

Virtual Regular meeting of the Haworth Board  
of Health on April 20, 2023, via Zoom.

PRESENT: Damien Davis, MD  
Gregory Kaufman, MD. Vice President  
Karl Bednarek, MD  
Jamie Heit, LCSW, Secretary  
Brooke Hodes Wertz, MD  
Nicholas Montello - Alternate  
William Kaiser - Alternate

Lisa Dhamija, Council Liaison  
Laura Folco, BCBOH Sanitarian

ABSENT: Nancy Polifroni, RN  
Nubar Nakashian – EMT Liaison

Dr. Davis called the meeting to order. Upon roll call, the above Members were present.

It was noted that Mrs. Polifroni and Mr. Nakashian gave notice that they would not be able to attend.

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

### **ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 2023 meeting were reviewed,

Dr. Davis approved the minutes as presented.

Seconded by Dr. Kaufman and unanimously carried.

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### CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Heit was still unable to get the correspondence from the Borough Hall, so there was nothing to review this evening. We will look into a better method of accessing the mail.

### SANITARIAN'S REPORT

Mrs. Folco did not have anything to report. There were no incidents, activity or problems.

### NEW MEMBERS

Mayor Wasser was not available to administer the oath to the new members, Nicholas Montello and William Kaiser. Councilwoman Dhamija administered the oath. Dr. Davis welcomed the new members and offered his congratulations on becoming members of the Board.

### COUNCIL REPORT

Councilwoman Dhamija reported on the following.

- Deputy Borough Clerk Margaret Celloto is retiring this month. She will surely be missed.
- Borough Clerk Ann Fay will be retiring at the end of June. Joanne Young was hired for the position and will be starting on 5/3/23.
- The Sweet Grace bakery was evicted. Further information is not available.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Davis reported on the following.

- It was mentioned that the Haworth Scouts have observed Spotted Lantern Flies in the borough. On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, between 11AM and 2PM, Tim Bednarek will be presenting his developed system to catch Spotted Lantern Flies. Please try to attend.

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- There are two weeks left in The Fitness Challenge.
- Dr. Welish will be asked to give a presentation on AED's this evening

### FITNESS CHALLENGE

A few activities have been added including Boot camp on the weekends, pickle ball, the Bare Method on Wednesdays and Fridays, and a nutritionist link. Ninety people have signed up so far.

### AED

Dr. Steven Welish, a cardiologist, asked to give a presentation on having AED's available on the sports fields. This evening, he is here to talk about it more and coaches' training. He said that many people think that cardiac arrest in children would never happen. Children aren't scanned for issues, so they have to rely on us to protect them. He said that he didn't know if all police cars had an AED with them, but it has to be noted that if there is an incident, cardiac resuscitation has to begin in under five minutes so that brain cells are not damaged. If the police have one in their cars, we cannot chance that someone won't arrive in less than five minutes. Little League season is here, and training needs to start right away.

The challenge is that they need \$2,000 for each one. There have been concerns presented by people that there might be an inappropriate shock, how the coaches feel about this responsibility, the training that the coaches will need and how this equipment will be maintained. We will need to meet with the coaches to get their feeling on all of this, and some of them may already have training. He will find out who gives these classes and the cost. He has already discussed this with Mayor Wasser.

It was noted that our teams also play in Demarest and Closter and we have to find out if they have AED's and work out how it would work with us. There has to be someone always there who has already been trained.


Dr. Welish said he thought it would be good idea to make this a town-wide offering, and have the training go through the Ambulance Corps. Dr. Davis will reach out to the Ambulance Corps about training. There was discussion and it was suggested that perhaps the following groups could be contacted to assist with ideas for fund raising, Haworth Hope Fund, and township residents. This topic will be continued at the next meeting.

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

Seconded by Dr. Kaufman, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dolores Fazio O'Dowd