

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022**

Steven Clarke, President of the Board of Health (BOH) called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Steven Clarke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Steven Clarke, DC, Sau Yan Yee, MD, Donna Garbaccio, RN, Michael Sparozic, R.PH, and Linda Brock, RN (remote), Casey Colaneri, and Mayor Rudy Boonstra, Township Committee Liaison

Staff in attendance: Cindy Risseeuw, Secretary; Bergen County Department of Health (BCDOH) Staff: Laura Folco, Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

Absent: Lynne Spreen-Raffo, RN, and Devaleena Sen, R.PH

Cindy Risseeuw, Secretary, read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This Regular Work Session Meeting of the Wyckoff Board of Health is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald and News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed, and mailed to said newspapers. Formal action may be taken at this meeting."

Approval of April 14, 2022, Public Business Meeting and Public Work Session Minutes:

The approval of the April 14, 2022, meeting minutes; motioned Donna Garbaccio, Second Michael Sparozic; Rudy Boonstra, Linda Brock and Casey Colaneri abstained.

Report of REHS:

Laura Folco reviewed the REHS log.

Report of Board Members:

None.

Public Comment:

None

New and Unfinished Business:

Steven Clarke welcomed Alma Mader, Chairperson of Meals on Wheels to the BOH meeting. Ms. Mader has been the Chairperson of Meals on Wheels for 30 years. The Meals on Wheels program began with the Wyckoff Board of Health (it is not affiliated with any Federal or New Jersey Meals on Wheels organizations). The Meals on Wheels board consists of 15 volunteers of which 5 are Registered Nurses (RN's), The RN's perform assessments and take the medical history of each applicant. The criteria for receiving meals is if you are unable to grocery shop or cook for yourself. The organization has 40 volunteers who deliver meals Monday through Friday between the hours of 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Meals on Wheels feeds approximately 22 Wyckoff residents each week. Most clients are in their late 80's and 90's. Each client receives one hot meal and one cold sandwich which is prepared at the Christian Healthcare Center. Special dietary needs can be met for the clients. Ms. Mader stated that there has been an uptick of need for meal delivery since the pandemic due to the fact that many clients were afraid of shopping in the stores. Volunteers who deliver the meals provide an added benefit of performing a welfare check on the clients; if a problem is discovered, the volunteer will notify the Wyckoff Police Department. During the winter months, added challenges include driveways and walkways that are not shoveled. Ms. Mader sends out a notice to all clients in October stating that driveways and walkways must be cleared of snow in order to receive meals.

Ms. Mader informed the BOH that the Community Thrift Store located at 85 Godwin Avenue in Midland Park accepts donations of clothing and small household items. A portion of the resale is donated to the Wyckoff Meals on Wheels program. To ensure the Meals on Wheels program receives the funds, please mark donation bags with the number #40.

Ms. Mader stated that Meals on Wheels needs a part-time Social Worker from the Township of Wyckoff to assist their clients in need and dealing with issues such as family abuse.

Dr. Clarke discussed the complications that are occurring with the legislation legalizing marijuana.

Dr. Clarke discussed the shortage of baby formula. Abbott will be importing baby formula from Ireland.

Dr. Yee discussed a shortage of iodine used for contrast in CT scans.

Dr. Clarke reminded members of the following Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Law requirements. Board members must include the following language on all memos to board members:

“The Board/Commission Secretary or Liaison shall be included in any email a Township Committee appointed Board/Commission member sends. All emails are subject to the Open Public Records Act and as such, may be requested by citizens. (This requirement is applicable to all members of the Wyckoff Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Library Board of Trustees, Recreation and Parks Commission, Board of Health, Environmental

Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Design Review Advisory Committee, and any other ad-hock committee regardless if it is sent from your personal/business computer or personal/business data phone.) There should be no expectation that the content of emails exchanged with municipal officials and employees will remain private.”

Donna Garbaccio motioned to close the Public Work session; seconded, Casey Colaneri; all members present voting affirmatively.

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.