

# KENILWORTH BOARD OF HEALTH

575 Boulevard  
Kenilworth, NJ 07033  
Tel. (908) 276-2740

## Minutes of September 17, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:00 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	PRESENT
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 Lamoreaux. All in Favor.

All reports approved.

The Monthly income and expenses for June, July and August;

Income:	June:	\$1,341.00
	July:	\$1,359.00
	August:	\$ 344.00

Expenses: June, July and August: \$842.76

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

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. He stated there are 13 positive cases from the onset until today. There were around 10 new cases within the last month or two. He then discussed the age, demographic breakdown. He mentioned that in doing contact tracing he is now having greater difficulty in obtaining information from the people. Health Officer Gapas stated that this is not only Kenilworth, but a county and state issue. The public will not come forth with the information being requested.

Indoor dining was discussed next. REHS Balka stated that there are approximately 50 restaurants with indoor seating, of which 20 had 40 plus seating. He said he sent out letters to these businesses describing protocols. He said he is making spot-checks regularly, giving advice, if needed. Health Officer Gapas said that since there is 25% capacity limit outlined in the Governor's Executive Orders, REHS Balka reached out to the Fire, Zoning and Construction Departments to find out who assigns the capacity in a restaurant. REHS Balka said the Fire Department stated they only assign occupancy to large places of gatherings. They don't assess capacity for retail food establishments. REHS Balka continued, Zoning stated they assign seating by the number of parking spaces allotted to them, only. To date he did not hear from the Construction Official. Health Officer Gapas stated that there is a gray space as to what maximum occupancy is and what is 25% of that. Health Officer Gapas said the traditional routes to occupancy, are the Building and Fire Department. He said without their guidance, I advised REHS Balka that he should go by seating and the amount of people that can be seated maintaining that distance and that minimum per table. Jerry questioned whether this was discussed with police. Health Officer Gapas stated he discussed this with Mr. Capece. He said they will be doing spot checks. We are going to keep a log. Health Officer Gapas stated that when all is said and done the enforcement of the Executive order is with the Police Department.

With regard to the Health Fair, REHS Balka said did not receive the flu shots to date. He said it will be held in the parking lot of St. Theresa's. He said there is a 20 by 40-foot tent there, which we can use that day. Dr. Forman questioned if the REHS spoke to the police department for traffic control. The REHS confirmed he did. The following points were made:

- There will be a line for cars and a line for people walking, keeping social distancing.
- Marconi will confirm the number of people administering immunizations
- A table will be set up under the tent for those who must pay.
- Proof of residency must be shown.
- Marconi's secretary will attend.
- Board Members will be there by 8:20-8:30
- Chairs will be set up for people to sit. Chairs will be wiped down after each use.
- There will be 4 or 5 people registering at a time. They will stop at the table and fill out paperwork and then go for their immunization.
- Council Liaison Laudati will contact DPW for cones.

Regarding the upcoming rabies clinic, REHS Balka said he contacted 4 Paws Veterinary Services, Dr. Sweeney, a traveling Veterinarian that lives in Kenilworth. She is available for November 1, 2020. He said Saint Theresa's is also available for that date. She will bring her mobile unit. Dogs can walk up and get the vaccination and she will bring the cats into her unit for the vaccination.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Health Officer Gapas stated that the BOH Massage parlor fee schedule had been taken off the books when the Health Department was in litigation and that we need to institute new fees. REHS Balka said the old ordinance stated tattoo and bodyworks are permitted in non-residential areas. He said we had one applicant for cosmetic tattooing, permanent cosmetics, who is now completely set up. She was in complete compliance with all New Jersey State Regulations. After a discussion, the Board agreed to delve further into this topic at the next meeting. Health Officer Gapas said he would email a draft ordinance to all board members, before the next meeting for their examination.

REHS Balka explained that the OEM requested Laura to ask the Health Department what would be our capacity to administer covid vaccinations. After a discussion, it was decided it would be done in the same manner as the Health Department is administering the flu vaccinations this year.

**Commissioner Reports:** None

**Council Liaison reports:**

Council Liaison Laudati informed the Board of the following:

- The Farmers Market is on Saturdays.
- The Food Pantry is running low on supplies.
- Brearley's gym will be open for voting.
- There is a drop box at rec center for voting.
- The Borough Audit has been completed, and corrective action is being taken, where needed.
- The S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street drainage problem is on the list to be repaired.
- ADA curbing will be installed
- On 10/1 there will be a Senior get-together at DiMario Park.
- There were some personnel issues discussed.
- Council member, Nick Mascaro, passed away.

A discussion was held as to how the town or BOH might be able to help with drug problems. Dr Forman suggested that we hook up with the State Opioid Program. He suggested that the REHS look into that.

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

Meeting Adjourned 8:02 p.m.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be held on October 15, 2020 at 7:00.

Randy M. Moscaritolo  
President Board of Health

Marconi Gapas  
Health Officer

Submitted by Karen Kizelevich, Board Secretary