

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

**April 27, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.  
MINUTES**

**Zoom Meeting, Oakland, NJ**

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Tiffinger called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Absent: Joseph Laterra                      Reason: Work

**MOTION TO EXCUSE**

On motion of Mr. Provenzale, seconded by Mr. LaForgia, Mr. Laterra's absence was excused.

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli, Senior REHS Kristin Caperino, Thomas J. Romans, Esq (was in listen-only mode)

**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 February minutes.

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

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

**REVIEW REPORTS**

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- BCDHS Public Health Nursing & Activity Report, CDRSS Reports & School Audits – February & March
- REHS Monthly Report & Summaries – February & March
- Tyco Animal Control Report – February & March
- Secretary's/Registrar's Report – February & March

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

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

The Board reviewed the following bills:

**Services Charged to 2020 Budget:**

<b>3/1/2020 – Tyco Animal Control</b> (Animal Control Services for February, per contract)	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>
<b>4/1/2020 – Tyco Animal Control</b> (Animal Control Services for March, per contract)	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>
<b>3/17/2020 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq.</b> (Retainer due per 2020 Professional Services Contract)	<b>\$ 243.75</b>
<b>4/27/2020 – Thomas J. Romans, Esq.</b> (Retainer due for attending 3/17/2020 BOH Meeting, per 2020 Professional Services Contract)	<b>\$ 243.75</b>
<b>3/24/2020 – Bergen County Department of Health Services</b> (Professional Services provided under shared services Agreement 1/1/20-6/30/20)	<b>\$ 24,471.35</b>

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OAKLAND REHABILITATION AND HEALTHCARE CENTER MEETING SUMMARY**

Mr. Tiffinger asked Councilman Pignatelli to share what occurred at the Borough's Zoom meeting With Oakland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

Councilman Pignatelli stated that a meeting was held earlier in the day that included himself, Mr. Tiffinger, Mayor Schwager, Borough Administrator Richard Kunze, OEM Coordinator Roy Bauberger, and First Aid Squad Chief Matt Goodrich, representatives Amy Monaco and Noemi Rodriguez from Bergen County Health Department, and Mark Gottlieb and Anne Duran from Oakland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center.

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that the Healthcare Center was in compliance with the rules and regulations of the CDC, the State Department of Health, and the CMS (Centers for

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Medicare & Medicaid Services) during the Covid-19 crisis. The Healthcare Center stated that they are in full compliance with all of those Departments' requirements.

The Healthcare Center was also found to be in compliance with their kitchen inspection by REHS Lisa Nassor's virtual inspection.

Councilman Pignatelli stated that Covid-19 affects more people over 65 with co-morbidity, and that is The population at the Healthcare Center.

So the meeting was to make sure that the Healthcare Center was taking appropriate actions, such as no communal dining, no physical therapy, employees being screened and tested for each shift, segregation of Covid-19 patients and non-Covid-19 patients, using proper PPE.

The Healthcare Center has been taking all of those appropriate actions, and has been in communication with Mr. Bauberger in regard to obtaining PPE from the county shipments. Initially, there was not enough PPE. Initially 40 employees were out with Covid-19 and 27 have returned.

Mr. Talucci inquired as to whether the meeting took place at the Center or was done based on paper. His concern was that the Healthcare Center needs to continue abiding by those procedures in their actions.

Mr. Pignatelli stated that the Borough of Oakland does not have jurisdiction over the Healthcare Center and even if an in-person inspection was conducted you only see what you are seeing that day, however, we now have them stating the fact that they are in compliance on record. It is pro-active.

Mr. Pignatelli also stated that Mr. Bauberger had asked what would occur in the case of evacuation, and Mr. Goodrich stated that they would use Mycom, an ambulance service that is available for such situations.

Mr. Tiffinger stated that he asked if there were infection control nurses, and there are 6.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **BODY ART APPLICATIONS AND ANNUAL FEE**

Existing Ordinance #07-CODE-80 Body Art Procedures was reviewed to determine if it meets sufficient requirements for licensing fees and encompasses the State's Body Art Procedures code N.J.A.C 8:27.

The Board determined that the \$500 annual licensing fee is sufficient and there was also reference to N.J.A.C. 8:27.

It was determined that there is no need to amend the ordinance or create a new one.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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On motion of Mr. LaForgia, seconded by Mr. Provenzale, the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.

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

APPROVED:

  
Stephen C. Tiffinger, President

ATTEST:   
Sandra Steele, Secretary

DATE: 5/20/2020