

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Monday, September 13, 2021**

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 Alexandra Zubok, Board of Health President, who advised the Sunshine Law is in effect.

Mrs. White called the roll:

PRESENT: Michelle DiBenedetti
Mrs. Debra Dziubinsky
Mr. Miguel Garcia (arrived at 7:32)
Mrs. Nancy Peet, Council Liaison
Mrs. Alexandra Zubok

ABSENT: Mrs. Julia Usherenko

PROFESSIONALS: Mrs. Gina M. Behre, Health Officer
Mr. Gary Dorsi, Senior REHS
Ms. Dana Anello White, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Zubok asked if there were any comments, questions, or corrections on the May 10, 2021 Board of Health Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Peet made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mrs. Dziubinsky 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.

Mrs. Behre noted an upward trend of COVID-19 positive cases in the Borough and throughout Bergen County since the summer. The CALI rating is now MODERATE, which is due to the Delta variant. 98% of residents 65 and older are fully vaccinated; 65% in the 18+ population.

NWBRHC Public Health Nurses continue open communications with school nurses regarding COVID-19 guidance. Additionally, public relations campaigns regarding mitigation strategies continue.

Mrs. White explained the process of calculating the COVID-19 case count within the Borough, which is provided to the Borough Administrator on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Mrs. Peet asked if the case count was stabilizing. Mrs. White suggested case counts were currently on par with August 2021.

Mrs. Behre noted that NWBRHC is waiting on guidance from NJDOH regarding guidance for booster vaccines in the regular population, as a stock of Moderna vaccines are available for distribution.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The May, June, July and August 2021 Health Officer Activity Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health Members. For details, please refer to the Activity Reports.

Highlights discussed included the introduction of Gary Dorsi, Senior REHS, who also covers Midland Park.

Mrs. Dziubinsky asked about the former Friendly's venue. Mr. Dorsi stated that no pre-inspections have been completed for that location. Mrs. Peet added that she believes an application for occupancy may currently be with the Planning Board.

Mrs. Peet asked if there were any updates on rodent complaints in the Borough. Mr. Dorsi stated he'd received no additional complaints, including Highland Avenue. He is currently working the Director of Property Maintenance to ensure continued enforcement. Mrs. Behre explained the typical cyclic nature of rodent activity and how NWBRHC combats this. Mrs. Peet asked about pest control at construction sites. Mrs. Behre confirmed that rodent control is part of the permitting process with these companies. Mrs. White also confirmed that no new complaints have come in regarding smell or garbage behind 190 Godwin Avenue.

Additional highlights included:

May 2021, June 2021, July, 2021, August 2021:

- Pre-operational pool inspections (The Kentshire); continued guidance on changing regulations for COVID-19.
- Pre-operational youth camp inspections.
- Initial planning for flu clinics; Mrs. White noted that NWBRHC is looking to host a flu clinic at The Kentshire, in addition to a clinic at the Waldwick Health Clinic, which would be open to Midland Park residents. There is currently a delay in flu vaccine shipments.

Mrs. Zubok asked about deer and the occurrence of Lyme Disease in the Borough. Mrs. Behre noted one case of Lyme in August. Mrs. Behre will send a prevention article for posting on the Midland Park Board of Health website.

Mrs. Dziubinsky asked about the microblading inquiry. Mrs. Behre noted that microblading is not allowed in the Borough as it is considered tattooing.

Mrs. Zubok asked if there were any additional questions regarding the May, June, July and August 2021 Health Officer Activity Reports. There being no further questions or discussion, the Health Officer's Activity Reports for March and April 2021 were unanimously accepted as information.

REGULATORY FEES REPORT

The May, June, July and August 2021 Registrar Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health members. The Reports were accepted as information.

OLD BUSINESS

Website Updates: Mrs. Zubok reported no new updates for the website.

Midland Park Wellness Council: On hold due to COVID-19; Mrs. Behre will ask Christine Dempsey, Health Educator, to reach out to Midland Park High School regarding this.

License Fees: On hold due to COVID-19; Mrs. Zubok suggested beginning this review at the November 2021 meeting.

Rabies Clinic: Mrs. Zubok reported that the May 2021 clinic was well-attended, with over 100 animals vaccinated.

NEW BUSINESS

Communications Received: Mrs. Zubok received an email regarding deer and ticks, which was previously discussed. Mrs. Peet noted she received the resignation of Julia Usherenko from the Midland Park Board of Health. Mrs. Peet will bring this to the Midland Park Council and Mayor to begin a search for a replacement. Mrs. Dziubinsky asked about the recent news regarding PFOS and Ridgewood Water. Mrs. Dorsi briefly overviewed PFAS and PFOS for the Board of Health members. Mrs. Peet suggested an educational component to be spearheaded by the Midland Park Board of Health. Mrs. Behre will reach out to Ridgewood Water to see if they can offer another seminar/presentation similar to what was done in Wyckoff.

Community Day: Christine Dempsey, Health Educator, will attend Midland Park Community Day on October 2, 2021.

Instagram Page: Mrs. Behre announced the launch of the NWBRHC Instagram page.

Resolution: A resolution to appoint Mrs. Carmen Nist, Registrar, Mrs. Corinne Woodward, Deputy Registrar and Ms. Dana Anello White, Alternate Registrar was introduced by Mrs. Zubok, seconded by Mrs. Dziubinsky and approved by all present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:19 pm by Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mrs. Peet and unanimously agreed to by all present. ***The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, November 8, 2021, at 7:30 pm; location TBA.***

Respectfully Submitted by:
Dana Anello White, Administrative Assistant