

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Board of Health Regular Meeting
MINUTES
April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting
VIA REMOTE MEETING ACCESS ONLY

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

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Also Present: Board Attorney Joseph Sordillo, Board Secretary Samantha D'Antuono, Somerset County Health Department - Michael McCarty, Deputy Director and Ms. Sumera Khurram, Health Officer
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REGULAR AGENDA
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Motion Carried.

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Mr. Rinzler requested clarification on the New Jersey State Sanitary Code grading system utilized during Somerset County Board of Health inspections. Deputy Director McCarty advised that at least one critical violation would classify a “B” grading, which can be reinspected upon remediation of the issue at the inspector’s discretion.

Mayor Vallone requested clarification on the reinspection process should a proprietor remediate the issue immediately.

Health Officer Sumera Khurram provided a brief overview of the two restaurants inspected which included violations for both restaurants. Ms. Khurram educated staff on sanitary procedures. Ms. Khurram reiterated that there were no “C” ratings which would require a reinspection. All violations witnessed were immediately corrected and did not require reinspection. No written violations were issued however violations were notated in the inspection report.

Brief discussion ensued regarding Spotted Lanternfly activity resulting in Mr. McCarty stating quarterly press releases will continue to be released highlighting topics currently trending in the county.

DISCUSSION

None

ATLANTIC VISITING NURSE (PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE)

Chairwoman Layton provided a brief overview of the 1st Quarter report. Mayor Vallone stated discussion with Mr. Powell from Atlantic Visiting Nurse yielded positive results regarding preparations for the anticipated sale.

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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Samantha D’Antuono
Board of Health Secretary

APPROVED – 9/19/2022