

# Board of Health Minutes

May 17, 2023

## Regular Meeting

Upon roll call Mr. Bob Dorsi, Mr. Ed Sorge, Dr. Komal Naik, Mrs. Ellen Guritzky, Mrs. Carolyn Sayre, Mrs. Stephanie Karpoff, Mr. Jeff Varnerin, Ms. Carolyn Sorge from Union County and Mr. Mark Collichio from the City of Elizabeth.

**A motion was made by** Mr. Bob Dorsi to approve the minutes of March 15, 2023 Board of Health Meeting and seconded by Mr. Ed Sorge. By unanimous vote all members were in favor.

**Presidents Report:** no report

## Health Officer's Report/Office of Health Management (UCOHM) Updates:

### COVID-19 Testing

- County testing will end Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

### Vaccinations

- Last day at Warinanco Skate Park will be Thursday, May 18, 2023.
- Plainfield High School, 9am-12pm, Saturdays
- Focus has shifted to community outreach via Mobile clinics scheduled throughout the County.

Currently the County and the Township are at Low Community Level of Transmission per the CDC's COVID-19 Community Level Index.

Recommendations during this level includes:

- Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Avoiding contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Getting tested if you have symptoms.
- Individuals at high risk for severe illness should talk to their healthcare provider to determine if masks should be worn.

### Public Health Nursing Communicable Disease Investigation

For the period of March 22 to May 16, 2023, there were 97 reported and investigated communicable disease cases which include COVID-19, Lyme Disease (5 cases), and Hepatitis C (1 case). The Hepatitis case remains open for investigation.

Runnells, Cornerstone, and Autumn Lake have been in Outbreak since September, and monitoring continues. Cornerstone reported 3 gastrointestinal/stomach issues which are being monitored and contained.

### Schools

Immunization audits have been completed by our Public Health Nurse for all public schools and childcare/daycare centers.

### Lead

There are no active lead investigation cases.

## Environmental Health REHS Report .

Business Name	Address 1	Inspection Result	Inspection Reason
Hop Hing Chinese Restaurant	430 B Springfield Ave	Unsatisfactory	09. Complaint (Other)
Hop Hing Chinese Restaurant	430 B Springfield Ave	Satisfactory	02. Reinspection
Empanada Guy Food Truck- CMS	345 Plainfield Avenue	Satisfactory	03. Pre-Opening
Empanada Guy Food Truck- CMS	345 Plainfield Avenue	Satisfactory	04. Plan Review
Connell Foundation Food Group LLC	300 Connell Dr	Approved	04. Plan Review 10. Temp Food App Review
The Little Sicilian	2901 Marne Highway	Approved	
Summit Medical Group, The Summit Café	1 Diamond Hill Road	Satisfactory	02. Reinspection
Mt. Carmel Society (T&L Catering)	56 River Road	Satisfactory	02. Reinspection
Lifetime Fitness Outdoor Café	25 Connell Dr	Satisfactory Conditionally	01. Routine
Lifetime Fitness Indoor Café	25 Connell Dr	Satisfactory	01. Routine

### New Business

The Fats Oils and Grease paperwork will be emailed September 1<sup>st</sup> along with the 2024 food license application and due by January 15.

Since there are many events this time of year around town which food trucks attend, please submit paperwork such as temporary food license application 10 days prior to the event. The Health Inspectors need the time to review the paperwork since they have a lot coming in.

There was 1 dog bite. There was 1 cat bite; the elderly cat was euthanized and a specimen was sent for a rabies test which was negative.

There was a discussion about Runnells since we have received many complaints about this facility including inadequate care and cleanliness. Many emails and phone calls have been reported to the State who has jurisdiction over this facility.

### Old Business

The 5 Pekin ducks located at 6 Debbie Place submitted the mandatory veterinary letter and paid the \$50 application fee.

**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 8:13pm. A motion was made by Mr. Ed Sorge; seconded by Mrs. Carolyn Sayre to adjourn on September 27, 2023 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Linda Palumbo