

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

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, Lynne Spreen-Raffo, RN, Devaleena Sen, R.PH, Linda Brock, RN, Casey Colaneri, 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:** Michael Sparozic, 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 June 8, 2023, Public Business Meeting and Public Work Session Minutes:**

The approval of the June 8, 2023, meeting minutes; motioned Casey Colaneri, Seconded Rudy Boonstra; all in favor.

**Report of REHS:**

Laura Folco reviewed the REHS log. Board member discussion ensued.

**Report of Board Members:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None

## **New and Unfinished Business:**

Steven Clarke discussed the possibility of hosting a community event regarding the Wildlife in Wyckoff. Lynne Spreen-Raffo suggested holding the program in January or February 2024; all board members present agreed.

Rudy Boonstra discussed the Walk-In Medical facility being constructed in the Stop & Shop building. The permit for construction (excluding the fire subcode) was issued on 08/02/23.

Laura Folco discussed grease trap maintenance. Grease traps have been removed from the health code. Any issues will be handled by the Plumbing Inspector. Rudy Boonstra stated that any blockages would be handled by the NBCUA (Northwest Bergen County Utility Authority) not the Township of Wyckoff.

Laura Folco stated that the BCDOH will need to review the construction plans for the Country Café.

Steven Clarke discussed the current COVID-19 status. Hospitalizations are up in the states of Montana, Alabama, and Minnesota. Steven Clarke mentioned that the next COVID-19 booster was released on 09/11/23. According to Lynne Spreen-Raffo another booster is due to be released some time in October 2023. COVID-19 vaccines are no longer covered by health insurance.

Steven Clarke discussed Wyckoff Day, which is scheduled for September 23, 2023, at the Wyckoff Family YMCA. Laura Folco provided materials from the BCDOH at tonight's meeting. The BOH also requested information on Lantern Flies from the BCDOH. Dr. Clarke is looking for board members to volunteer.

Rudy Boonstra stated that there was a groundbreaking ceremony at the Ridgewood Water plant on Goffle Road. This is the first plant being constructed to reach the goal of being PFA/PFO compliant by the year 2026. He also noted that PFA/PFO's are not present in surface water, only in ground water.

Linda Brock mentioned that the parking situation on Ward Avenue for the Wyckoff Thai restaurant has become an issue. Cars parked on both sides of the street do not allow for emergency vehicle access. Rudy Boonstra will discuss at the next Police Committee meeting.

The BOH discussed hosting a flu clinic this year. The BOH noted that the number of participants has decreased significantly over the years and has opted not to host the flu clinic this year. The flu vaccine is readily available at local pharmacies and private physicians.

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

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.