

## **Minutes of the Reorganizational & Regular Meeting of the Board of Health January 20, 2021**

The Reorganizational Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:30pm by The President, Mr. Bob Dorsi, in conformance with the Sunshine Law.

Upon roll call Mr. Bob Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Dr. Komal Naik, Mrs. Gerri Moran, Mrs. Ellen Guritzky, Mrs. Carolyn Sayre, Mr. Jeff Varnerin and Mrs. Annie McNair from Union County were present.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to elect Mr. Bob Dorsi as President for 2020. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to elect Mr. Ed Sorge as Vice President for 2020. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky; seconded by Dr. Komal Naik to approve a Resolution to appoint Linda Palumbo as Secretary from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

### **Regular Meeting:**

Upon roll call Mr. Bob Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Dr. Komal Naik, Mrs. Gerri Moran, Mrs. Ellen Guritzky, Mrs. Carolyn Sayre, Mr. Jeff Varnerin and Mrs. Annie McNair from Union County.

A motion was made by Mr. Ed Sorge to approve the minutes of November 17, 2020 Board of Health Meeting and seconded by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

**Presidents Report- Mr. Bob Dorsi:** welcomed Mr. Jeff Varnerin as the Town Council liaison and Mrs. Carolyn Sayre as the new BOH member.

**Health Officer's Report:** There are currently 45 active cases in Berkeley Heights. Since our first patient in March 2020, we have had 855 positive cases and 67 deaths (60 LTC). Since the beginning of the January, we had a spike in school-aged children which were associated with two indoor parties: New Year's Eve party and a birthday party. Overall, there have been 35 positive cases from these two incidents, a combination of students and family members. Two weeks ago, Berkeley Heights was at a moderate (yellow) COVID-19 Activity Level Index (a.k.a. CALI score) with a 7.6% positivity rate and a 21 7-day average cases per 100k. Last week it went up to a Very High (red) activity level with a 9% positivity rate and a 60 7-day average cases per 100k due to the current outbreak. We will find out this week's

activity level on Thursday. If the region is at a high activity level (orange) the schools do not have to go virtual. Last week, the county was at an 11% activity level and a 54 7-day average cases per 100k. County and state information is available on the NJDOH website by doing a search for “CALI weekly reports”.

We began school immunization audits this week: so far 100% compliance.

<b>BERKELEY HEIGHTS SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION AUDIT APPOINTMENT</b>		
School	Appointment	Completed
<b>WESTMINISTER NURSERY</b>	<b>JANUARY 20 12PM</b>	Yes
<b>DIAMOND HILL MONTESSORI</b>	<b>LEFT VM</b>	
<b>PRIMROSE</b>	<b>JANUARY 27 12PM</b>	
<b>MARY K MCMILLEN</b>	<b>JANUARY 22 10AM</b>	
<b>THOMAS P HUGHES 2-5 grade</b>	<b>JANUARY 29 10AM</b>	
<b>MOUNTAIN PARK 2-5 grade</b>	<b>JANUARY 27 10AM</b>	
<b>WILLIAM WOODRUFF 2-5 (middle school)</b>	<b>JANUARY 20 10AM</b>	Yes
<b>FLEX SCHOOL 1-12 grade</b>	<b>NO AUDITING</b>	
<b>GL HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>JANUARY 29 12PM</b>	
<b>BH YMCA</b>	<b>JANUARY 22 12PM</b>	

The drive-thru testing center at Kean University is open 3 days a week from 9am to 2pm and walk-ups on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10-12pm. As of January 14, the county had tested over 116K people (116,067). Registration and general information are available on the county’s UCNJ.ORG homepage.

Vaccination with the Moderna vaccine began at Kean University on Thursday, January 7th from 3-7pm. To date we have vaccinated 2,393 people, surpassing 3,000 by the end of the week. Vaccines are in limited supply. We plan to continue vaccinating the community 5 days a week, 4 days at Kean University and one day in Plainfield. There is a very high demand for vaccination.

Food Inspections: Since our last meeting in November, we inspected 9 food establishments (4 conditionals and when re-inspected, satisfactory) and 1 pharmacy.

LaRosa Chicken inspected on 11/23/20- Satisfactory

Hop Hing re-inspection on 11/23/20- Satisfactory

Goodman's Deli and Restaurant Inspection on- 12/3/20- Conditional, re-Inspection for Goodman's Deli and Restaurant- 12/22/20- Satisfactory

Dunkin Donuts re-inspection on 12/10/20- Satisfactory

Walgreens at Summit Medical Group inspection on 12/14/20- Satisfactory

Proud Thai inspection on 12/22/20- Satisfactory

Delicious Heights re-inspection - 12/10/20- Satisfactory

Berkeley News & Convenience Inspection - 12/10/20- Conditional & re-inspection 12/28/20- Satisfactory

Clemente's Pizzeria/Strega re-inspection- 12/28/20- Satisfactory

Marcello's Restaurant inspected on 12/28/20- Conditional & re-inspection 1/11/21- Satisfactory

New Businesses: Pre-operational inspection for T & S Mobile Kitchen conducted on 12/14/20- never paid for food license for 2021.

Septic Tank Removal: Observed 3 septic tanks removal on 1/19/21 at 91 Lone Pine Drive

### **General Communications:**

This year's Town Council liaison, Jeff Varnerin, was welcomed by Mr. Bob Dorsi. Jeff has lived in Berkeley Heights for 15 years, formerly a paramedic and currently works for a pharmaceutical company.

Our new BOH member, Carolyn Sayre, was welcomed by Mr. Bob Dorsi. Carolyn has lived in Berkeley Heights for approximately 10 years, is a volunteer EMT and has an extensive background in writing for many medical magazines.

We currently have less than 10 food licenses balances.

The 2021 BOH Meeting Dates motion passed.

There was a brief discussion about schools and teachers getting vaccinated.

**New Business:** no report

**Old Business:** no report

**Citizens Hearing:** no report

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Bob Dorsi asked for a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:07pm. A motion was made by Mr. Ed Sorge; seconded by Mrs. Ellen Guritzky to adjourn to March 17, 2021 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Linda Palumbo