

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

Steve Clarke, President of the Board of Health (BOH) called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. via the ZOOM Video Conferencing Application.

Steve Clarke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Steven Clarke, DC, Donna Garbaccio, RN, Lynne Spreen-Raffo, RN, Michael Sparozic, R.PH, Devaleena Sen, R.PH, Linda Brock, RN, Casey Colaneri

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

Absent: Sau Yan Yee, MD, Peter Melchionne, Township Committee Liaison

Reading of the Zoom Statement and Open Public Meetings Act Public Work Session statement:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act NJSA 10:4-6 et seq., and in consideration of Executive Order #103, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the Planning Board of the Township of Wyckoff does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, the meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Wyckoff scheduled for Thursday January 14, 2021 will be conducted virtually through the Zoom Video Conferencing Application and it will be live-streamed on the Township of Wyckoff's YouTube channel. The Work Session is scheduled for 7:30 and the Public Business meeting will begin at 8:00 pm.

These measures are implemented to allow members of the public to observe the meeting via live streaming and to provide the ability to comment during the periods for public comment during the meeting through Zoom telephone call in technology. Joining the meeting by telephone will be utilized as security against the sharing of inappropriate video content.

General instructions regarding access to the meeting is posted on the Wyckoff web site's home page at www.wyckoff-nj.com as a "News" item.

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 11, 2021 Public Business Meeting and Public Work Session Minutes:

Michael Sparozic motioned and Devaleena Sen seconded; all members present voted affirmatively.

Report of REHS:

Michelle Murati reviewed the REHS log.

Report of Board Members:

None.

Public Comment:

There was no comment from the public.

New and Unfinished Business:

COVID-19

Dr. Clarke stated that the COVID-19 numbers are dramatically down across the country. There was a 24% decline from last month. There were 68 million doses of vaccine delivered, 46 million doses were administered and 11 million second doses were administered.

Laura Folco, Chief REHS for the BCDOH is handling the COVID-19 related items. Updated guidance has been changing almost daily. Ms. Folco stated that the Wyckoff YMCA is amazing and has been doing an excellent job of keeping the YMCA members safe. The YMCA has an excellent staff, their screener is excellent, not just rote and the YMCA is very attentive. Ms. Folco has been assisting businesses with complying with the over 200 Executive Orders issued by Governor Murphy. Ms. Folco has found that all businesses are being proactive and looking to keep the community safe. Ms. Folco contacts businesses regarding compliance issues with the goal of making the business thrive and be successful.

Dr. Clarke asked Ms. Folco who at the BCDOH would be available as the second officer of the day to assist the Township of Wyckoff during this pandemic. Ms. Folco stated that she would be able to assist the Township and if necessary direct the Township to the appropriate person/department.

Regarding school pandemic guidance, Ms. Folco stated that the Executive Orders are coming down from the State of New Jersey, not Bergen County. Dr. Clarke stated that there were concerns that Bergen County is following different rules than other counties in the State. Ms. Folco stated that Bergen County adheres to all Governor Murphy's Executive Orders. Ms. Sen asked about vaccinations for educators. Ms. Folco stated that the protocol for the vaccination of educators is coming from Governor Murphy's office.

Mr. Colaneri stated that there have been many questions from residents regarding establishing a vaccination location in Wyckoff. Ms. Folco stated that you must be an “established provider” to distribute the vaccine. Becoming a provider to run a vaccination site is very difficult and the logistics involved are complex due to the refrigeration issues. This is the reason Bergen County partnered with the New Bridge Medical Center as a vaccination site.

Well Child Program

Ms. Risseeuw stated there was nothing new to report this month.

Rabies Clinic

The Board of Health members that assisted with the Rabies Clinic noted that the drive-thru process due to the pandemic was more efficient than the walk-in process held in past years. This year 183 dogs and 21 cats were vaccinated. Steve Clarke thanked the Municipal Clerk’s office and the DPW for everything they did to make the day a success.

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 session; seconded, Linda Brock; all members present voting affirmatively.

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.