

Regular meeting of the Haworth Board of Health on November 14, 2019, at the Municipal Center.

PRESENT: Karen Eigen, M.D., President
Jennie Li, M.D.

Barbara Paller, EMT Liaison

Lou Apa, Sanitarian
Janet Guenego, Council Liaison

Absent: Karl Bednarek, M.D.
Damien Davis, M.D.
Gregory Kaufman, M.D.
Nancy Polifroni, R.N.
Gina Timochco, CRN

Dr. Eigen called the meeting to order and upon roll call, the above members were present. Dr. Bednarek gave notice that he would not be able to attend since this meeting was starting earlier than he could make it. Dr. Kaufman gave notice that he would not be able to attend since he would still be at the office.

Since there was absence of a quorum, official business would not be conducted.

Due notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.

In essence, the following transpired.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the October 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Dr. Li moved to accept the minutes as presented subject to the rights of absent members to correct statements directly attributed to them.

Seconded by Dr. Eigen and unanimously carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Paller announced that there wasn't any correspondence to review this evening.

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Mr. Apa reported the following:

- A complaint was made that a house at 56 Franklin Street was running a dog-boarding business called, "Smooches for Pooches." Mr. Apa visited the house and the owner said that they were not running such a business.

A letter went out to the home owner to cease and desist. Mr. Apa will report back to the Board.

- An inspection was made at the cake store and it was found to be satisfactory.
- A report was made that the "Black Dog Catering " which makes cold-cut platters,, was doing business in town. Mr. Apa contacted the home owners to inspect the premises and to advise them that such a business could not be conducted there but they did not agree. Mr. Apa will report back to the Board.
- There was a complaint about a foul odor in an area by the railroad tracks on Lake Shore Drive. Mr. Apa said that the BCUA was called to investigate since it was Bergen County's responsibility.

Councilwoman Guenego explained that it was a result of neglect and some damage in that area. She said that the BCUA was trying to mitigate the smell and find the source, which might be coming from sewage.

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COUNCIL REPORT

Councilwoman Guenego reported on the following:

- The Governing Body is looking at a parking ordinance for the downtown area. It would include various parking time restrictions on Terrace Street, St. Nicholas Avenue, and Houston Street.
- They are looking into purchasing new lamp posts in the downtown area and the Borough is coordinating the project with PSE&G and electricians.
- Memorial Field is in phase 2 of its reconstruction.
- The ban on overnight parking from 3 to 6 a.m. will be in effect from November 2019 to April 2020.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Dr. Eigen reminded everyone about the Wellness conference on November 21st and also about the free fitness classes, which she had spoken about at the last two meetings.
- Dr. Eigen stated that they should work towards getting as many people as possible vaccinated. She pointed out that right now they were not seeing many people with the flu in the emergency rooms but it tends to affect people a little later in the winter season. Dr. Eigen said they were trying to encourage people at school to get vaccinated and she will speak with the School Nurse, Mrs. Polifroni, about it. She elaborated.
- There was discussion on vaping, its effects, and how to deal with the problem.

Dr. Li wanted to look into whether they provided any education on it at the Haworth Public School.

Councilwoman Guenego explained that they were reaching out to Dr. Hughes.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

- Dr. Eigen asked what the Board thought of changing the time of this meeting to 7 p.m. over the winter months.

This matter was tabled for discussion.

- The next meeting of this Board is scheduled for December 12th.

There being no further business, Dr. Li moved to adjourn.

Seconded by Mrs. Paller and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitter,



Dolores Fazio O'Dowd