

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
July 12, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Mahwah was held via Zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Board of Health Vice-President, Edie DeMaria.

The Opening Statement was read according to the Sunshine Law and was followed by Roll Call:

**PRESENT:** Dr. Edie DeMaria  
Mrs. DeSilva  
Ms. Patricia Esty  
Mrs. Christy Varrato

**ABSENT:** Mr. Harris  
Mr. Matysiak

**PROFESSIONALS:** Mrs. Angela Musella, Health Officer  
Mr. Daniel Maas, REHS  
Mr. Jeffrey Mason, Board of Health Attorney  
Mrs. Kathryn Hagan, Recording Secretary

**REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE**

No report provided.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Ms. Esty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 2022. Mrs. Musella noted the omission of the Health Officer, Gina Behre, at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Maas noted that he was not in attendance at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting; Mrs. Donna Ruccione was the REHS in attendance.

There being no further questions or comments, the June 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF HEALTH ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Ms. Esty to approve the Health Activities Report for June 2022.

Mrs. DeSilva queried the Emergency Call at the Doubletree Hotel. Mr. Maas stated that Mrs. Ruccione responded to this call from the Mahwah Police during the evening hours of June 13. On that particular evening, a hotel employee experienced breathing difficulties and was taken via ambulance to a local hospital. A carbon monoxide detector also alerted the Fire Code Official to the scene. Upon further inspection by the Building Code Official as well as photographic evidence, it was determined that there was a substantial presence of a mold-like substance on several surfaces (i.e. floor tiles, walls, molding etc.) The Building Code Official posted the building as unsafe, and the doors to the hotel and the adjacent Tavern 17 restaurant were closed to the public. All guests were evacuated and relocated to neighboring hotel properties.

Mrs. DeSilva queried the cause of the extensive mold. Mrs. Hagan stated that the indoor pool had been closed to guests since the beginning of the pandemic, and the alleged mold that was discovered was found in rooms adjacent to and above the pool area.

Mrs. DeSilva queried the nature of the Food Embargo noted on page 5 to which Mr. Maas replied that during working hours on June 21<sup>st</sup>, he received a call from the Mahwah Police requesting the presence of a health inspector to a tractor trailer accident on the Interstate 287 / Route 17 flyover. The entire trailer which was transporting frozen foods had overturned. The doors of the trailer were opened and using his temperature gun Mr. Maas noted adequate temperatures for frozen product. A few bags and boxes had opened causing spillage. While he was present, an empty refrigerated trailer arrived, and the unopened product was transferred to this vehicle. The product was to be transported to a facility in Ramsey to be evaluated by an insurance claims adjuster. The contract purchaser of the product was to be notified of the incident and given the option to either accept or reject delivery.

There being no further questions or comment, the Health Activities Report for June 2022 was unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT JUNE 2022**

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Ms. Esty to accept the Health Officer's Report for June 2022.

Mrs. DeSilva queried why the water to a residence was shut off to which Mrs. Hagan replied that the water bill was seriously delinquent, and repeated attempts to obtain a payment arrangement were ignored. The Health Department was notified by a Water Department employee who was aware that children were residing in the home. Mr. Maas went to the home to speak to the occupants but was unsuccessful in making contact. A welfare check was then requested by the Health Officer to the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Moving forward, the Health Department has requested to be notified by either the Utility Collector and/or DPW prior to a resident's water being turned off.

There being no further questions or comment, the Health Officer's Report for June 2022 was unanimously approved.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Moved by Mrs. DeSilva and, seconded by Mrs. Varrato and, unanimously agreed by all present to approve the bills for June 2022.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

No Reports to Present.

**REPORT OF ATTORNEY**

Mr. Mason reviewed both the Memorandum of Agreement and Resolution 2022-07 to appoint a Medical Director and found both to be acceptable. Dr. Fenkart has agreed to accept responsibility as the Medical Director for the purposes of ordering necessary medical supplies for Mahwah's various health clinics.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence to present.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) Resolution 2022-07: Appointment of Medical Director

A motion to waive the reading of the Resolution was made by Mrs. DeSilva, seconded by Ms. Esty and unanimously agreed to by all.

A motion to accept Resolution 2022-07: Appointment of Medical Director was made by Mrs. DeSilva, and seconded by Ms. Esty. Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 2 Absent. Motion passed.

**GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC**

No public present.

There being no further discussion, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm was made by Mrs. DeSilva, seconded by Mrs. Varrato and, unanimously agreed to by all present.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2022, at the Mahwah Municipal Building beginning at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Hagan

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