

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 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
DEBBIE BERNARDO
ROBERT GROW
TRACY CASIANO
MARK CAPUTA-HEALTH OFFICER
MELISSA BURNSIDE, COUNCIL LIAISON
JEAN RUETER-EXCUSED ABSENT
CYNTHIA RUETER-EXCUSED ABSENT
PATRICIA GIANNETTI-EXCUSED ABSENT
ZOOM MEETING: 6:35PM

Approval and/or corrections to the minutes of March 10, 2020 & June 9, 2020 Board of Health minutes. Motion to approve was made by Tracey Casiano & second by Debbie Bernardo. All in Favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dog & Cat Licensing

The board discussed ways to increase licensure for next year. Mark announced the current licensing, levels are low 544 for dogs and 121 cat. Radzai emphasized license will increase in 2021 due to many people acquiring pets during the lockdown. Mark will meet with animal control staff and licensing staff to strategize a compliance plan for 2021.

Vermin Activity Report

Discussion on June and July about rat complaints and whether the 2 cases were related. Mark advised both cases that there were no rat activity, however “potential” vermin harborage is actionable and was. A third complaint in August was noted on West New Street and certainly unrelated to other tow matters.

Upcoming Public Health Screening/Clinics

Child Health Conference	Oct 20 (Municipal Bldg.)
Male Cancer Screening	Cancelled to resume in 2021
Female Cancer screening	Cancelled to resume in 2021
AVFC Immunization Clinic	Oct 13 by appt (Randolph Municipal Bldg.)
Blood Pressure Screening (Comm Ctr)	Postponed until further notice

Property Maintenance/Unfit Properties Update

- Allied Concrete-Mark discussed the multi departmental enforcement. The new Zoning Official took the lead and HD is supporting his efforts. The MCOHM, Solid Waste Enforcement Division is handling enforcement for illegal land filling.
- 111 West Main Street-Mark updated the Board on the enforcement thus far. This property may have illegal landfill issues since the property abuts the Rockaway River and several years ago ties were utilized to stabilize the embankment. Any consider this unsightly. MCOHM Div of Hazardous Response is on standby if there is any oil spillage into the river. This has been surmised since the auto mechanic utilizing the premises has sloppy housekeeping practices. The HD has placed the owner on NOV to replace the broken sidewalk in the front of the premises.
- Deb Bernardo advised Mark there may be illegal washing machine drain to the storm water runoff system at 6 McKinley or 9 Monroe. Mark will have staff investigate.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2021 RB BOH Budget (First Reading) Mark reviewed the 2021 budget line by line with the Board. There were questions regarding the recodification line item. Mark explained the Municipal Clerk requests this line item to cover unanticipated legislative activity. The matter passed thusly.

Motion to approve was made by Tracy Casiano and second by Debbie Bernardo. ALL IN FAVOR.

B. Rockaway Borough BOH Meetings for 2021. The Board voted for Virtual Meetings for the remainder of the year 2020.

Motion to approve was made by Tracy Casiano and seconded by Debbie Bernardo. ALL IN FAVOR.

The Board also voted to go virtual for January, February, March and April meeting in 2021.

Motion to approve was made by Debbie Bernardo and seconded by Tracy Casiano. ALL IN FAVOR.

C. Corona Virus Update: Mark discussed most recent case status in RB. Zero new cases, 114 total cases since the beginning of the pandemic. 3 total deaths, all related to LTC facilities. Mark noted there are no LTC's in RB. Chris asked if the RB numbers are statistically similar to other municipalities. Mark advised that they are similar. Randolph's population is roughly 3 to 4 times greater in Randolph.

D. Fox Hill Condo Summons: Mark advised the odor complaint as a result of gasoline leaking from a motorcycle has not been repaired and odors persisted. The individual causing the odors was issued a summons to appear on October 22, 2020, via virtual court proceeding.

E. Flu Clinics: TJ School and AOG- October 8, 2020. Mark announced both clinics were well attended. He further informed the board that due to social distancing requirement we cannot accept walk-in patrons which has the effect of suppressing the numbers served.

CORRESPONDENCE

- IPMC/RB Property Maintenance Code Memo- Mark reported he was asked to write a memo comparing and contrasting the International Property Maintenance Code to the existing Code. He informed the Board that whole sale change of the RB Code may not be necessary both code achieve the same results. He suggested that change should be taken with deference to the previous Councils desire to except residential properties from enforcement. Council Liaison Burnside added the Council position this exception has changed over the years and may see fit to not accept residential properties. Mark added this can be done by amending the existing PM ordinance. Melissa advised the Council will continue reviewing the matter and wanted the BOH input. She also asked Mark if the added responsibility of including residential properties would be substantial to drive up costs of the inter-local contact in the future. Mark replied that there is no way to predict the increase, but is willing to move forward and defer discussion on increase costs if the numbers support it.

OPEN/CLOSE TO PUBLIC

No Public

STAFF REPORTS

Short discussion regarding the environmental reports followed.

VOUCHERS:

No Vouchers

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tracy Casiano and seconded by Debbie Bernardo
ALL IN FAVOR.

TIME: 8:15PM
Mark Caputo, HO, Secretary
Rockaway Borough Board of Health

