

# KENILWORTH BOARD OF HEALTH

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## Minutes of October 15, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:02 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
Jeanine Pentz	PRESENT
Dr. Jerome Forman	PRESENT
Scott Klinder	PRESENT
Nancy Lamoreaux	ABSENT
Krystyna Maslenko	PRESENT
Carla Gabriel	ABSENT

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

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

A motion was made by Vice President Pentz to accept the reports and seconded by Commissioner Klinder. All in Favor.

The Monthly income and expenses for September:

Income: \$ 406.00

Expenses: \$1,162.78

There was a duplicate invoice for the County of Union in the amount \$42.83 which was deducted. President Moscaritolo called for a motion to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$1,162.78. A motion to approve the monthly bills was made by Vice President Pentz and seconded by Commissioner Maslenko. 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. There were 174 cases in town since the beginning of the pandemic. He then discussed the age and demographic breakdown

Indoor dining was discussed next. REHS Balka supplied the board with a chart of the visits he has made and the outcome of those visits. Council Liaison Laudati questioned if anyone had gotten back to the REHS regarding capacity of the restaurants. The REHS said the Zoning Officer stated he assesses seating by parking availability, the Construction Official never replied, and the Fire Department stated they only assign capacity for high volume places.

REHS Balka said 125 vaccines were administered the day of the health fair.

Regarding the upcoming rabies clinic, REHS Balka updated the Board. He said it will be in St. Theresa's parking lot. He procured an 8 X 15 tent. More clipboards were ordered. It is between 11 and 1:00 pm. Board members should arrive 10:30 am.

Massage and tattoo establishments were discussed. The REHS updated the Board on his research. He will continue to research the matter. The Health Officer said the Board should also review the information emailed to the President. He said he and the REHS will work together to come up with recommendations for an enhanced version of an ordinance.

Council Liaison Laudati mentioned the opioid crisis which was discussed at the last meeting. He stated, he contacted the Police Chief, who said he would contact Dr. Forman to discuss the matter. To date this has not been done. Dr. Forman will keep the Board informed when he speaks to the Chief.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Health Officer Gapas spoke about dangerous dogs. He stated a dog, in town, bit two people within ten months. He said the current code is with the Police Department and the Dog Warden. The Chief requested that we assist him since the Health Department has experience with pursuing dog bite cases. After a discussion of the hearing and the restrictions put on the dog, the Health Officer requested, with the Board's permission, that that Council Liaison Laudati bring to Council the fact that we now do not have a registration or license requirement for people who own potentially dangerous dogs in town. He continued, since this is not a Health Department Code, it is under dog licensing, I would like Board approval to email Council Liaison Laudati information to bring to Mayor and council for a special registration and fees for potentially dangerous dogs. The Board, and Council Liaison Laudati approved this. He will forward the email to the Council Liaison.

**Commissioner Reports:** None

**Council Liaison reports:**

Council Liaison Laudati informed the Board of the following:

- The school is going to put solar panels on the roof.
- Football games are being played with social distancing and masks
- The school is starting the budget process  
The library is getting a new roof.
- The library will be open one-night a month. It will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. You will have to make an appointment to enter.
- Everyone was pleased with the administration of the flu shots.
- The Seniors are going to distribute boxed lunches two days a week. They want to start using the senior buses again. Meals on wheels is not being distributed yet. He requested the REHS check into the distribution of the boxed lunches when it begins.
- He stated that the DPW yard is a mess. He said he brought it up at the council meeting. He requested the REHS to check into it. The REHS said he will visit the yard to make sure there are no Health Department violations and if needed refer it to the Property Maintenance.
- Councilman Lopez' wife is Vice President of the PTO and would like to know why the fees are so high for food trucks. REHS Balka stated fees are set by ordinance. The PTO may have added on ancillary fees. He said they should reach out to him.

Dr. Forman stated, regarding the food distribution and van use, our seniors are our most vulnerable population. He felt the grab and go lunch was a good idea if done appropriately with precautions taken. He then stated the precautions needed for the van, which included seating six feet apart, wearing masks, windows open and maybe three people on the van at a time.

Regarding opioids, a discussion was held as to how to better inform the community during this pandemic.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:04 p.m.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on November 19, 2020 at 7:00.

Randy M. Moscaritolo  
President Board of Health

Marconi Gapas  
Health Officer

Submitted by Karen Kizelevich, Board Secretary

