

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 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 (remote), RN, Devaleena Sen, R.PH, Michael Sparozic, R.PH, Lynne Spreen-Raffo, RN, and Linda Brock, RN (remote)

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

Absent: Linda Brock, Casey Colaneri, and Mayor Rudy Boonstra, Township Committee Liaison

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 February 10, 2022 and March 10, 2022, Public Business Meeting and Public Work Session Minutes:

The approval of the February 10, 2022, meeting minutes; motioned Mike Sparozic, Second Lynne Spreen-Raffo; Devaleena Sen abstained.

The approval of the March 10, 2022, meeting minutes; motioned Lynne Spreen-Raffo, Second Mike Sparozic; Devaleena Sen, Donna Garbaccio 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:

President Steven Clarke discussed the Ridgewood Press Release dated March 21, 2022. Ridgewood Water has received a direct grant in 2022 in the amount of \$2.8 million from the US Environmental Protection Agency. This grant will be used to offset for 2022 the \$3.5 million capital expenses for the Ravine Avenue Treatment Plant (red house on Goffle Road next to the Speedway gas station). The project is expected to start August 2022 and completion is scheduled for June 2023. Ridgewood Water's expectation is to be PFA free by early 2024.

The Covid-19 numbers were declining during the month of April 2022.

Cindy Risseeuw, Board of Health Secretary, reported that the drive thru Rabies Clinic on March 12, 2022, was a success and smooth process. In total, 126 dogs, and 8 cats received their rabies vaccine. Dr. Clarke thanked all BOH and Town workers for a great job.

Steven Clarke had spoken to Alma Mader, President of Meals on Wheels. Ms. Mader reports that there are many Wyckoff seniors who are having economic issues and mental health issues and need assistance. Mrs. Mader is scheduled to speak at the next BOH meeting.

The members of the BOH were pleased to see the Special Needs Survey in the Spring 2022 Wyckoff Newsletter. The members suggested placing the survey on the Wyckoff website as well as distributing it to Wyckoff residents at Wyckoff Day.

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."

Mike Sparozic motioned to close the Public Work session; seconded, Lynne Spreen-Raffo; all members present voting affirmatively.

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.