

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

**February 18, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
MINUTES**

Conference Room - Municipal Building, Municipal Plaza, Oakland, NJ

REGULAR BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

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

ABSENT MEMBERS

Absent: Brian LaForgia Reason: Vacation

MOTION TO EXCUSE

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Council Liaison Pasquale Pignatelli, Senior REHS Kristin Caperino, and Senior REHS Lisa Nassor, Joseph Laterra

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 January minutes.

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

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

REVIEW REPORTS

The Board reviewed the following reports:

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

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

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

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whereby it is required that the owner be referred to two certified labs, submit a HACCP Plan, and have the product tested. In this case, this was not done. Ms. Nassor stated that this violation was a repeat situation so she contacted Assistant

Chief Marjorie Vanacore for a phone consultation, who indicated that this did require a Conditional status since it was a repeat violation.

Ms. Nassor further explained that vacuum-packing removes oxygen, which raises concerns about anaerobic organisms, such as botulism. She stated that is acceptable to receive vacuum-packed foods from a certified purveyor who did the HACCP Plan, but not okay to just vacuum-pack without doing all the steps for certification.

Ms. Vitti stated that she had hired a consulting chef who wanted to use the machine for minimal cross-contamination and quality control, so the owner's obliged and used it. She was not aware at that time that her restaurant would then go from a Risk 3 to a Risk 4. The chef had been from New York and had given her information about this being allowed; however, she did not understand that the rules for New York were not the same as the rules in New Jersey.

She apologized that she did not do enough research before using the vacuum-packing machine, and stated that she does not want to put anyone at risk. She stated that the machine was immediately decommissioned when Inspector Nassor indicated that it was not acceptable.

She stated that her restaurant had also considered curing their own meat, however, they decided it would not be safe so they decided to forgo that process.

Mr. Tiffinger stated that, bottom line is that you have to follow New Jersey law if you have a restaurant in New Jersey.

Ms. Vitti stated that she thought her printout of a HACCP plan was the HACCP plan so she printed it out and put it in her book and that was why she did not do the rest of the steps. She thought that she just needed to have that.

Mr. Tiffinger stated that this seems like a specialized area in which she was not familiar with the law and that otherwise, the restaurant has not been before the Board before, so their rectifying this situation was satisfactory with the Board.

OAKLAND DINER – 2 Conditionals in a 12-month period.

Harry Mihas stated his name as owner of the Oakland Diner, 72 Ramapo Valley Road in Oakland.

Mr. Tiffinger stated that Oakland Diner has had two Conditionals within a 12-month period.

Mr. Mihas stated that the second time, the food was taken out to clean the refrigerator and the refrigerator did not get cold enough once the food was put back in before it was tested. At the same time he had a leak in the grill.

Ms. Nassor stated that she was there three times that day and everything was still not correct temperature and all the food was thrown out, and the same happened when she came back for reinspection, due to internal temperatures of the foods.

Mr. Mihas said that he had an architect design more room

Mr. Tiffinger stated that, although Oakland Diner has been before the Board before, it appears that the violations occur when Mr. Mihas is not there when people are not being careful. He urged Mr. Mihas to keep on top of it.

None.

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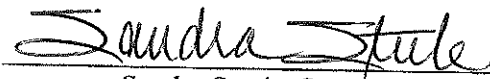
ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Ashkenazi, seconded by Mr. Provenzale, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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

APPROVED:


Stephen C. Tiffinger, President

ATTEST: 
Sandra Steele, Secretary

DATE: 4/30/2020