



**BOROUGH OF  
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## **MINUTES REGULAR MEETING WALLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

THE FEBRUARY 15TH, 2023 MEETING OF THE WALLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT DONNA TOMKO AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER CITING THAT THE RULES OF THE SUNSHINE LAW WERE FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT TO ADVERTISING SAID MEETING.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: DONNA TOMKO, NANCY CHIRLO, MARYANN PALMER, PATRICIA BARNAS,  
BARBARA PINTO, ROSEMARY SANDOR, MAGDALENA THOMPSON**

**ALSO PRESENT:** MARTA GOLDYN, BOARD SECRETARY/CMR  
JAMES FEDERKO, MID-BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH OFFICER  
RUBY PARRA, REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST (REHS)  
JON SONTZ, ESQ, BOH ATTORNEY  
BEATA BALIK, BOARD LIAISON

### **FLAG SALUTE.**

**OATH OF OFFICE GIVEN TO MAGDALENA THOMPSON BY JON SONTZ, ESQ.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**CHIRLO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2023 REGULAR MEETING AS TYPED.  
SECONDED BY BARNAS.**

**ROLL CALL: AYE: TOMKO, CHIRLO, PALMER, BARNAS, PINTO, SANDOR**

NO CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD.

### **HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT:**



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JAMES FEDORKO STARTED BY THANKING ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR VOLUNTEERING AND PROMOTING HEALTH. HE THEN PROCEEDED TO PRESENT HIS REPORT THAT CONTAINED INFORMATION REGARDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, CONFIRMED COVID-19 CASES IN WALLINGTON (DEATHS REPORT FROM 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022. WALLINGTON ON THE HIGHER END OF THE FATALITY WITH 1.1 RATE). MR. FEDORKO WENT OVER THE SPECIFIC CASES EXPLAINING THE RESULTS ASSOCIATED WITH VACCINATION STATUS. INFLUENZA - ONLY 9 CASES IN 2021, SO FAR THIS YEAR – 180. 1 CASE OF WEST NILE VIRUS IN 2020.

REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REPORT.

RUBY PARRA, REHS REPORTED SHE ANSWERED A COMPLAINT FROM CRESCENT RD. REGARDING A PIGEON FEEDING PROBLEM. SHE OBSERVED THE MENTIONED LOCATION ON COUPLE OF SEPARATE OCCASIONS AND DID NOT SEE ANY PIGEONS.

BOARD MEMBER NANCY CHIRLO EXPRESSED THAT THE HEALTH INSPECTOR NEEDS TO VISIT THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE BIRD FEEDING, WHERE THE PIGEONS ARE WAITING ON THE COMPLAINANTS ROOF. SHE STATED SHE OBTAINED PHOTO EVIDENCE SHOWING THE BIRDS WAITING ON THE ROOF TO BE FED.

MR. FEDORKO EXPLAINED HE WENT TO THE LOCATION SEVERAL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE DAY, TYPICALLY BEFORE AND AFTER WORK, AND NEVER ENCOUNTERED ANY PIGEONS. HE WROTE AND FAXED A LETTER TO THE RESIDENT, WHO IS SUPPOSEDLY FEEDING THE BIRDS. THE COMPLAINTS STOPPED FOR A WHILE AND THEN THE BOARD SECRETARY NOTIFIED THE HEALTH INSPECTOR ABOUT THE COMPLAINT COMING BACK. THAT'S WHEN THE REHS STARTED GOING BACK TO THE LOCATION, UNFORTUNATELY SHE DID NOT OBSERVE ANY PIGEONS. MR. FEDORKO PROCEEDED TO EXPLAIN THAT THE ACT OF FEEDING NEEDED TO BE CAUGHT BY THE HEALTH INSPECTORS IN PERSON, BECAUSE THIS EVIDENCE WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE TOWN'S CASE IN COURT.

MRS. CHIRLO STARTED DISCUSSING THE MONTHLY BOH REPORT AND COMMENTED ON THE FACT THAT A PIGEON LICENSE WAS ISSUED IN JANUARY. SHE CITED BOROUGH'S ORDINANCE ABOUT WILDLIFE FEEDING AND INSISTED THAT THE PIGEON LICENSES SHOULD HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED. THE BOARD SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT THE PIGEON LICENSES ARE ISSUED TO KEEP PIGEONS AS PETS AND THIS PARTICULAR ORDINANCE ABOUT WILDLIFE FEEDING WOULD NOT APPLY TO PIGEONS KEPT AS PETS.

CONVERSATION WENT BACK TO THE FEEDING COMPLAINT AND IT WAS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE HEALTH INSPECTOR HAD TO GO TO THE SITE AT THE TIME OF THE FEEDING IN ORDER TO BE AN EYE WITNESS, HOWEVER THE COMPLAINANT NEVER GAVE THE APPROXIMATE TIME OF THE ACT.

