BOROUGH OF ORADELL BOARD OF HEALTH

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Oradell Board of Health December 13, 2021

The December 13, 2021 meeting of the Oradell Board of Health ("OBOH"), held via Zoom teleconferencing, was called to order by Mrs. Catherine Schmidt, Chairperson, at 8:15 pm.

PRESENT:

Mrs. Nicole Alvarez, Dr. Craig Froonjian, Mrs. Janet Schneider, Mrs. Catherine

Schmidt, Mr. Jonathan Kern (Council Liaison), and Ms. Michele Dillon (County

Sanitarian).

ABSENT:

Ms. Mary Battaglia, Dr. Kathleen Diciedue and Mrs. Karen DePol.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Schmidt reported that the OEM Task Force has not met since the prior OBOH meeting, but will reconvene on Thursday December 16, in light of the recent spike in COVID cases.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Schmidt reported on members' receipt of the following written communications:

- Oradell Health Report for November, 2021 from Rio Mena CMR.
- Health Consultation Report for November, 2021 from Claudia Goez RN.
- Sanitarian Report and REHS Monthly Report Summary from Ms. Dillon for November, 2021.
- Draft Minutes from the November 8, 2021 OBOH meeting.
- Meeting template for the annual January reorganization meeting, from Mrs. Schmidt.
- List of standard agenda items (with explanations) for regular OBOH meetings, from Mrs. Schmidt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2021 regular meeting of the OBOH was made by Mrs. Alvarez, and seconded by Mrs. Schneider. Vote: All in favor; none opposed.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Councilman Kern commented on the need for the mayor/council to determine whether a return to more restrictive anti-COVID measures is indicated in view of the increase in cases and the new Omicron variant; this will be discussed at their next meeting. Borough employees are expected to be vaccinated. An exception exists for the police department, whose union mandates the wearing of a mask (in lieu of weekly COVID testing) for officers choosing not to be vaccinated. Councilman Kern noted that the mayor/council meet in person, and with the public in attendance, on the second floor of Borough Hall, as this room permits social distancing not able to be provided in council chambers. Boards and committees may choose their format, Zoom or in-person. Members of the OBOH agreed to continue Zoom meetings for now.

Councilman Kern also noted that the Borough has been cleaning out storm drains to help the flow of water from storms. Mrs. Schmidt added that work has been done on the creek and bridge that cross Woodland Avenue.

HEALTH REPORT:

Inspection Status Summary as of November 30, 2021

Status	Site	Comment
Up to date	Tanique Suntan Salon	
Satisfactory	Bergen Catholic HS cafeteria	Risk level 2
	Great Foods Market	Risk level 2; Follow-up
Satisfactory	River Dell HS cafeteria	Risk level 2; Reinspection
Satisfactory	Esti's Café	Risk level 3; Reinspection
Satisfactory	Oradell Public School	Risk level 1

Ms. Dillon commented on a residence receiving an abatement notice for having a chicken coup. She will revisit the home, as chicken coups are prohibited by Oradell Health Code, Chapter 304, "Poultry, Pigeons and Other Fowl."

CODE & ORDINANCE:

No Report.

NURSING / MEDICAL REPORT:

Mrs. Schmidt reported:

64 cases of reportable diseases were noted for November. This case count includes a mix of Babesiosis, original COVID-19, and Pertussis.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Schmidt reported on revenue and expenses as of November 30, 2021:

- Revenue totaled \$190.00, sourced from Transcripts (\$100), Marriage Licenses (\$50), and Dog Licenses (\$40). Business licenses and Cat licenses were \$0.
- Expenses were \$4.80 for the State Dog Licensing Report.
- The balance in the Animal Control Trust was \$9,496.88 at November 30, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Schmidt relayed to members that her current term expires on December 31, and that, after 21 years of service on the OBOH, she has asked not to be reappointed. Dr. Diciedue and Ms. Battaglia have also chosen not to be reappointed, leaving 3 vacancies for regular members, and 2 vacancies for alternate members. Mrs. Schmidt sent Mayor Didio a nomination of a pharmacist who resides in Oradell, who is willing to join the board and, in Mrs. Schmidt's opinion, would be a strong addition to the OBOH. Mrs. Alvarez is contacting an RN who had expressed interest, and will submit a formal nomination to Mayor Didio if the RN is still interested.

Mrs. Schmidt reviewed the previously distributed reorganization meeting template and standard agenda applicable to regular meetings, and summarized the nominating committee function. She also stated that members should always feel free to contact her with any questions, and thanked members for their expertise, service and camaraderie.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be discussed, Mrs. Alvarez made a motion to adjourn the December 13, 2021 meeting of the Oradell Board of Health at 8:40 pm; Dr. Froonjian seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor; none opposed. The next meeting will be the annual reorganization meeting, followed by the regular meeting, on January 10, 2021 at 8:00 pm via Zoom conferencing.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Yaxley-Schmidt Chair, Oradell Board of Health