

**BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS**  
Board of Health Regular Meeting  
**MINUTES**  
June 15, 2020  
VIA CONFERENCE CALL ONLY

**CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE**

Chairwoman Layton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The flag salute and reading of the open public meetings statement was conducted in accordance with the law.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairwoman Marilyn Layton, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Mr. Rick Rinzler,  
Also Present: Board Attorney Joseph Sordillo, Board Secretary Samantha D'Antuono, Somerset County Health Department Dr. Namitha Reddy Director, James Norgalis Deputy Director and Himanshi Bhatt Health Officer.  
Absent: Mr. Barfuss, Mr. Lawlor and Mayor Paul J. Vallone, M.D.

**REGULAR AGENDA**  
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**January 21, 2020 – Reorganization**

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Rinzler, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

**January 21, 2020 – Regular Meeting**

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Rinzler, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

**BILL LIST**

June 2020

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Rinzler, was unanimously carried that the bill list be approved.

**SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Deputy Director James Norgalis provided a brief overview of COVID19 and how it relates to the Somerset County Health Department as well as the Borough of Far Hills for the past 4.5 months. Mr. Norgalis stated that the Somerset County Health Department remains in constant contact with Municipal Mayors and Emergency Management Personnel via Coordinators Meetings on a bi-weekly basis where approximately 95% of the discussion is COVID19 related.

Ms. Bhatt added that there was one rabies groundhog specimen that had a negative result in the Borough. In addition, after conducting follow up inspections for the Somerset County Lake Club they have been approved to open. Ms. Bhatt indicated an inspection was performed in the beginning of March however all other interaction has been COVID19 related.

Mr. Rinzler proposed a question regarding Legionnaires Disease and how it pertains to the reopening of facilities in the County where water has laid dormant since the closure of the facility. Dr. Reddy stated the pathogen is everywhere however in an effort to reduce the transmission of the disease it is important to reduce the spray of water from the dormant pipes. Dr. Reddy recommended limiting the use of fountains or spa jets.

## **VNA (PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE)**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2020 reports were provided by the VNA and reviewed by the Board of Health. Dr. Reddy stated the 2 positive cases in the Borough of Far Hills are associated with the 2 cases that were tested. The burden of the disease as it relates to the community is unknown due to the fact that not all persons are being tested. Dr. Reddy explained that a number of false negative test results for Hepatitis have occurred, not associated with a specific facility or outbreak. Dr. Reddy continued, stating that often a Hepatitis panel is run where Hepatitis A is not singled out. Clinical signs and symptoms must be associated with the request to test for Hepatitis A.

## **DISCUSSION**

Director of the Clarence Dillon Library Ms. Marie Crenshaw provided a thorough overview of the phases and protocol in place at this time regarding the opening of the library in phases. After Phase one closed the library on March 17, 2020, Phase 2 permitted the library to open the library book drop on June 9, 2020 where all items are quarantined for 72 hours. Phase 3 effective June 22, 2020 permits minimal staffing be present where patrons do not get out of their vehicle. Mr. Rinzler inquired as to the status of the Café inside the library where Ms. Crenshaw indicated that the café may open but will not provide self-service.

Mr. Rinzler mentioned the possibility of required signage regarding social distancing where Mr. Joe Sordillo stated there is discussion regarding releases and waivers if permissible or required by the State of New Jersey however it is unsure at this time if it would be upheld in court.

Chairwoman Layton requested clarification on the process of connecting to the library Wi-Fi where Ms. Crenshaw indicated that parking by the large window for the café will allow connection to the Wi-Fi where no password is required.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **Resolution 2020-04 – Amending Annual Meeting Date**

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Rinzler that Resolution 2020-04 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Chairwoman Layton

Nay:

Abstain:

Recused:

Motion Carried.

### **Resolution 2020-05 – Authorizing the Clarence Dillon Public Library Pandemic Plan**

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Rinzler that Resolution 2020-05 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Chairwoman Layton

Nay:

Abstain:

Recused:

Motion Carried.

## APPLICATIONS

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – *The Board of Health welcomes comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers shall limit their comments to 5 minutes.*

There were no comments from the public.

## ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to conduct, and on a motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Rinzler, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Samantha D'Antuono  
Board of Health Secretary

**APPROVED – 12/21/2020**