



Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Health

September 30, 2024

President Patricia Cordts called the meeting to order at 7:35pm via Zoom

• **Roll Call**

Present: Patricia Cordts, Tina Mereos, Elizabeth Oudens, Mary Clare Smith, Adrienne Capasso, Health Department Secretary, James Fedorko, Health Officer, Arlene Faustini, Public Health Nurse, Councilman Barry Benson, & Kayla Williams, Health Inspector

Absent: Stefanie Butler and Jane Daly

• **Approval of Vouchers**

1. Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission

Sanitary Inspector (REHS) June - August 2024.....	\$5,682.00
Public Health Administration 2 nd Quarter 2024.....	\$4,612.00
Vacancy Inspections June & August 2024.....	\$240.00

2. Staples

Office Supplies.....	\$114.01
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3. New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services

Dog license report for June - August 2024.....	\$21.60
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5. Department of Children & Families

Marriage License Fees Second Quarter.....	\$275.00
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A motion was made by Patricia Cordts to approve payment of the vouchers as submitted and was seconded by Mary Clare Smith. Roll call – all in favor. None opposed.

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Dog Licenses	\$13.00	\$3,247.00
Dog License Late Fines	\$6.00	\$78.00
Total Animal Trust Fund	\$19.00	\$3,537.00

REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE MONTH OF July 2024

Vital Statistics	This Month	Year To Date
Births	-	-
Deaths	3	41
Marriages	4	20
Certificates of Domestic Partnership	0	0

	This Month	Year To Date
Business Licenses	\$0.00	\$11,465.00
Marriage Licenses	\$112.00	\$560.00
Certificates of Domestic Partnership	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marriage Transcripts	\$0.00	\$370.00
Burial Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Death Transcripts	\$120.00	\$220.00
Birth Transcripts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Swimming Pool Permits & Miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$300.00

Total MRNA **\$282.00** **\$12,915.00**

	This Month	Year To Date
Cat Licenses	\$0.00	\$200.00
Cat License Late Fines	\$0.00	\$12.00
Dog Licenses	\$35.40	\$3,282.40
Dog License Late Fines	\$0.00	\$78.00

Total Animal Trust Fund **\$35.40** **\$3,572.40**

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REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED DURING THE MONTH OF August 2024

Vital Statistics	This Month	Year To Date
Births	-	-
Deaths	5	46
Marriages	5	25
Certificates of Domestic Partnership	0	0

	This Month	Year To Date
Business Licenses	\$45.00	\$11,510.00
Marriage Licenses	\$140.00	\$700.00
Certificates of Domestic Partnership	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marriage Transcripts	\$90.00	\$460.00
Burial Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Death Transcripts	\$0.00	\$220.00
Birth Transcripts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Swimming Pool Permits & Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total MRNA	\$275.00	\$13,190.00

	This Month	Year To Date
Cat Licenses	\$0.00	\$200.00
Cat License Late Fines	\$0.00	\$12.00
Dog Licenses	\$106.20	\$3,388.60
Dog License Late Fines	\$24.00	\$102.00
Total Animal Trust Fund	\$130.20	\$3,702.60

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• ***Public Health Nurse's Report – Arlene Faustini, RN, BSN***

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES QUARTERLY REPORT

July - September 2024

Maternal-Child Health:

Children requiring school physicals and/or immunizations are being referred to the Federally Qualified Healthcare Center or New Milford Health Department. Communication with the RDMS as well as Rosenbaum Yeshiva nurses regarding immunization concerns.

Adult Health:

Six home visits completed during this period. “At-Risk” list updated and discussions with the REPD regarding residents who may need assistance. Equipment such as walkers, canes and wheelchair provided to several residents.

Communicable Disease:

Cases included campylobacter, erlichiosis, salmonella and chronic hepatitis B.

Upcoming Programs:

Health Fair at RDHS Saturday, September 28th from 4:00-6:00pm.
River Edge Day – October 6th.

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

Retail Food Establishment Inspections:

Initial Inspection- Satisfactory:

Regency Memory Care
River Edge Swim Club
Tiers One Games
Yasainet Plus

Conditional Satisfactory:

Jersey Mikes

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Reinspection- Satisfactory:

Feathers- Addition of hot dog cart – approved

Pre-operational/Final Opening Inspections:

900 Kinderkamack Road (Zhang's Kitchen)– Pre-operational failed; incorrect plumbing

496 Kinderkamack Rd Go Greek Market- OK to operate

606 Kinderkamack Road Old Bukhara– OK to Operate

Vacancy Apartment inspections: 10

Steuben Arms Apartments

Plan Review:

651 Kinderkamack Road - Sendai Sushi & Korean BBQ- Plans approved

Emergency Occurrence:

606 Kinderkamack Road- Received an operations report from the River Edge Police Department regarding concerns of living/sleeping quarters in the basement of Old Bukhara. An inspection was conducted on July 30th, 2024 at 2:30pm and major violations were observed in the basement of this property as per N.J.A.C 8:24 "Sanitation in Retail Food Establishments, Food and Beverage Vending Machines and Cottage Food Operations". The basement was not approved for operations and prohibited for sleeping quarters. Summons were issued. All violations observed were abated within 24 hours after an inspection was conducted with the fire department.

