

Hillsdale Board of Health
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Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 2, 2021
7:00 PM

President Opened the Meeting:

This is a regular 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 K. Meyerson; Diane Ohme, RN; Chris Looes; Louisa Toledo, RN; Dr. Kushner; John Klein; Beatriz Wawra, Gina Behre, REHS; Marguerite Deppert, RN; Lois Kohan, RN.; Janetta Trochimiuck, Councilwoman.

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

Call for Additional Agenda items:

Approval of Minutes: Re-Organization and Regular meeting January 6, 2021

Motion to receipt and file: C. Looes **Seconded by:** D. Ohme

Correspondence: None

President's Report:

Health Officer and Employee Reports: (copies of reports are filed). These reports include: Health Officer's activities, Vital Statistics, monthly financial receipts and Public Health Nurse Reports.

1. Gina Behre, Health Officer, gave her report for January, 2021
 - Continue with daily phone calls with the NJ Dept. of Health.
 - There is a slight decline in COVID-19 cases across the state.
 - The federal mask mandate has been put in effect.
 - NWBRHC is a designated location for vaccinations, however they had planned on a clinic and the state pulled back on giving vaccinations to local health departments for now. They were to receive 100 vaccines, priority to first responders.
 - No citations this month.

2. M. Deppert gave her report for January 2021

- No cases of childhood lead poisoning reported.
- Child Health Conference cancelled.
- 180 cases of COVID-19 reported in January.
- Bi-weekly meetings with communicable disease case investigators in Bergen County.
- COVID-19 conference calls with NJDOH Office of Local Public Health 3x week.
- NJ Vaccine Scheduling System office hours on 1/10.
- Moderna educational webinar for healthcare providers on 1/14.
- Immunization records audited at Loving Touch Nursery School on 1/22.
- Access for All meeting on 1/19 to discuss bylaw revisions, member appointments. Borough engineer attended to review grant opportunities.
- Access for All meeting on 1/28 to discuss programs and outreach events during COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Lois Kohan gave her report for January 2021

- Due to inclement weather, there were no exercise classes at Hillsdale House.
- Webinars on 1/13/21, 1/14/21, 1/20/21.
- Meeting with the welfare director on 01/14/21.
- Weekly phone calls or outdoor visits to clients to check on their well-being.
- Meeting with the director of Meals on Wheels 1/14/21.
- Spoke with OEM.
- Met with two teachers at Pascack Valley High School who had their senior students write letters and give cookies to 93 senior citizens at the Hillsdale House for MLK day.

4. Statistics and Financial Reports for January 2021 reported.

Motion to receipt and file: J. Klein

Seconded by: C. Looes

Passed Unanimously

Opening and Closing of Public Meeting: 7:32

No one from the public joined on the remote call.

Prior Business:

1. Municipal Alliance –meeting rescheduled to 2/8 5pm due to snow.
2. COVID-19 Update-
 - Indoor sports have started and have been quite challenging.
 - The schools themselves are doing a great job and more and more continue to work hard to establish themselves as a safe place.
 - There's an increase in cases in Hillsdale was with middle-aged adults, however we saw an increase in late teens and early 20's due to sports and parties.
 - NWBRHC, when approved by the State, will be able to set up vaccination clinics similar to a flu clinic. They are actively working on a plan with our nurse and OEM on how to proceed when vaccinations are distributed.

- D. Ohme expressed her concern with the registration system. G. Behre explained that for approximately every 2,000 vaccines that become available every week in Bergen County, there are approximately 30,000 people online trying to get an appointment. The State is working to try and correct all of the problems.
3. Budget - E. Meyerson and M. Deppert will attend the BOH budget session.
 4. Food License Fee Ordinance – We are awaiting further direction to proceed.
 5. Grease trap ordinance - G. Behre explained what a grease trap ordinance entailed and the importance of the restaurants having grease traps. We have asked for information on how many of our restaurants already have grease traps. There is a lot of information that has to be gathered and options for developing an ordinance. The grease trap is very important, yet expensive to purchase and maintain. The Board of Health will continue to discuss the establishment of a grease trap ordinance.

New Business:

1. Vaccine distribution community education- will discuss further at a later date when there is vaccine available.
2. Orientation and training certificate- gathering materials to distribute.

Other Business: None

Motion to adjourn: L. Toledo

Seconded by: C. Looes

Meeting adjourned: 9 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Hausmann

Board of Health Secretary

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Next Meeting: Tuesday March 2, 2021 7:00 pm