

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Board of Health Regular Meeting
MINUTES

January 19, 2021 – Immediately following Reorganization Meeting
VIA CONFERENCE CALL ONLY

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Chairwoman Layton called the remote meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. The flag salute and reading of the open public meetings statement was previously conducted at the Reorganization meeting held immediately prior to this Regular meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairwoman Marilyn Layton, Mayor Paul J. Vallone, MD, and Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie

Also Present: Board Attorney Bill Robertson, Board Secretary Samantha D’Antuono, Ferriero Engineering – Joseph Kosinski, Somerset County Health Department - James Norgalis, Deputy Director

Absent: Mr. Rick Barfuss, Mr. Rick Rinzler and Mr. John Lawlor

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 21, 2020 – Regular Meeting

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

RESOLUTIONS

2021-01 – Resolution of Approval – NEU (B3 L8 – 210 LAKE ROAD)

Councilwoman Tweedie expressed concern regarding the extension granted by the Planning Board that has an expiration date of November 30, 2020. Board of Health members discussed the expiration date with professionals to suggest tabling the resolution until the applicant can provide the Planning Board with an update regarding the Planning Board application. Mr. Kosinski added the Board of Health decision is in no way connected to the Planning Board decision. Mr. Robertson clarified action was taken at the prior meeting December 21, 2020 and this resolution is a memorialization of the action previously taken. Mayor Vallone requested confirmation as to whether the application would need to be provided in its entirety if the expiration had passed. Mr. Robertson confirmed the applicant would need to request an extension or submit a new application to the Planning Board however the Board of Health approval requirement of the Planning Board application may be considered satisfied. General discussion ensued regarding the application.

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Chairwoman Layton that Resolution 2021-01 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Chairwoman Layton, Mayor Vallone, Councilwoman Tweedie

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

BILL LIST

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

Roll Call:

Aye: Chairwoman Layton, Mayor Vallone, Councilwoman Tweedie

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Deputy Director James Norgalis stated the Somerset County Health Department anticipated having 3 vaccination sites at Raritan Valley Community College scheduled to provide 600 shots a day in addition to performing nasal testing on Wednesdays. He stated the Somerset County Health Department anticipated being at the college 5 days a week to provide vaccinations. General discussion ensued regarding the State of New Jersey requiring agencies to exhaust up to 75% of existing stock prior to further vaccinations being provided. Mayor Vallone inquired as to the procedure regarding transportation of the vaccination where Mr. Norgalis stated the Somerset Health Department hasn't been provided information regarding how the vaccinations are transported. Councilwoman Tweedie requested further information on the procedure signing up for a vaccination. Brief discussion continued regarding vaccine availability, information and statistics.

DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Tweedie requested a copy of the Board of Health ordinance 2017-02-BH be dispersed to members of the Board of Health to clarify any concern regarding the difference between an alteration and a new application. Mr. Kosinski provided an overview of the process and a brief description as it pertains to the ordinance.

VNA (PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE)

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 Mayor Vallone, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha D'Antuono
Board of Health Secretary

APPROVED – 05/17/2021