

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
OAKLAND BOARD OF HEALTH**

September 19, 2023 – Oakland Public Library 6:30pm

MINUTES

REGULAR BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER **Time: 6:33 PM**

ROLL CALL: All Yeas - Mr. LaForgia, Ms. Check, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

ABSENT MEMBERS

Ms. Goffredo and Mr. Goodrich were absent from the meeting due to prior commitments.

On motion of Ms. Check, seconded by Mr. Provenzale, Ms. Goffredo's and Mr. Goodrich's absences were excused.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas - Mr. LaForgia, Ms. Check, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

OTHERS PRESENT

Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli, Sophy Sedarat, Esq., Chief REHS Laura Folco

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

This meeting is being held in accordance with the regulations of the Public Meetings Law, notices of which were sent to The Record, Suburban Trends and any other persons requesting same.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present to open Public Comments.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the June 20, 2023, meeting minutes.

On motion of Mr. LaForgia and Mr. Provenzale, the June 20, 2023, minutes are approved.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas - Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger
 Abstained – Ms. Check

REVIEW REPORTS

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- BCDHS Public Health Nursing Activity Report, CDRSS, Audits – June, July, August
- REHS' Monthly Report – June, July, August
- Tyco Animal Control Report – June, July, August
- Secretary/Registrar's Report – June, July, August

On motion of Mr. Provenzale, seconded by Mr. LaForgia, the reports are accepted.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas - Mr. LaForgia, Ms. Check, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board reviewed the following Bills:

Bills requiring ratification (paid during the period of summer adjournment):

06/09/2023 – Bergen County Department of Health (Septic and Well Services for 01/01/23-05/31/23)	\$49,458.81
07/17/2023 – Bergen County Department of Health (Public Health Officer & Registered Environmental Health Specialist)	\$25,576.90
07/10/2023 – Sophy Sedarat, Esq. (2 nd Qtr. BOH Legal Services, per 2023 Professional Services Contract)	\$ 731.25
07/01/2023 – Tyco Animal Control (Animal Control Services June 2023, per contract)	\$ 1,350.00
07/01/2023 – Tyco Animal Control (Animal Control Emergency - 2 Responses June 2023)	\$ 120.00
08/01/2023 – Tyco Animal Control (Animal Control Services July 2023, per contract)	\$ 1,350.00
08/01/2023 – Tyco Animal Control (Animal Control Emergency - 2 Responses July 2023)	\$ 120.00

Unpaid bills:

08/30/2023 – Borough of Waldwick (2 nd Qtr. Well Child Clinics, per 2023 Interlocal Service Agreement)	\$ 20.00
09/01/2023 – Tyco Animal Control (Animal Control Services August 2023, per contract)	\$ 1,350.00

On motion of Mr. Talucci, seconded by Ms. Check, the bills were ratified and approved for payment.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas - Mr. LaForgia, Ms. Check, Mr. Provenziale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2024 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING SCHEDULE – 6:30PM OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 16 * (Reorganization & Regular Meeting)

February 20

March 19

April 16

May 21

June 18

September 17

October 15

November 19

December 17

On motion of Mr. Provenzale, seconded by Ms. Check, the 2024 BOH Meeting Schedule was approved.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas - Mr. LaForgia, Ms. Check, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

12 Tulane Road - Ms. Check on behalf of Mr. Goodrich was inquiring whether anything has been done regarding the property at 12 Tulane and the "open septic" issue. Council Liaison Pignatelli mentioned that the disposal system has no cover and there's an open pool of sewage. Ms. Falco said Joe, from the County, had gone out to the property and there was no sewage found, there was just no top fill. Ms. Folco stated that if the septic system is compliant, then the rest of the property issues fall under property maintenance. Council Liaison Pignatelli asked Ms. Folco to provide an update before the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Senior Free Flu Shot Clinic – It was discussed the clinic is scheduled for October 12, 2023, in the Oakland Senior Center Art Room from 1:00pm – 3:00pm and is co-sponsored by Oakland Drugs.

Senior Center Programs - Mr. Talucci asked who runs the programs out of the Senior Center such as the sciatica event. Ms. Falco responded if it's something like blood pressure screening, then it would be coordinated with Bergen County Health Promotions department and a nurse would be present. Ms. Saunders will follow up with the Senior Center Director to find out who runs these programs.

Singas Pizza - A discussion ensued regarding Singas Pizza, in the location of the old Pizza Hut. It was mentioned that the preopening problems they had were related to getting their CCO because they opened before they should have. Ms. Falco stated they needed to do some equipment shifting, but all issues have since been resolved.

Baby Deer in ShopRite - Ms. Folco stated the police and animal control were called. The police got there first and were able to get the deer out of the store. According to Ms. Folco, ShopRite was required to throw away food that was exposed to the deer and sanitize the area.

34 Minnehaha Boulevard - Mr. LaForgia asked for an update on this property. Ms. Folco stated there are problems include feeding wildlife, too many dogs, and running a dog grooming business out of the house. Multiple neighbors have complained. Even though the owner denied feeding deer, Ms. Folco said deer came up to her looking for food and there were remnants of food on the ground. The homeowners have been issued summonses to court, he is pleading not guilty, and it has been adjourned to another time. He

has gotten the number of dogs down to the amount allowed to be licensed. The owner has expressed intentions to move.

West Oakland Avenue Dog Bites - Ms. Folco stated the situation involved a few different dogs and multiple people being bitten. Neighbors indicated these dogs have bitten numerous times in the past, but Ms. Folco confirmed these bites were never reported, therefore they cannot be considered. Ms. Folco explained that the law on dog bites has changed and now depends on the criteria outlined under the potentially dangerous dog law. Attacks such as severe permanent damage to someone or the killing of another animal, for example, would apply. These criteria were not met in this case. TYCO followed up with the dogs' owner.

13 Ramapo Valley Road - Mr. Tiffinger asked for more information on the complaint on this property which is the location of the motel. Ms. Folco explained the property is unkept and is mostly a property maintenance issue. This complaint was regarding specifically loose garbage creating a situation with mice and rodents. This property is being handled primarily by the building department.

3 Fir Court – Ms. Folco referred this to the environmental division. Might potentially concern solid waste. Ms. Folco will follow up.

McCoy Road Project - Mr. LaForgia asked about the planning board approvals for this project. Ms. Sedarat indicated they were given final site plan approval from the Board of Health. There is no septic, it will be on sewer. The development will include 150 townhouses and 40 rentals.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. LaForgia, seconded by Mr. Talucci, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm.

ROLL CALL: All Yeas - Mr. LaForgia, Ms. Check, Mr. Provenzale, Mr. Talucci, Mr. Tiffinger

APPROVED:



Stephen C. Tiffinger, President

ATTEST: 

Laura P. Saunders, Secretary

DATE: 10/24/23

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