



KENILWORTH BOARD OF HEALTH

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Minutes of March 19, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

President Randy Moscaritolo announced that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Sunshine law was read.

On roll call the following members responded as follows:

Randy Moscaritolo	PRESENT
Carla Gabriel	PRESENT
Dr. Jerome Forman	PRESENT
Scott Klinder	PRESENT
Jeanine Pentz	PRESENT
Nancy Lamoreaux	PRESENT
Krystyna Maslenko	ABSENT (Arrived at 4:10 p.m.)

REHS Michael Balka was present. Health Officer Marconi Gapas was present, and Council Liaison Gerry Laudati was present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pentz to accept the previous minutes and seconded by Commissioner Lamoreaux. All in Favor.

President Moscaritolo called for a motion to accept the reports, excluding the Visiting Nurse Report for January 2020. Commissioner Lamoreaux made a motion to accept the reports, excluding the Visiting Nurse Report for January 2020. Vice President Pentz seconded that motion. All in favor.

The Monthly income and expenses for February 2020

February 2020 Income: \$6,573.00
February 2020 Expenses: \$1,892.56

President Moscaritolo called for a motion to approve the monthly bills. A motion was made by Vice President Pentz and seconded by Commissioner Lamoureux, to pay the bills. Upon roll call, all in favor.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Health Officer Gapas spoke about the permanent cosmetic establishment. He stated that he gave approval to the owner. REHS Balka stated that he received all paperwork necessary. He said that it is now awaiting a Zoning Permit, and construction permits. Council Liaison Laudati questioned if there were any other permanent tattooing establishments currently in Kenilworth. He said that the Borough Clerk advised him they are allowed within the existing ordinance. REHS Balka stated that an independent room, unique to tattooing, would be necessary. Health Officer Gapas said the only prohibition is that tattooing is not allowed in a residence or a residential zone. Permanent cosmetics cannot be done in a salon or barbershop, it must be physically its own business. President Moscaritolo questioned whether permanent tattooing and permanent cosmetics can be done in the same establishment. Health Officer Gapas stated that a permanent cosmetic establishment must be a physically separate business with its own physical requirements. He said it is separate from a tattoo business and that they cannot operate in conjunction with each other. Health Officer Gapas stated it is brand new to our community. He added, in the future, the BOH will need to discuss licensing and possibly its own ordinance regarding this. President Moscaritolo suggested that this be further discussed at the next meeting.

The next item discussed was the rabies clinic. Health Officer Gapas stated we all know the rabies clinic has been cancelled to the to COVID-19 and its spread and also to prevent our first responders in the firehouse from being potentially exposed. He stated we are planning to have it in October and that it needs to be confirmed with the veterinarian. REHS Balka confirmed this and added that it must also be confirmed with the firehouse also.

New Business:

With regard to the COVID-19, Health Officer Gapas stated on the 2nd of March, he and REHS Balka started monitoring on the CDRSS for this disease. On t March 9, people in health care facilities started sending samples to our public health laboratory. The public health laboratory was awaiting CDC approval to complete the analysis of all the test results they were waiting to release. All the test results were released on the March 10th, which caused a big spike in positive testing results, which prompted different municipalities and the State to start making the decision that this is not getting better it is getting bigger The State realized the fact there were going to be a lot more test results, a lot more positive test results, along with the fact that they would have to deal with worried, well people that do not have COVID-19. They started mitigation efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. These efforts started with the cancelling of major events.

As the numbers grew, more events were cancelled, Boards of Education were meeting dealing with the cancellation of schools. Everything ramped up at the beginning of this week. Most decisions with our municipality were made at a meeting which was held on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 9:30. The order to close our buildings was made at that meeting, it was to close our buildings to the public at 12:30 p.m. on that day. He said the State Department of Health has a dashboard giving the numbers of what is happening statewide and that it also breaks it down by county. At this point the Borough has 0 positive cases.

There was a discussion as to who closed the schools. Health Officer Gapas stated in the end, it was the Governor who closed all schools.

Health Officer Gapas stated within last 24 hours the biggest discussion was the closure of fields and parks. He said the decision was just made to close them down. The reason for closing fields was to stop people from having a pickup basketball or football game. It was to close the fields informal groups and keep children off playground equipment.

Dr. Forman stated that there is definitive science and facts behind the Corona virus. He felt that as the Board of Health, it our responsibility to reach Kenilworth's population. He stated there are facts that if we do not have social distancing, there is going to be a massive problem. He reiterated we need to get the word out to Kenilworth. He suggested a reverse 911 call. A discussion was held as to what should go into the call. Health Officer Gapas stated he has material which he would submit for the reverse 911 call. President Moscaritolo stated that Health Officer Gapas should make a draft and speak with the Borough Clerk, in order that it be put it on the reverse 911 call. A discussion was held with what should be on the call. It was decided Health Officer Gapas would forward a draft of what was going to go into the call to all Board members. It would then go out on a reverse 911 call and be put on the Borough website Dr. Forman stated we should use the words "potentially deadly disease" in this message.

An email was received from the State registrar which stated we should have emergency coverage in case our office was closed. It was decided we would appoint the use the Union Registrar as Deputy for us in order that she could to check our Birth and Death programs. She would be compensated if she needed to do the work.

President Moscaritolo called for a motion that the Union Registrar of Vital Statistics or Deputy Registrar, as mandated by the State, in the event that the Kenilworth Board of Health be closed for any reason, will take over the responsibilities of Registrar. She will be compensated, if necessary. Vice President Pentz made the motion and Commissioner Maslenko seconded it. Upon roll call, all in favor.

Commissioner reports: None

Council Liaison reports:

The Council Liaison reported the following:

- Another probation officer was hired.
- An ordinance was passed regarding the Police Department and towing.
- Seniors did not want to close the Senior Center.

A motion made by Commissioner Lamoreaux and seconded by Vice President Pentz to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:04 p.m.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on April 23, 2020 at Borough Hall.

Randy M. Moscariolo
President, Board of Health

Marconi Gapas
Health Officer

Submitted by Karen Kizelevich, Board Secretary