ATTORNEY JON SONTZ EXPLAINED THAT THE HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE WILLING TO COME, HOWEVER THEY CANNOT GO THERE ALL THE TIME. THE COMPLAINANT WOULD HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOROUGH IS EXTENDING THEIR RESOURCES TO HELP BUT NO VIOLATION WAS EVER OBSERVED.

MRS. CHIRLO OFFERED TO MONITOR THE SITE BEING THAT SHE LIVES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY.



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MR. FEDORKO CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT HE WILL GO TO THE COMPLAINANTS PROPERTY AGAIN AND ISSUE A TICKET IF HE SEES BIRDS FLYING INTO THE PROPERTY WHERE THE FEEDING HAPPENS.

THE BOARD SECRETARY SAID SHE WILL CHECK THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE WILDLIFE FEEDING WITH COUNCILWOMAN BALIK AND THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO SEE IF IT APPLIES TO THE PIGEON LICENSE.

NEXT PRESIDENT TOMKO ASKED FOR A PRESENTATION OF THE MONTHLY BOARD OF HEALTH DEPOSIT REPORT. BOARD SECRETARY PROCEEDED WITH THE REPORT.

IN THE PREVIOUS MEETING MEMBERS ASKED ABOUT THE SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER LOCATED AT THE CIVIC CENTER AND DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES OF PROMOTING IT MORE TO THE WALLINGTON RESIDENTS. BOARD SECRETARY REPORTED THAT SINCE THEN THE SENIOR ACTIVITY MONTHLY CALENDAR HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BOROUGH'S WEBSITE AS WELL AS HARD COPIES WERE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE PAYMENT WINDOW IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.

BARNAS MOTIONED TO APPRIVE THE REPORTS. SECONDED BY PINTO.

**ROLL CALL: AYE: TOMKO, CHIRLO, PALMER, BARNAS, PINTO, SANDOR, THOMPSON**

ATTORNEY JON SONTZ TOLD THE BOARD SECRETARY THAT A MINOR REVISION OF THE JANUARY MEETING MINUTES IS NECESSARY.

MR. SONTZ INFORMED BOARD MEMBERS ABOUT A MEETING THAT TOOK PLACE TO DISCUSS THE HANDICAP PARKING AND THE CURRENT AND POSSIBLY FUTURE SOLUTIONS FOR THIS MATTER. BEING THAT THE BOH SPENDS A LOT OF TIME ON THE HANDICAP PARKING APPLICATIONS, A POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE. ALTHOUGH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS WILLING TO HELP IN SOME CAPACITY THEY DID NOT AGREE TO TAKING CARE OF THE WHOLE PROCESS. AT THE END OF THE MEETING AN IDEA OF A SUB-COMMITTEE WAS INTRODUCED. FORMED OUT OF THE EXISTING BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS IT WOULD SERVE AS A HANDICAP PARKING COMMITTEE.

BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE CHANGES AND/OR ADDITIONS TO THE HANDICAP PARKING APPLICATION AND THE OVERALL PROCESS.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**HANDICAPPED APPLICATIONS TABLED FROM JANUARY:**



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**APPLICANT:**

**ADDRESS:**

- GARCIA DANIA (NON-DESIGNATED) 119 HALSTEAD AVE

PINTO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION. SECONDED BY BARNAS.  
ROLL CALL: AYE: TOMKO, CHIRLO, PALMER, BARNAS, PINTO, SANDOR, THOMPSON

- SAMY KRASS (DESIGNATED) 98 WALLINGTON AVE.

SANDOR MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION. SECONDED BY CHIRLO.  
ROLL CALL: AYE: TOMKO, CHIRLO, PALMER, BARNAS, PINTO, SANDOR, THOMPSON

- CIRILLO JAMES (NON-DESIGNATED) 53 ROEHRS DR.

MOTION TO MAIL AN OFFICIAL LETTER ADVISING THE RESIDENT THAT IF THE HANDICAP PARKING SPACE IS NOT USED, IT COULD BE DEEMED AS NOT NEEDED WAS MADE BY SANDOR. SECONDED BY CHIRLO.  
ROLL CALL: AYE: TOMKO, CHIRLO, PALMER, BARNAS, PINTO, SANDOR, THOMPSON

**NEW BUSINESS:**

PRESIDENT TOMKO ASKED TO CONTACT VETERINARIAN DR. BEEBER TO SEE IF HE IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR'S FREE RABIES CLINIC. BOARD SECRETARY WILL CONTACT HIM AND SHE WILL ALSO FOLLOW UP WITH HARP TO SET UP A BLOOD SCREENING PROGRAM.  
BOARD BRIEFLY DISCUSSED ADVERTISING METHODS FOR THE BOH PROGRAMS AND DECIDED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER AT THE NEXT MEETING.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT WAS MADE AT 8:14 PM BY SANDOR AND SECONDED BY BARNAS.

ROLL CALL: AYE: TOMKO, CHIRLO, PALMER, BARNAS, PINTO, SANDOR, THOMPSON



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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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