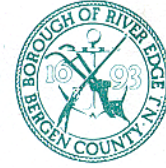


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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Health

January 29, 2024

President Patricia Cordts called the meeting to order at 7:30pm via Zoom

- **Roll Call**

Present: Stefanie Butler, Patricia Cordts, Jane Daly, Tina Mereos, Mary Clare Smith, Adrienne Capasso, Health Department Secretary, James Fedorko, Health Officer, Arlene Faustini, Public Health Nurse, Kayla Williams, Health Inspector, Kelley Grippo, Mid-Bergen Health Educator, Barry Benson, Councilman

Absent: Elizabeth Oudens

- **Approval of Vouchers**

1. Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission

Public Health Administration Fourth Quarter 2023.....	\$4,435.00
Sanitary Inspector (REHS) November - December 2023.....	\$3,643.34
Vacancy Inspections December 2023.....	\$100.00

2. Department of Children & Families

Marriage license fees 4th Quarter 2023.....	\$175.00
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3. St. Peter's School Nurse

Professional Nursing Services November & December 2023.....	\$2,565.00
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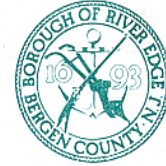
4. Bergen/Passaic Registrar's Association

Registrar Dues for Registrar & Deputy Registrar 2024.....	\$50.00
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A motion was made by Patti Cordts to approve payment of the vouchers as submitted and was seconded by Mary Clare Smith. Roll call – all in favor. None opposed.

- ***Approval of minutes of the regular meeting of November 27, 2023***

A motion was made by Patti Cordts to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 27, 2023 and was seconded by Tina Mereos. Roll call – all in favor. None opposed.

- ***Correspondence***

See Health Inspector's Reports

- ***Complaints***

See Health Inspector's Reports

- ***Registrar's Reports***

REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE MONTH OF November 2023

Vital Statistics	This Month	Year To Date
Births	0	0
Deaths	6	40
Marriages	3	29
Certificates of Domestic Partnership	0	0

	This Month	Year To Date
Business Licenses	\$0.00	\$12,140.00
Marriage Licenses	\$84.00	\$812.00
Certificates of Domestic Partnership	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marriage Transcripts	\$90.00	\$550.00
Burial Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Death Transcripts	\$0.00	\$30.00
Birth Transcripts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Swimming Pool Permits & Miscellaneous	\$25.00	\$175.00
Total MRNA	\$199.00	\$13,707.00

	This Month	Year To Date
Cat Licenses	\$0.00	\$224.00
Cat License Late Fines	\$0.00	\$6.00

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Dog Licenses	\$0.00	\$3,888.00
Dog License Late Fines	\$0.00	\$168.00
Total Animal Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$4,286.00

REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE MONTH OF December 2023

Vital Statistics	This Month	Year To Date
Births	0	0
Deaths	5	45
Marriages	2	31
Certificates of Domestic Partnership	0	0

	This Month	Year To Date
Business Licenses	\$2,050.00	\$14,190.00
Marriage Licenses	\$56.00	\$868.00
Certificates of Domestic Partnership	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marriage Transcripts	\$10.00	\$560.00
Burial Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Death Transcripts	\$0.00	\$30.00
Birth Transcripts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Swimming Pool Permits & Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$175.00
Total MRNA	\$2,116.00	\$15,823.00

	This Month	Year To Date
Cat Licenses	\$0.00	\$224.00
Cat License Late Fines	\$0.00	\$6.00
Dog Licenses	\$0.00	\$3,888.00
Dog License Late Fines	\$0.00	\$168.00
Total Animal Trust Fund	\$0.00	\$4,286.00

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- **Public Health Nurse's Report – Arlene Faustini, RN, BSN**
 - **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES QUARTERLY REPORT**
October-December 2023

Maternal-Child Health:

Children requiring immunizations and health services are being referred to the FQHCC (Federally Qualified Healthcare Center).

Preschool/School Health:

No activity. Preschools have been reminded of immunization requirements for entry.

Adult Health:

Adult blood pressure screening and health assessments will be provided as needed with a home visit. Five home visits with flu immunizations were completed.

Information and resource materials provided for home care and LTC facilities.

At Risk List:

This confidential file continues to be updated. This includes individuals who are in the Lock Box Program, and residents requiring generator power for medical equipment and oxygen therapy.

Communicable Disease:

No significant COVID or flu cases.

Programs:

Stigma Free Eating Disorders Program held at the River Edge Library with virtual access as well.

