



**BOROUGH OF
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MINUTES REGULAR MEETING WALLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH APRIL 19, 2023

THE APRIL 19TH, 2023 MEETING OF THE WALLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT DONNA TOMKO AT 7:06 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, MAGDALENA THOMPSON,
BARBARA PINTO, ROSEMARY SANDOR**

ABSENT: PATRICIA BARNAS

ALSO PRESENT: MARTA GOLDYN, BOARD SECRETARY/CMR
RUBY PARRA, REHS
DAVID VOLPE MID-BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE
JON SONTZ, ESQ, BOH ATTORNEY

FLAG SALUTE.

NO CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD.

REPORTS

DAVE VOLPE TALKED ABOUT COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT. IT IS A SYSTEMATIC, DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH TO DETERMINING THE HEALTH STATUS, BEHAVIORS, AND NEEDS OF RESIDENTS IN BERGEN COUNTY. SUBSEQUENTLY, THIS INFORMATION MAY BE USED TO INFORM DECISIONS AND GUIDE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS. A COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT PROVIDES INFORMATION SO THAT COMMUNITIES MAY IDENTIFY ISSUES OF GREATEST CONCERN AND DECIDE TO COMMIT RESOURCES TO THOSE AREAS, THEREBY MAKING THE GREATEST POSSIBLE IMPACT ON COMMUNITY HEALTH STATUS. THIS COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT WILL SERVE AS A TOOL TOWARD REACHING THREE BASIC GOALS:



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- TO IMPROVE RESIDENTS' HEALTH STATUS, INCREASE THEIR LIFE SPANS, AND ELEVATE THEIR OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE. A HEALTHY COMMUNITY IS NOT ONLY ONE WHERE ITS RESIDENTS SUFFER LITTLE FROM PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ILLNESS, BUT ALSO ONE WHERE ITS RESIDENTS ENJOY A HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE.
- TO REDUCE THE HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG RESIDENTS. BY GATHERING DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ALONG WITH HEALTH STATUS AND BEHAVIOR DATA, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY POPULATION SEGMENTS THAT ARE MOST AT RISK FOR VARIOUS DISEASES AND INJURIES. INTERVENTION PLANS AIMED AT TARGETING THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY THEN BE DEVELOPED TO COMBAT SOME OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC FACTORS THAT HISTORICALLY HAVE HAD A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON RESIDENTS' HEALTH.
- TO INCREASE ACCESSIBILITY TO PREVENTIVE SERVICES FOR ALL COMMUNITY RESIDENTS. MORE ACCESSIBLE PREVENTIVE SERVICES WILL PROVE BENEFICIAL IN ACCOMPLISHING THE FIRST GOAL (IMPROVING HEALTH STATUS, INCREASING LIFE SPANS, AND ELEVATING THE QUALITY OF LIFE), AS WELL AS LOWERING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CARING FOR LATE-STAGE DISEASES RESULTING FROM A LACK OF PREVENTIVE CARE.

RUBY PARRA REHS PRESENTED HER MONTHLY REPORT. NANCY CHIRLO COMMENTED ON THE WILDLIFE FEEDING COMPLAINT. A SHORT DISCUSSION FOLLOWED REGARDING THE POSSIBLE HELP FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

NEXT, THE BOARD SECRETARY PRESENTED THE REGISTRAR'S REPORT AND A MONTHLY ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT FROM BERGEN COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES. SHE ALSO ADDRESSED SOME BUDGET QUESTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING AFTER CONSULTING WITH BOROUGH'S CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER.

JOHN SONTZ, ESQ ASKED MR. VOLPE ABOUT A POSSIBLE SEARCH WARRANT IN REGARDS TO THE ILLEGAL WILDLIFE/PIGEON FEEDING. CONVERSATION FOLLOWED ABOUT LEGAL POSSIBILITIES THAT COULD HELP RESOLVE THIS ISSUE.

COMMUNICATION:

- THANK YOU NOTE FROM KATHY POLTEN.
- TWO EMAILS FROM HALINA DABROWSKA REHS. HER RESPONSE REGARDING PIGEON LICENSE HOLDERS AND PIGEON FEEDING AT 368 MAIN AVE.



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NEW BUSINESS:

• **HANDICAP APPLICATION:**

VERONICA HERRERA (DESIGNATED)

ADDRESS:

12 DANKOFF AVE

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

ADJOURNMENT:

PALMER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:35 P.M. SECONDED BY PINTO.
ROLL CALL: AYE: TOMKO, CHIRLO, PALMER, THOMPSON, PINTO, SANDOR

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Marta Goldyn

BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY