

January 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Health for the Borough of Victory Gardens held on January 19, 2021. This is also the Re-Organization Meeting for the Board of Health.

President of the Board, David Holeman, Jr. called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Our Country. Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our military.

This meeting has been advertised in one newspaper, The Daily Record, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: Vera Cheatham, James Glass, Kendyll Hedgepath, Tara White, Ismael Lorenzo and David Holeman, Jr.

ABSENT: Ondria Garcia Montes.

Motion to accept the minutes of January 21, 2020 as received by Kendyll Hedgepath, seconded by Vera Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS:

CHOOSE A SECRETARY TO THE BOARD - Vera Cheatham made a motion to have Jim Glass be secretary. Motion seconded by Kendyll Hedgepath. Jim declined the position.

Motion was made to appoint Tara White as Secretary. Motion made by Ismael Lorenzo, seconded by Kendyll Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Vera Cheatham	Yes
James Glass	Yes
Kendyll Hedgepath	Yes
Tara White	Yes
Ismael Lorenzo	Yes
David Holeman, Jr.	Yes

ROCKAWAY BOARD OF HEALTH - Jaime Breiten is here tonight. Meeting was turned over to Jaime.

Jaime handed two packets of information out to the board of health members. Jaime said he did inspections at Royal Chicken, AJs Bagel, Lakeland Liquors and Alonsos Steakhouse. All were satisfactory.

I did an inspection at 28 Adams Avenue - there was a complaint about accumulation of garbage. I spoke with the resident. I did a followup inspection and garbage had been removed.

Another inspection took place at 78 Roosevelt Avneue - Resident had gotten bit by a skunk. They were sleeping outside and that is how he got bit. Resident refused to get rabie shots. We couldn't get in touch with the resident after several calls so we hand delivered a letter . They still refused follow up care.

Another inspection was at Alonsos Steakhouse - They have new owners. They are doing an addition over there. I did a walk thru inspection at that time. They are doing a great job over there. Two of the girls over there are the new owners.

We also had 37 people for our regular flu clinic. This is the most we have had over here. Both Debbies were here to help out. We actually did it outside.

We also had 632 calls for contact tracing forthe COVID. The nurses have reached out to all these persons. Our nurses have been very busy. Peter is very busy.

We had 1 case of influenzaOn this report we have 158 cases of COVID. That was as of 12/29/20. The other prinout shows that up to 1/19/21 there have been 181 cases. 84 Male, 97 Female. 3 deaths. Negative test results were 251.

Dave Holeman asked Jaime for testing where can residents go. Any urgent care location. County site is not open as of now. Phone number for residents to call is 973-829-8250. This isfor the Morris County Division of Health. You can call to pre register and schedule and ask any questions you may have.

The Clerk said she read that they were suppose to open the site back up at the College. Jaime said he heard the same thing but they haven't done it yet.

Jaime said Atlantic Health is setting up testing sites also. Dave asked when the testing sites pop up is it only for the residents in that area or is it for anyone? Jaime said the mega site at Sears, anyone can go that has the appointment. That is State run. Anyone going for testing at Urgent Cares, Walgreens, CVS, you have to pay for it. They do ask for insurance information.

The Clerk said she thought she saw a sign at the urgent care in Randolph that the testing was free.

Jaime said that when he got his COVID shot they asked for insurance cards. If you don't have insurance, they will not turn you away.

Dave said that he went on NJ.gov. He registered. He asked Jaime if they were all the same or should we register with everyone? Jaime said they are all connected.

Jaime said the shop rite in Byram will be giving shots. The Clerk said the one in Byram will be giving shots also.

The Clerk said that Jaime already got one shot. When you go back for the second shot are you getting the same dosage and same shot as the first one? Yes.

Ismael asked if they are both the same brand? Yes. Whichever one you get is what the second shot will be. They track it all and once you get the first shot they set up your appointment for the next one.

Ismael asked if businesses by law are suppose to have hand sanitizers and do the 6 feet distancing? There is a lot of business at the Dover Farmers Market in town and they have nothing when you walk in there. Jaime said he will check about the hand sanitizers. They do have to have signage for masks and social distancing.

Jaime said the new strain of the COVID is much easier to transmit. The good part is that it isn't as severe.

The Clerk asked Jaime if there is any update on the rabie clinics? I looked at the site and there is nothing on that. We have no updates yet. The Clerk said the last one she saw was in Washington but we got that on Tuesday and the clinic took place the Saturday before.

Jaime said Peter has nothing about rabies yet. We are working on it. He did say that he spoke to the Clerk about setting up a COVID site here in Victory Gardens. I told him if it can be done, most definitely we want one here.

Jaime said the FDA is looking at hand sanitizers and making the companies change the makeup of them. It may become an issue later on that so many people are using the sanitizers they want to make sure they are safe. You are absorbing that into your skin.

They are doing the uv rays in our office.

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Kendyll Hedgepath, seconded by Vera Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

No public present.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Kendyll Hedgepath, seconded by Ismael Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote, None opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kendyll Hedgepath, seconded by Ismael Lorenzo and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

Tara White
Secretary

Minutes Typed By:
Deborah Evans, Borough Clerk