- **Registered Environmental Health Specialist Report –**
Kayla Williams, REHS

Kayla Williams, REHS Report; Sue Barker, REHS
November 2023- December 2023

Retail Food Establishment Inspections:

Initial Inspection- Satisfactory:

The Senior Residence @ St Peter's Apostle
Feathers Bar
Knights of Columbus

Reinspection Inspection- Satisfactory:

A Taste of Greece
Don Chicken

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Happy Carrot/Karma Foods

Reinspection – Conditional Satisfactory

Jersey Mikes

China Garden

6 Month Spot Check:

Café Teasia – **Satisfactory**

Kung Fu Tea – **Conditional Satisfactory**

Pre-operational/ Opening Inspection

Dunkin' (Kinderkamack Road) – **OK to operate**

Child Care Inspections:

Initial Inspection -Satisfactory:

Cherry Hill School

River Dell Middle School

Roosevelt Elementary School

Reinspection- Satisfactory:

Apple Tree School

Vacancy Apartment inspections:

River Terrace Gardens- 0

Steuben Arms Apartment – 3

Complaints:

Prime 259- Received complaint that there was flooding within Establishment – Called Owner who confirmed no water was present after storm. Observed establishment the following day without any water accumulation or residue around establishment. OK to continue operation.

193 Kinderkamack Road – Receive insufficient heat complaint. Called complainant and left voicemail. No returned call or received concerns. Spoke with property manager who state as per their system no dips in their heating system but would keep any eye on it. No further complaints received. Complaint closed.

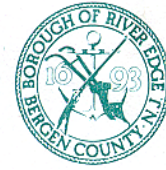
Temporary Special Events:

River Edge Tree Lighting- Pre-Packaged/Retail Donations: **APPROVED**

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- **Health Officer's Report – Jim Fedorko, H.O.
(Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission)**

Health Officer's Report December 2023 & January 2024

Thank you, River Edge Board of Health, for volunteering your time and promoting health in your town.

Communicable Diseases:

The following confirmed and probable communicable diseases were identified in River Edge:

<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
COVID = 169 COVID = 700	COVID = 940	COVID = 977	
Influenza = 46 Influenza = 32	Influenza = 83	Influenza = 0	
Food Borne Illnesses = 7 1	Food Borne Illnesses = 4	Food Borne Illnesses = 6	FBI =
Lyme disease = 7 disease = 1	Lyme disease = 0	Lyme disease = 1	Lyme
	Hepatitis B = 1 Hepatitis B = 1 Monkey Pox = 2 Hepatitis C = 2	Hepatitis B = 1	

Influenza and COVID-19

Attached are the Influenza and COVID-19 Surveillance reports.

The COVID activity level remained Moderate in Bergen County as of January 13, 2024. RSV cases continue to decline (See pages 7 and 8 of the report).

The Influenza Activity Level remained High in Bergen County and the rest of New Jersey. Two pediatric deaths occurred due to influenza in New Jersey and deaths due to pneumonia and influenza are below the New Jersey and National five-year average.

- **Approval of reports of the regular meeting of January 29, 2024**

A motion was made by Patricia Cordts to approve the reports as submitted and was seconded by Tina Mereos. Roll call – all in favor, no opposed.

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- **Old Business**

1. The Business Administrator, Lissette Aportela, asked that we review the fee schedule for the Health Department. If the Board of Health recommends any changes, she will present it to the Mayor and Council to update the ordinance and have it ready for January 1, 2024.

We will work to revise the fee schedule and submit to the Borough Administrator by mid year.

2. Discuss options for Rabies Clinic since we no longer have a refrigerator to store the vaccine. We are currently advising residents of rabies clinics in the vicinity.

We will look to possibly hold a clinic for 2024.

3. Mid-Bergen Contract for 2024

The Mid-Bergen contract was signed by the Mayor at the January 5th meeting. Copies are in the Health Department and forwarded to Jim Fedorko.

4. Nominate Tina Mereos for the Mid Bergen Board of Health as the River Edge Board of Health representative.

Tina Mereos was nominated unanimously by the Board.

- **New Business**

1. The Land Use Board has been requiring new food establishments to submit an application for a “food handler’s license.” This has led to miscommunication with the new owners of these establishments for a few reasons. First, this leads them to believe that the Board of Health issues food handler’s certifications. Also, an establishment is given the incorrect information in the

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resolution of the application as it refers to a food handler's license when in fact, the establishment may need a food manager's certificate. We should communicate to the Land Use Board the confusion this is causing.

Jim Fedorko will write a letter to address this issue.

2. Proposal to have quarterly meetings for the Board of Health. The Board of Health currently has five meetings per year. Would the members prefer quarterly meetings or continue the format we have currently of five meetings per year as scheduled?

Board of Health members voted unanimously to have quarterly meetings.

- **Adjournment**

Since there was no further business, Patricia Cordts asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. A motion was made by Tina Mereos to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Jane Daly. Roll call – all in favor, no opposed.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2024.