

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Board of Health Regular Meeting
MINUTES
August 16, 2021
VIA REMOTE MEETING ACCESS ONLY

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Chairwoman Layton called the remote meeting to order at 7:02p.m. and read the open public meeting statement in accordance with the law.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairwoman Layton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairwoman Marilyn Layton, Mayor Paul J. Vallone, MD, Councilwoman Tweedie
Mr. Rinzler, Mr. Lawlor
Also Present: Board Attorney Joseph Sordillo, Board Secretary Samantha D'Antuono, Somerset
County Health Department – Ms. Sumera Khurram, Ms. Patricia Elliot
Absent: Mr. Barfuss

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 19, 2021 - Regular Meeting

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE – HEARING AND ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 2021-01-BH – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
BOARD OF HEALTH GOVERNING THE FEE SCHEDULE AND ESCROW DEPOSIT
REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTIC, WELL AND GREASE TRAP APPLICATIONS

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Mayor Vallone, was unanimously carried to open the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Mayor Vallone, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie, was unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Rinzler that Ordinance 2021-01-BH be adopted

Roll Call:

Aye: Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Mayor Vallone, Chairwoman Layton

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

BILL LIST

August 2021

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

Roll Call: Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Mayor Vallone, Chairwoman Layton

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

After confirming with the Board Professionals, the Board Secretary advised additional escrow funds were located for the Benalcazar/Robles escrow and would be refunded as there will be no further activity against the escrow account.

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

Roll Call: Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Mayor Vallone, Chairwoman Layton

Aye:

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ms. Khurram apprised the Board of Health of a complaint received for 47 Sunnybranch Road regarding a smell and flies. After an investigation on July 27, 2021 there was no evidence of an issue and the complaint was closed. In addition, Ms. Khurram added that a well permit was issued for a new well.

Mr. Rinzler requested clarification on the implementation of a process for a 3rd booster shot for the COVID19 vaccine. Ms. Elliott stated clinics have begun and multiple clinics are anticipated in the future. Ms. Elliott added that doses are being administered to residents that are immunocompromised consisting of residents that are currently undergoing chemotherapy/cancer treatments and those with autoimmune diseases.

Ms. Elliott added that it is recommended to kill the Spotted Lantern Fly on sight.

DISCUSSION

Fix the cats – Alternative to Trap and Release for feral cats

Councilwoman Tweedie initiated discussion providing a brief overview of the feral cat community local to the Borough. General discussion ensued regarding the involvement of private property that has common areas such as the Polo Club in relation to the feral cats. Mayor Vallone recommended Mr. Sordillo review the contract and continue discussions at a Borough Council meeting.

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 Chairwoman Layton, seconded by Mr. Rinzler, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Samantha D'Antuono
Board of Health Secretary

APPROVED – 1/18/2022