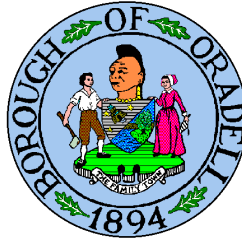


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Minutes of the Meeting of the Oradell Board of Health November 9, 2020

The November 9, 2020 meeting of the Oradell Board of Health (“OBOH”) was called to order by Mrs. Catherine Schmidt, Chairperson, at 8:00 pm.

PRESENT: Mrs. Nicole Alvarez, Ms. Mary Battaglia, Dr. Kathleen Dicedue, Mrs. Janet Schneider, Mrs. Catherine Schmidt, Mrs. Donna Viscardi, Mrs. Karen DePol, Dr. Craig Froomjian, Mrs. Miriam Yu (Council Liaison) and Ms. Michele Dillon (County Sanitarian).

ABSENT: Mrs. Anna Djurdjinovic

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Oradell Board of Health, held on October 19, 2020, was made by Mrs. DePol and seconded by Dr. Dicedue. Vote: all in favor; none opposed.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

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

- Minutes of the October 19, 2020 regular meeting of the OBOH.
- Oradell Health Report, October 2020
- Bergen County Health Consult Program, October 2020
- Sanitarian Reports for October 2020
- School Immunization Reports for Bergen Catholic HS and St Joseph Elementary School.
- Email from a Paramus pediatrician to Ms. Dillon re reporting a COVID+ patient.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mrs. Schmidt summarized the issues discussed at the Oradell OEM Task Force, which has resumed its meetings on a weekly basis:

- Library – will be open soon for browsing with reduced maximum capacity. Chairs have been removed, no groups will be held, and the computers are off-limits.
- Ice skating rink – discussion included procedures, compliance and maximum capacity.

- Entering Borough Hall – the sole entrance to Borough Hall is via the Police Dept, which has an automatic temperature scanner, set to 100.4 per CDC guidelines. (Scanning includes children as well.)
- Lack of masks – certain residents, especially teens, have been observed not wearing masks. Some at-risk residents are complaining that they feel afraid to go out in public. The police are now equipped with boxes of masks and will hand masks to non-compliant persons, asking that they be donned.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

- Mrs. Yu noted nothing additional to report.

HEALTH REPORT:

Inspection Status Summary as of October 31, 2020

<i>Status</i>	<i>Establishment</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Satisfactory	J Wellness Shop	Risk Level 1
Satisfactory	Schreiber’s Deli	Risk Level 3
Satisfactory	River Dell HS	Risk Level 2
Satisfactory	Bergen Catholic HS	Risk Level 2
Satisfactory	Calabria Pizza	Risk Level 3
Satisfactory	Green Joy	Risk Level 2

All inspected establishments were provided with COVID-19 compliance assistance by Ms. Dillon, i.e., review of use of masks, proper sanitizing, use of gloves, etc. Ms. Dillon also remarked that she is not yet at the point of reinstating virtual inspections.

Ms. Dillon received three complaints that an oncologist practicing in Oradell and his nurse are not wearing masks and are telling patients that masks are optional, despite the fact that oncology patients may be immunosuppressed and thus at higher risk. She forwarded the complaints to the State.

Mrs. Alvarez and Mrs. Yu initiated discussion regarding OPS and the middle/high schools’ reporting of cases to agencies, alerting parents of quarantines and positive COVID cases, responsibility for contact tracing, and the role of the school nurses. Mrs. DePol explained that the principal sends a letter to parents informing them of quarantines, and the County performs contact tracing. She noted that siblings are viewed as “secondary contacts” and are not required by the CDC to be tested or to quarantined.

Mrs. Viscardi responded to the question of whether 2nd wave COVID patients are as severely ill as during the 1st wave: her observation is that a higher percent are being treated at home for symptoms, many on Remdezivir and a steroid. Of those who are hospitalized, fewer currently require vents.

PUBLICITY:

- No Report.

CODE & ORDINANCE:

- No Report.

NURSING / MEDICAL REPORT:

Dr. Dicedue reported on the following:

- The Health Consultation Program (HCP) is not seeing clients, but is maintaining contacts and follow-ups via phone. The HCP reported 85 COVID-19 cases to the State, compared to 19 last month, i.e., a significant increase.
- The School Immunization Report for each of Bergen Catholic High School and St Joseph Elementary School showed 100% compliance for both schools.

FINANCE REPORT:

Mrs. Schmidt reported on revenue and expenses as of October 31, 2020:

- Expenses (NJ State Dog Licensing Report) totaled \$0.00.
- Revenue totaled \$238.80, provided by Transcripts (\$170.00), Dog/Cat Licenses (\$56.80) and Marriage licenses (\$12.00).

The balance in the Animal Control Trust was \$9,720.10 as of October 31, 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

In October, Mrs. Yu reported that she anticipated attending the next meeting of the Community Outreach Committee, and would also speak with Commissioner Steve Carnevale with respect to police records of vulnerable persons. The Committee's next meeting will be November 12.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Schmidt noted four members whose terms expire on December 31, and asked them to email her regarding whether or not they wish to be reappointed.

Mrs. Alvarez informed members that *Stigma Free* is holding a (virtual) Suicide Awareness Training Class on December 2nd, and to contact her for details.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business to be discussed, Mrs. Viscardi moved that the November 9, 2020 meeting of the Oradell Board of Health be adjourned at 8:27 pm; Mrs. DePol seconded the motion. Voting: all in favor, none opposed. The next meeting will be on December 7, 2020, at 8:00 pm, held via *Zoom*.

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