

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF  
THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

January 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Roberta Hoag President Hoag made the following announcement: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time, and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was emailed to the Star Ledger and The Record and was filed with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Demarest on January 6, 2023.

Meeting opened at 7:02pm

Present: President Roberta Hoag, Dr. Nisha Gandhi, Mary Lynn Hamilton, Illana Mitiliski, Dr. Helen Richards, Dr. Lewis Nelson, Health Inspector, and BOH Secretary Lee Campbell

Absent: Dr. Umesh Gidwani, Dr. Jae Hon Kim

Minutes: November 16,2022, 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve Dr. Nisha Gandhi was Dr. Lewis Nelson

Elections: President Roberta Hoag proposes to move to alternate, Dr. Nisha Gandhi elected to be President 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve, Dr. Lewis Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Helen Richards. Dr. Lewis Nelson elected to be Vice President 1<sup>st</sup> motion to approve Dr. Helen Richards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ilana Mitiliski.

Board of Health Secretary reported to date, 40 plus pet licenses have been distributed. Pet license applications for 2023 have been distributed on January 14, 2023, in the annual newsletter, online and at the BOH Office. In discussions were BOH sending out tri fold separate pet licenses for 2024 instead of in the annual newsletter for better and on time distribution. 5 Business Licenses have been completed.

Health Inspector reported a dog bit, the dog was licensed and confined to the owner's home. All businesses satisfactory. One report of possible food poisoning, establishment was inspected, no other reports for that establishment regarding food poisoning.

Old Business: The Mayor's Challenge application has been put on hold. Future subcommittee for Mayor's Wellness Challenge ideas to get the Community more involved in health awareness. Possible to team up with Cresskill BOH and Organizations involving NVD students to bring awareness to the Mayor's Wellness Challenge. Researching Veterinarians for the Rabies Clinic, Haworth is offering free rabies clinic to Bergen County Residents on March 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ambulance Corps. Renewal of Shared Contract, 2- or 4-year option upon 2023 renewal. Motion to accept a 4-year contract 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Lewis Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dr. Nisha Gandhi.

New Business: The Board of Health Facebook Page will be maintained by Roberta Hoag. Senior Services for all Demarest Senior Residents to combine with Cresskill, Closter, and Haworth Seniors. The review of 127 Hardenburgh site plans reviewed and will be signed by President, Dr. Nisha Gandhi after 2<sup>nd</sup> review. The Board voted to move to electronic meeting information to be distributed by email for future BOH meetings.

Open to the public: No one from the public.

Adjournment: Motion to close 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Lewis Nelson 2<sup>nd</sup> Ilana Mitiliski adjourned at 7:53pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Campbell

BOH Secretary