVID clinics, all Moderna, April 6, 27<sup>th</sup> and May 4<sup>th</sup>, well attended. No incidents of Communicable Disease. Mrs. Behre went over the Cali report from the state. Mrs. Peet inquired about flu clinics; Mrs. Behre stated we ordered vaccines but do not have a specific date for delivery. Once received we will schedule upcoming clinics.

## HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The March and April 2022 reports were discussed by Mrs. Behre.

Highlights included:

- Flu outbreak in March at schools
- Upcoming COVID Clinics
- Food Handlers Class scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Swanson, our part-time REHS is going to teach the class in Spanish.
- Ms. Fox and Mrs. Mandeville working on the 2022-2023 grant.
- Ms. Fox attending next meeting to speak about the demographics for September. This grant cycle is going to concentrate on communicable diseases.
- Scheduled an in-service for the staff with Karen Barbado; provided social worker support to Northwest.
- Looking into additional Health Education resources; possible educational series to go over topics including drug abuse awareness, etc.
- Milk recall, Guida's Dairy.
- Inspections are on schedule
- No lead cases; track lead cases through Paterson. Mrs. Peet noted that there are high lead levels in drinking water in town. Possibly need to raise awareness in regards to lead to community. Would like to add some info on the website.

## REGULATORY FEES REPORT

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

## OLD BUSINESS

**Website Updates:** Discussed adding some health education material on the website.

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:** Successful, 92 vaccines administered. New traffic flow worked well. New Veterinarian, Lisa Confessore was excellent. DPW suggested considering a walk-up line. Something to consider for next year.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 9:03pm by Mrs. Zubok, and unanimously agreed to by all present. ***The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, September 12, at 8:00 pm; location Council Chambers.***

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant