

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
Monday, May 8th, 2023**

The Board of Health meeting for the Borough of Midland Park was called to order at 8:02pm by M. DiBenedetti, Board of Health President, who advised the Sunshine Law is in effect.

Corinne Woodward called the roll:

PRESENT: Alexandra Zubok
 Debra Dziubinsky
 Nancy Peet

ABSENT: Michelle Di Benedetti
 Cynthia Cappell

PROFESSIONALS: Namitha Reddy, Health Officer
 Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Zubok asked for an approval of the minutes from the March 13th, 2023 meeting. N. Peet made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by A. Zubok and unanimously approved by all present.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY REPORT

The March and April reports were reviewed by N. Reddy.

Highlights include:

- Yearly audits of Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School Student immunization records are being scheduled.
- As of April 27th, community levels of COVID-19 are low for general settings and moderate for healthcare settings in Bergen County with Omicron XBB being the predominant variant. With new guidance from state, we will only be responding to COVID 19 cases moving forward, only high-risk situations. Transitioning out of reporting positive COVID cases; under reported with home testing and no testing.

N. Peet questioned what is the status of the new vaccine that is being introduced? N. Reddy stated the state asked us not to provide the Monovalent Vaccine and moving forward it would just be the Bivalent Vaccine. More than likely a new Bivalent Vaccine is going to be offered by the end of the year.

- Mill Garden COVID-19 outbreak was concluded.
- For March there were 10 retail food establishment inspections, 3 complaint investigations, 1 inquiry and a tanning facility inspection. For April there were 3 retail food establishment inspections, 2 temporary retail food establishments, 1 complaint investigation and 1 tanning inspection. Breakdown of inspections and complaints are listed in the Health Officer report. N. Reddy noted we will be providing the Board of Health with all written inspection reports to file for each town.
- Upcoming Food Handlers Classes being offered in Spanish on May 22nd and in English on August 28th.
- Health Education calendar was presented and reviewed. Spring newsletter was completed and sent to municipalities. Looking to have our Health Educator staff have a specific day of the month to hold seminars, etc. As we move forward, we will provide a schedule of what Valley Hospital will be offering as we are coordinating health education efforts with them.
- Submitted a letter of intent to apply to the OLPH Strengthening Local Public Health Grant and should be receiving requirement for NJACCHO Grant for the upcoming year within the next couple weeks.
- Multiple Continuing Education webinars and conferences were attended by inspectors, health educators and support staff.
- Preparing a Rabies Clinic Standard Operating Procedures guide for continuity of operations.
- Continuing distribution of COVID- 19 test kits and Narcan test kits.

REGULATORY FEES REPORT

The March/April Registrar Reports were reviewed by the Board of Health members. The Reports were accepted as information. C. Woodward noted there is still no fee for marriage license applications.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Rabies Clinic was before meeting, successful.

- No date for Community Day yet; will follow up once the date gets closer on what activities or service we will provide.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or discussion, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:30pm by D. Dziubinsky and seconded by A. Zubok. ***The next regular meeting is scheduled Monday, September 11th, 2023, at 7:30 pm; location Council Chambers.***

Respectfully Submitted by:
Corinne Woodward, Administrative Assistant