

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

September 15, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.

ZOOM Meeting

REGULAR BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tiffinger called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

All members present.

OTHERS PRESENT

Board of Health Attorney Thomas J. Romans, Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli and Senior REHS Kristin Caperino

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Tiffinger announced that the meeting was 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.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the June minutes.

On motion of Mr. Provenzale, seconded by Mr. Ashkenazi, the minutes were approved.

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

REVIEW REPORTS

The Board reviewed the following reports:

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

On motion of Mr. LaForgia, seconded by Mr. Laterra, the reports were accepted.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board reviewed the following bills paid during the period of summer adjournment:

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

7/6/2020 – Borough of Waldwick (Services provided during 1 st Qtr. – Annual Admin. Fee, 1 child exam, 1 child Immunization only)	\$ 185.00
7/1/2020 – Tyco (Animal control services June 2020)	\$ 1300.00
7/1/2020 – Tyco (Emergency responses for June 2020 @ 60.00 each)	\$ 60.00
7/6/2020 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq. (Professional Services Retainer July 2020)	\$ 243.75
7/6/2020 – Bergen County Department of Health (Blood borne Pathogen Training 1/1/2020 – 5/31/2020)	\$ 60.00
7/10/2020 – Bergen County Department of Health (Septic and well services for 1/1/2020 – 5/31/2020)	\$ 47,477.26
8/13/2020 - MGL Printing Solutions (Marriage License Envelopes)	\$ 63.00
8/3/2020 – Tyco (Animal control services July 2020)	\$ 1300.00
8/3/2020 – Tyco (Emergency responses for July 2020 @ 60.00 each)	\$ 300.00
8/13/2020 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq. (Professional Services Retainer August 2020)	\$ 243.75

On motion of Mr. Provenzale, seconded by Mr. LaForgia, the Board ratified the bills approved for payment during the period of summer adjournment.

The Board reviewed the following unpaid bills:

9/1/2020 – Tyco (Animal control services August 2020)	\$ 1300.00
9/1/2020 – Tyco (Emergency responses for August 2020 @ 60.00 each)	\$ 180.00
9/9/2020 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq. (Professional Services Contract September 2020)	\$ 243.75

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Junior's Pizza had 2 conditionals within a 12 month period

Mr. Tiffinger asked Ms. Caperino what the violations were that prompted Junior's Pizza to get 2 conditionals.

Ms. Caperino responded that they were critical violations – leaving food out, needing to clean up certain things in the area. She said that the inspectors will be going back into the establishments, as right now they have been working on the food establishments that did not receive a virtual inspection during the Covid-19 issues. She said the owner of Junior's will be appearing to explain what he has been doing to clean the establishment during this time.

Mr. Tiffinger asked if it was the same owner that came before the board previously, and Ms. Caperino confirmed that it is.

Mr. Talucci asked Ms. Caperino if the violations had to do with food storage in the refrigerator. She responded yes, and that food had been left out at room temperature. Mr. Talucci said there were the same issues when they last appeared before the Board.

The owner joined the meeting and stated his name as Baki Ahmedi at 400 Ramapo Valley Road – Junior's Pizza & Subs.

Mr. Tiffinger asked Mr. Ahmedi why he is back before the Board again with the same problems as last time – storage and food out of temperature.

Mr. Ahmedi asked, "Food out of temperature?"

Mr. Tiffinger asked Ms. Caperino for comment.

Ms. Caperino responded by stating that critical violations were found by the inspectors and that they were for things that he should know with a Food Manager's Certification. She said that critical violations are things that could get someone sick, such as leaving food out, food not being the proper temperature, improper hand-washing, lack of cleanliness, and cross-contamination. She asked Mr. Ahmedi if he was currently certified as a food manager. He said he personally does not have a food manager certification but that he does have two employees who are certified. He stated that he is going to attend an online class to get his food manager's certification. She asked which company he will be taking the class with. He did not know. She told him that he must notify her because the class must be properly accredited, and she would like to check that to make sure that the course is appropriate. Mr. Ahmedi stated that when he finds out the name of the company offering the course he will call Ms. Caperino and inform her of it.