Complaints:

347 Fifth Ave- Received complaint regarding Roosters in backyard. HO, James Fedorko spoke with home owner and advised her of prohibition of fowl. Owner had roosters removed within time frame allocated. No further concerns received.

192 Cherry Lane- Received complaint about pool in poor sanitary conditions after not have been open for the pool season. Observed property with no violations at time of investigation. Spoke with complainant who mentioned property owner decided to clean and open pool shortly after complaint. No further complaints received.

207 Jefferson Avenue- Received complaint regarding Pest activity observed in area and property owner is feeding birds and allowing for harborage conditions. Observed property with pile of dirt and wood chips under a tarp but bird feeders within proper parameters. Followed up on property and observed no conditions at that time. Will continue to follow up on property maintenance.

219 Manning Ave- Received complaint about observing pest activity on their property. Advised neighbor is feeding birds. Home owner declined a property inspection. Neighboring property not observed with bird feeding violations. Advised owner over the phone of IPM practices to

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properly prevent further activity. Recommended a pest control if the activity continued and to call back for inspection. No further complaints received.

2 Adrienne Way- received complaint regarding poison ivy coming over into the yard from neighboring property. Property inspection conducted on complainants back yard. No visible observations of poison ivy however, Virginia creeper was observed on property. Advised owner, unable to observe poison ivy. Recommended home owner to reach out to neighbor directly. No further complaints received.

195-205 Kinderkamack Road- owner in condominium association called to complain about old pest activity in the hallway due to a recent water leak two weeks ago. Concerned no one was going to clean the walls or floors. Advised leak was fixed and pest activity was abated by time of phone call. Recommended to complainant to call to HOA and inform of them of the walls and that the health department is aware and to call back in 10 days if pest activity returns. No further concerns received.

340 Bogert Road -Received 2 complaints regarding dumpster receptacles in poor repair and over flowing with loose odorous trash. 1st complaint incorrect address was provided however, the second complaint photos were observed. Observed property with trash on the left-hand side from tenant basement clean out and dumpsters observed in back-alley way with lids open and broken. Notice of violation sent to church for abatement of concerns. Will continue to monitor complaint.

Animal Bite Reports:

660 Bogert Road- Animal bite report received from PD. Dog was placed under 10-day quarantine and released with no concerns.

216 Monroe Ave- rabies Examination report received from NJDOH regarding negative results of a raccoon whom was attacked by resident's dog. Informed owner of results. Dog was revaccinated against rabies after incident.

Summons Issued:

Jersey Mikes – Failure to provide convenient means of hand drying method NJAC 8:24-6.7

- Improper Duration of handwashing NJAC 8:24-2.1A

Old Bukhara – Allowing for sleeping quarters within a retail food establishment NJAC 8:24-8.2

- Allowing of preparation of potentially hazardous foods within kitchen within basement not inspected by the health department NJAC 8:24- 10.2

Special Event(s)/ Inspections conducted:

July 4th Celebration

- Uncle Louie G's

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- Knights of Columbus

Ice Cream truck Social

- Mr. Softee

Annual India Day

- Dosa and Bryani House

Vintage Baseball Game

- Historic New Bridge Landing

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

Health Officer's Report

July, August & September 2024

Vector-borne Surveillance Report:

There was one West Nile virus (WNV) case reported in Wallington with an illness onset date of July 21, 2024. Another confirmed case of WNV was reported in Garfield on August 24th. The two cases live less than 1.5 miles from each other. In early August 2024, Dr. Anthony Fauci, 83 years old, was hospitalized and diagnosed with WNV. Doctor Fauci stated he contracted the disease in his backyard at his home in Washington, DC.

Mosquito complaints are directed to Nicole Brown who works for Bergen County Mosquito Control. Her email address is nbrown@co.bergen.nj.us and her work telephone number is 201-634-2881.

Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP):

The Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) from Hackensack Hospital will be terminating its service to provide health education and public health nursing in Bergen County on December 31, 2024. Holy Name Hospital will provide the Public Health Nursing Services for the Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission.

Miscellaneous:

James Fedorko worked with Kayla Williams and Adrienne Capasso on rodent complaints, bee complaints, chicken complaints, public health nursing issues and local ordinance adjustments.

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• ***Approval of reports of the regular meeting of September 30, 2024***

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

• ***Old Business***

1. 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?

Lisette Aportela advised the Board to write a memo to her with the change of schedule so that we can start quarterly meetings in 2025. (see attached memo) The Mayor and Council approved the first Tuesday of February, May, September and December for the Board of Health meetings for 2025.

The Mayor and Council approved the revision of the Board of Health Meeting dates for 2025. The reorganization meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of February for the election of President, Vice President, Secretary, etc. Regular meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of February, May, September and December.

2. Revision of fee schedule for 2025

Fee proposal will be presented to Borough Clerk upon completion.

• ***New Business***

N/A

• ***Adjournment***

Since there was no further business, Patricia Cordts asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm. A motion was made by Mary Clare Smith to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Patricia Cordts. Roll call – all in favor, no opposed.

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