

KENILWORTH BOARD OF HEALTH

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Minutes of May 21, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 4:10 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	ABSENT
Dr. Jerome Forman	PRESENT
Scott Klinder	PRESENT
Jeanine Pentz	PRESENT
Nancy Lamoreaux	PRESENT
Krystyna Maslenko	PRESENT

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

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

President Moscaritolo called for a motion to accept the reports. Vice President Pentz made a motion to accept the reports. Commissioner Lamoreaux seconded that motion. All in favor.

The Monthly income and expenses for April 2020

Income: \$139.00

Expenses: \$ 84.47

President Moscaritolo called for a motion to approve the monthly bills.

A motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Commissioner Lamoreaux and seconded by Vice President Pentz. Upon roll call, all in favor.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

The Covid-19 virus developments were discussed. REHS Balka gave an update on the number of cases. He said there are 141 confirmed cases and 1 probable.

He stated he has had a few calls from hair salons asking if there is any guidance available for them yet. He advised them we are waiting for the State Government to provide guidance.

Health Officer Gapas said that on the first of May, he met with the Library Director and the Board. He said they went over where the plexiglass should be installed. They discussed how to determine what the capacity of the library is and limiting the number of people inside the building. He said this will be based on occupancy set by the Building Department and the Fire Marshal. He said they discussed putting hand sanitizers station for use by patrons. They also discussed if restroom use would be allowed. Health Officer Gapas said there are CDC guidelines, but he felt it would be up to the Library Board as to what things would be made mandatory. He said they did agree upon the wearing of masks, social distancing, and discussed the use of the elevator. Council Liaison Laudati stated that the power they thought the Board had is not there. He said they will go through the Borough Clerk to set things up. He said they thought they were autonomous but are not. President Moscaritolo questioned Council Liaison Laudati if Kenilworth is a Falkner Community. Council Liaison Laudati said he did not think so. President Moscaritolo said it always has been and to change it, it would have had to have been on a ballot and voted on by the residents of Kenilworth. Councilman Laudati said he would look into that. President Moscaritolo said if it is a Falkner Community, all individual Boards have their own authority. He continued, Kenilworth has always been a Faulkner Community and that he has never seen it on a ballot to change it.

Health Officer Gapas said the State did open the Kean College testing site to everybody.

Health Officer Gapas brought up the issue of whether the Borough is going have a farmer's market this year. He said he and Michael are to beginning discussions as to what precautions would need to be taken. He said if the Borough decided to have one, all restrictions would have to be in place. He felt those restrictions would basically be what is being done in supermarkets now. He said Union is going to have one starting in early June. He said people will have to wear masks and they will provide disposable gloves and receptacles to dispose of the gloves responsibly. He said they are beginning talks with vendors as to how they will set up and about shielding at the point of sale. Council Liaison Laudati questioned if the Health Officer had sent the safeguards that are being used in Union to Kenilworth. Health Officer Gapas said they are not completely laid out yet. President Moscaritolo requested that the Health Officer verify if there is going to be a farmer's market

NEW BUSINESS:

The Health fair was discussed. Although everyone felt it was early to decide on some things, the following items were agreed upon:

- REHS Balka will verify if St. Theresa's will let us use their building/property.

- It will be limited to blood work, flu vaccines and pneumonia shots.
- It will be outside, with bloodwork only, by appointment, in the cafeteria.
- Dr. Forman suggested a drive through for vaccines.
- President Moscaritolo suggested that Dr. Forman hold off on the committee meeting until the health fair is discussed further at the June meeting.
- Dr. Forman suggested a letter be sent to past vendors, explaining the Health fair has been scaled back and saying looking forward to seeing you next year. REHS Balka will draft the letter.

The Board Secretary brought up the subject of business licensing. She stated that before the Corona Virus pandemic, late letters went out to businesses that had not yet paid for their licenses, with an added late fee. She questioned what should be done now, due to the pandemic. President Moscaritolo said a letter should be sent out again, but it should advise that no late fees will be charged. President Moscaritolo called for a motion to waive the fees. Vice President Pentz made a motion to waive the late fees for the delinquent retail establishments due to Covid-19 Pandemic. This was seconded by Commissioner Lameroux. Upon roll call, all in favor.

Commissioner Reports: None

Council Liaison reports:

- Gavelstone had a session hearing with the Borough Council and the attorneys. Gavelstone's attorney was not prepared so it was postponed.
- Some retail establishments in town are open for takeout.
- He is very happy with REHS Balka's Covid-19 updates. He said he has shared it with the Council, the school Administrator and Superintendent.
- Tax bills for 3rd quarter were sent out. The 2nd quarter tax payments are extended to June 1.
- Recreation fees needed to be refunded.
- Fire Department clothing allowance has been authorized
- A substitute, part time fire sub-code inspector has been appointed
- A new police officer has been hired.
- The Preliminary budget has a 2.8% increase.
- Some employees are now back working full time.
- No date has been set for bulk pick up.
- The town is now doing our own recycling. The schedule has stayed the same.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lameroux and seconded by Vice President Pentz, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 4:59 p.m.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on June 18, 2020 at Borough Hall.

Randy Moscaritolo

Randy M. Moscaritolo
President Board of Health

Marconi Gapas
Health Officer

Submitted by Karen Kizelevich, Board Secretary