Ms. Caperino asked what he has done since the inspection to correct the critical violations. Mr. Ahmedi stated that he has cleaned up as much as possible. He said that he has not been able to get someone to service the dishwasher, but

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that they have been utilizing their 3-compartment sink. He added that he has gotten gas put into the bain marie so it is now in appropriate condition, his refrigeration has been at appropriate temperatures, and he has been cleaning as much as possible. He added that they have never had an incident of customer illness in 34 years of having been in business.

Ms. Caperino asked if they have put a schedule in place to check temperatures throughout the day, to make sure the bain marie is working properly, to ensure deliveries are stored appropriately and in a timely manner, to hold employees accountable for keeping the public safe. Mr. Ahmedi responded yes and that he checks the refrigerator temperatures and checks that everything is working. He said they are keeping on top of everything as best as they can.

Mr. Talucci suggested that Mr. Ahmedi keep a log of the temperatures throughout the day so that he can view the temperatures for consistency and also to be able to show them to the inspectors who come in.

Mr. Provenzale inquired if there was improper storage of foods also. Ms. Caperino responded that there was and that there was food left out and food out of temperature. Mr. Ahmedi responded that blue cheese had been sitting out and he threw it away. He did not recall any other food being out of temperature. Mr. Provenzale added that raw foods and cooked foods should be stored properly away from each other. Mr. Ahmedi said he keeps his raw foods on the bottom and cooked foods higher. Ms. Caperino added that foods also should not be stored in buckets on the floor.

Ms. West asked Mr. Ahmedi approximately when he had previously appeared before the Board. Mr. Ahmedi estimated that it had been about eight years ago. Mr. Talucci agreed with that time estimate.

Council Liaison Pignatelli suggested that Mr. Ahmedi take the Inspection Report and regularly go down the list on it and make sure he is not repeating violations. Doing so would break any bad habit that has developed. This will ensure that he will keep the establishment clean according to the actual requirements. Mr. Ahmedi agreed that he would do so and that he would be keeping the establishment very clean.

Mr. Ahmedi was then permitted to exit the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

SENIOR FREE FLU SHOT PROGRAM

Ms. Steele reported that the Senior Free Flu Shot Program is scheduled for Thursday, October 8th, from 2 PM to 4 PM at the Senior Center and that Oakland Drugs will be administering the vaccinations and submitting to Medicare at no cost to the Borough once again this year. She added that there were currently 47 people pre-registered for the flu shot, the number of which was higher than it has been in recent years.

Mr. Talucci inquired as to which vaccine Oakland Drugs would be using. Ms. Steele responded that the pharmacist would give them a choice of senior dose or regular dose. Mr. Talucci recommended that they get quadrivalent vaccines preferably over trivalent, even if the quadrivalent were less potent. He also recommended single dose vials or pre-filled syringes when possible, rather than multidose vials (due to preservatives) especially for seniors and children. He added that it is good to wait until mid-October to get the vaccine because the titer drops after a period of time, thereby making it possible for their titers to become low in the late winter months.

NARCAN

Council Liaison Pignatelli informed the Board that Narcan is now going to be available at pharmacies. Mr. Talucci mentioned that there is a device that must be used to administer the dose, so he hopes the device is provided with the dose. This would allow a friend or family member to administer it to someone who has overdosed on opioids.

CHICKEN ORDINANCE UPDATE

Council Liaison Pignatelli informed the Board that the Mayor and Council are continuing discussion of the Chicken Ordinance, as they are still in the process of considering all of the input they are receiving. He informed the Board of the possibility that another inquiry for the Board's opinion may be forthcoming in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT

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On motion of Mr. Provenzale, seconded by Mr. Talucci, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

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

APPROVED:


Stephen C. Tiffinger, President

ATTEST: 
Sandra Steele, Secretary

DATE: November 24, 2020