

**REGULAR MEETING
of the
OAKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH**

**December 15, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

ZOOM MEETING

REGULAR BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tiffinger called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

ROLL CALL

All Yeas – Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Laterra, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

ABSENT MEMBERS

Mr. Ashkenazi was absent, due to recuperation from a surgical procedure.

On motion of Ms. Ashkenazi, seconded by Mr. LaForgia Mr. Ashkenazi's absence was excused.

Roll Call: Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Laterra, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

OTHERS PRESENT

Thomas J. Romans, Esq., Senior REHS Kristin Caperino, REHS Gary Dorsi

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Tiffinger announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the open public meetings law, duly announced, submitted to the newspaper and advertised more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting, and notice posted in the municipal building and on the borough website.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the November minutes.

On motion of Mr. LaForgia, seconded by Mr. Talucci, the minutes were approved.

Roll Call: Ayes: Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Laterra, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger
Abstention: Mr. Provenzale

REVIEW REPORTS

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- BCDHS Public Health Nursing & Activity Report & CDRSS Report – November
- REHS Monthly Report & Summaries - November
- Tyco Animal Control Report – November
- Secretary's/Registrar's Report – November

On motion of Mr. Talucci, seconded by Ms. Ashkenazi, the reports were accepted.

Roll Call: Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Laterra, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board reviewed the following unpaid bills:

12/3/2020 – Tyco (Animal control services November 2020)	\$ 1300.00
12/15/2020 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq (Professional Services Retainer December 2020)	\$ 243.75
11/18/2020 – Bergen County Department of Health (Public Health Officer & REHS 7/1/2020 – 12/31/2020)	\$ 24,471.35
11/18/2020 – Bergen County Department of Health (Septic and well services for 6/1/2020 – 10/31/2020)	\$ 47,935.24

On motion of Mr. LaForgia, seconded by Mr. Talucci, the Board approved the unpaid bills for payment.

Roll Call: Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Laterra, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF GIANT FARMER'S MARKET CONDITIONAL STATUS

Ms. Caperino stated that the Giant Farmer's Market's frequently gets a new food manager to oversee the whole store. She suggested getting all of the food handlers to take a manager's course at some level. She said that there may be a virtual class that they could take.

Mr. Romans suggested that the owners come before the board in a Zoom meeting to address all of the violations.

Mr. Provenzale suggested that they should address the violations in writing, stating how they intend to address each violation.

Mr. LaForgia agreed with Ms. Caperino that if there is a frequent turnover then everyone should be trained with manager's classes. Ms. Caperino said that they pull managers from their other stores.

Mr. Dorsi said there is a General or District Manager that he had seen but that he thought that he had been transferred back to another store. He had not met the deli or meat department managers. He also recommended training the staff.

Mr. Tiffinger said that we need the managers to appear before us, not the workers. Ms. Caperino said that it was Brian, who came before the board, but that she believes he is not at that store currently.

Ms. Caperino stated that some violations were not keeping food hot enough, hand washing issues, and other things that could be easily corrected, yet they are still conditional.

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Ms. Caperino stated that the Health Inspectors, at this point, feel that the employees of Giant Farmer's Market should take the course with the Bergen County Health Inspectors to make sure they are learning what they need to know. She said the Regional, District, or Main Manager be certified since he is traveling from store to store.

Mr. Talucci stated that the owners should come before the Board of Health and give answers of how this will be addressed.

Mr. Tiffinger said that each locations should have its own manager.

Mr. Talucci said that a manager should be able to communicate with the store employees. This is important, and if the employees are speaking another language, someone must be able to speak with them regularly about how things at the store should be done.

Ms. Caperino said that the Board should hold the 2021 license until they come before the Board and address this. Several board members agreed.

Mr. Tiffinger said that the owner must come to the next meeting and address the violations on the report.

Ms. Ashkenazi inquired if the owners give their current address, not the establishment address. Mr. Romans said that the Board has the right to that contact information.

Ms. Ashkenazi suggested making a master list of the establishments, the owners, the contact person, and their addresses. Mr. Romans said this can be done without an ordinance.

Ms. Steele said that she could add those fields to the renewal forms going forward, and for the current year, she would call and ask them for the information with the owner's address, the manager's address. Ms. Ashkenazi stated that Ms. Steele should say that the Board wants the information.

Ms. Steele suggested that she could get the information about the owner of the Giant Farmer's Market and call them to get their information and then send them a certified letter including the violations and that the Board wants them to appear at the January Zoom meeting with a plan that addresses each of the violations and how they are going to be fixed. The Board Members agreed to that course of action.

OTHER BUSINESS

COVID-19 VACCINE

Mr. Talucci addressed the Covid-19 Vaccine.

He stated that there were two reasons that it was developed quickly: 1.) the administration created a competitive environment and 2.) the ability to produce the product, package it, and have it ready before it was approved.

He stated that he would like to make a clarification that a normal reactionary processes to mRNA vaccines are a fever and fatigue. These symptoms should be experienced when mRNA is introduced to the body. If you experience these reactionary processes, the vaccine is working as it should. These are not side effects.

The Covid-19 vaccine is given in 2 doses – you must get both doses from the same company.

He suggested getting the Shingrix vaccine also, which comes in two doses.

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There should be at least two weeks between different kinds of vaccines (for example, Covid-19 vaccine, Shingrix vaccine, Flu vaccine) if possible, and not to have any vaccines given for two weeks prior to the Covid-19 vaccine.

He said that subzero products, such as the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine are very well monitored to ensure that they have been kept at the appropriate temperature the entire time that they have been handled.

ADJOURNMENT


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On motion of Mr. Talucci, seconded by Mr. LaForgia, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Roll Call: Ms. Ashkenazi, Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Lattera, Mr. Provenza, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

APPROVED:


Stephen C. Tiffinger, President

ATTEST: 
Sandra Steele, Secretary

DATE: 1/19/21