

**Hillsdale Board of Health**  
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Minutes for Special Meeting  
Hillsdale Board of Health  
Wednesday, May 26, 2021

**President Opens Meeting:**

This is a Special Meeting of the Hillsdale Board of Health. By resolution adopted on January 6, 2021, a notice of the time and place of this meeting was provided to the Ridgewood News, and was also posted on the electronic bulletin board and on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall lobby.

**Secretary Calls the Roll:** Elaine Meyerson, LSW; Marguerite Deppert, RN; Lois Kohan, RN; Diane Ohme; John Klein; Dr. Susan Kushner; Janetta Trochimiuk, Councilwoman; Wendi Seelin, Secretary; Chris Looes joined 7:15 PM

**Absent:** Beatriz Wawra, Louisa Toledo, RN

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom Meeting. All members participated in real time.

**President's Message / Report:** Elaine Meyerson introduced the new Secretary Wendi Seelin. Board Introduced themselves to Ms. Seelin. She introduced herself with background information to the BOH.

**New Business:**

1. Salary Ordinance 21-03 Introduction

**Motion:** Dr. Susan Kushner     **Second:** John Klein

**Yes Votes:** John Klein; Dr. Susan Kushner; Elaine Meyerson; Diane Ohme

**Absent:** Chris Looes; Louisa Toledo; Beatriz Wawra

**Voted on and APPROVED**

2. Cannabis discussion:

**Open discussion:** Concern with regards to the excess number of persons it will bring to neighborhood, traffic and increased cost of municipal services. Expressed concern for advocating for smoking. Discussed need to move forward with banning it now, due to time limit but evaluate options and opportunities in the future. Discussed that the 2% tax monies will not cover the cost of the services to support the business. Taxes and violations are the responsibility of the municipality to collect from the cannabis businesses. President felt the BOH should focus on concerns about individual and community health issues. Discussion that we as a Board of health shouldn't support smoking of any kind and feels that the BOH should make a brief statement that we opt out and let the data drive decisions. Elaine Meyerson suggested

that in the future we do research of other states and the affects/effects to the community at large.

Council liaison suggested that the board be involved in providing education & information to help the community to understand the cause and effects of cannabis.

**DECISION:** Consensus on the board to send a letter to the Mayor and Council supporting the Councils current decisions

**Other Business: NONE**

**Motion to adjourn:** Diane Ohme

**Seconded by:** John Klein

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:36 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Wendi Seelin  
Board Secretary

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**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 15, 2021**