

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2020

A regular meeting of the Rockaway Borough Board of Health was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Christine Radzai. This meeting was held pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act. Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided by posting written notice of the time, date, and location of the meeting in Rockaway Borough on the Municipal Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and filing notice of the meeting to those persons or entities requesting notification and also by notifying the Morris County Daily Record by emailing them the Annual Resolution adopted by the Board of Health of 2020 The Annual Resolution, which included this meeting date, will be advertised in the Neighbor News on 2020 the official newspaper of the Rockaway Borough Board of Health, on 2020.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: CHRISTINE RADZAI-PRESIDENT  
PATRICIA GIANNETTI  
DEBBIE BERNARDO  
ROBERT GROW  
MARK CAPUTA-HEALTH OFFICER  
MELISSA BURNSIDE, COUNCIL LIAISON  
JEAN RUETER-EXCUSED ABSENT  
CYNTHIA RUETER-EXCUSED ABSENT  
TRACY CASIANO-EXCUSED ABSENT  
REGULAR MEETING: 6:48PM

Approval and/or corrections to the minutes of March 10, 2020 Minutes not included in packet. Will present or approval on July 14, 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Dog & Cat Licensing**

Mark reported that licensing enforcement has been suspended due to the department Covid response efforts. Courts have been closed. He anticipates lower than normal compliance for the remainder of the year.

**Vermin Activity Report**

No activity to report.

## Upcoming Public Health Screening/Clinics

Child Health Conference	Oct 20 (Municipal Bldg.)
Chem 23 Blood Profile	Make up TBA
Male Cancer Screening (Van Guard Medical)	Sept. 23, 5:30pm, Dr. Bonder
Female Cancer screening (Van Guard Medical)	Oct. 1, 5:30pm, Dr. Renz
New! Oral Cancer Screening	Cancelled-Dr. Smith, Municipal Bldg.)
AVFC Immunization Clinic	Sept. 17 by appt (Randolph Municipal Bldg.)
Blood Pressure Screening (Comm Ctr)	Oct. 14, 1:30pm

## Property Maintenance/Unfit Properties Update

No Property Maintenance to report. Mark reported the C of H inspections during the pandemic we are responding because housing and the ability to move into a new home is an essential service. Food Establishment Complaints are essential as well, however regular INSPECTION programs have been shelved until pandemic response have abated.

## REHS Vacancy Update

The search to hire a new REHS has resumed. The process was placed on hold due to the pandemic. The new hire will replace the person who left last October.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Coronavirus/Covid19

- **Daily NJ DOH Conference Calls:** Conference calls daily. Every Tuesday and Thursday the State of Epidemiologist discusses disease statistics. The other days are utilized by the Office of Local Health and various programs under her purview, like youth camps, bathing, food inspections etc.
- **Governor's Executive Orders-Youth Camps-Outdoor Dining Etc.** Mark updated the BOH on Youth Camps starting on July 6, Outdoor dining starting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and Hair Salons starting June 22<sup>nd</sup> (includes nail salons). Mark also reviewed the guidance documents associated with this particular service.
- **Test/Test Centers-Update on Test Candidate Qualification and Test Methods.** CCM is now offering free testing for asymptomatic individuals. 3 weeks ago the governor required LTC facility patients and staff be tested with follow up testing. Our nurses have been working closely with LTC facilities. While there are no LTC facilities in RB, residents may utilize nearby LTC for their loved ones.

## Local Concerns

- **Contact Tracing-** State to assume direct control over all contact tracing efforts. Mark reported the NJ DOH may assume all CT team has done an excellent job keeping currently with the CT obligations. Mark applauded the wonderful job Ginny and the CT team has done thus far and questions the need for the State to take over CT functions.
- **Park/Lakes-**Park Lake Closed for the season due to the Pandemic concerns.
- **LHD Continuity of Operations-** Municipal Building Re-Opens-Food Establishment Inspections to resume. Mark reported that as food and other businesses start to reopen, regular inspection programs will likely resume albeit not immediately. Mark reported he will give the business community in an advisory capacity for the next few weeks. Mark expressed empathy for the local business community that needed to shut down due to the pandemic.
- **Communicable Disease Sub Committee-** This group has served a valuable role to the community by maintaining a connection between the BOH and the LHD while face to face meetings were not permitted under the Governors community mitigation “Stay at home” order.
- **Community Mitigation Update:** Generally, Community mitigation in the Borough has been successful. Residents and business community have been very cooperative. The LHD received relatively no complaints. Mark applauded the community’s efforts.

## CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Public

## STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports were perused by all members in attendance. There were no questions or further discussions for the reports.

## VOUCHERS:

No Vouchers

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by PATRICIA GIANNETTI seconded by DEBBIE BERNARDO.  
ALL IN FAVOR.

TIME: 7:40PM  
Mark Caputo, HO, Secretary  
Rockaway Borough Board of Health