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# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING WALLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH OCTOBER 18, 2023

THE OCTOBER 18TH, 2023 MEETING OF THE WALLINGTON BOARD OF HEALTH WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT DONNA TOMKO AT 7:02 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER CITING THAT THE RULES OF THE SUNSHINE LAW WERE FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT TO ADVERTISING SAID MEETING.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: BARBARA PINTO, MARYANN PALMER, DONNA TOMKO, NANCY CHIRLO, MAGDALENA THOMPSON, ROSEMARY SANDOR

ABSENT: PATRICIA BARNAS,

ALSO PRESENT: MARTA GOLDYN, BOARD SECRETARY/CMR

JESUS PLATA - MID-BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION

RUBY PARRA, REHS

JON SONTZ, ESQ, BOH ATTORNEY

COUNCILWOMAN BEATA BALIK – BOARD LIAISON

# **FLAG SALUTE**

NO CITIZENS WISHING TO BE HEARD.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

<u>PALMER</u> MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 06, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS TYPED. SECONDED BY **PINTO**.

ROLL CALL: AYE: PINTO, PALMER, TOMKO, CHIRLO, THOMPSON

**ABSTAIN: SANDOR** 

## **HEARING OF CITIZENS**



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### **REPORTS:**

- HEALTH OFFICERS REPORT:

JESUS PLATA INTRODUCED HIMSELF, MENTIONING THAT HE WOULD BE WORKING WITH MID-BERGEN HEALTH COMMISSION. MR. PLATA PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON A NEW SITE IN TENAFLY, INVITING BOARD MEMBERS TO AN OPEN HOUSE ON NOVEMBER 2ND. HE SHARED INFORMATION ON COVID SURVEILLANCE METRICS AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF MONITORING HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATES.

MR. PLATA ALSO DISCUSSED HIS BACKGROUND IN NUTRITION AND EXERCISE SCIENCE. HE SHARED INFORMATION ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES, COVID-19 CASES, AND THE UPCOMING FLU SHOT CLINIC.

REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REPORT

RUBY PARRA PRESENTED HER REPORT, DISCUSSING VARIOUS INSPECTIONS AND ADDRESSING ISSUES WITH FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, PEST CONTROL, AND CLEANLINESS. SHE ALSO HIGHLIGHTED VIOLATIONS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS.

- COUNTY OF BERGEN ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT
- BOARD OF HEALTH/REGISTRAR DEPOSIT REPORT

THE BOH SECRETARY PROVIDED UPDATES ON BIRTH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, DOG LICENSES, AND REVENUE GENERATED FROM VARIOUS APPLICATIONS. THE ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT INDICATED RESPONSES TO CASES INVOLVING BIRDS, CATS, AND DOGS.

- <u>ATTORNEY REPORT</u> – EXECUTIVE MINUTES

**SANDOR** MOTIONED TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE MINUTES. SECONDED BY **PINTO**.

ROLL CALL: AYE: PINTO, PALMER, TOMKO, CHIRLO, THOMSON, SANDOR

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

THE BOH SECRETARY SHARED INFORMATION ON THE FLU SHOT CLINIC, ITS LIMITED PARTICIPATION, AND EFFORTS TO ADVERTISE IT.



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# **NEW BUSINESS:**

THE DISCUSSION SHIFTED TO A PROPOSED DOG HALLOWEEN PARADE, WITH COUNCILWOMAN BEATA BALIK SUGGESTING COLLABORATION WITH THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEXT YEAR.

THE BOH SECRETARY ADDRESSED THE RABIES CLINIC, DETAILING A VACCINE SHORTAGE AND THE NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT DOCTOR. SHE DISCUSSED ADVERTISING EFFORTS AND PLANS TO PICK UP VACCINES DIRECTLY. THE DPW GARAGE'S AVAILABILITY FOR THE CLINIC WAS MENTIONED, WITH A BACKUP PLAN IN CASE OF RAIN.

A MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS HANDICAP PARKING APPLICANTS MADE BY **THOMSON**, SECOND BY **CHIRLO**.

ROLL CALL: AYE: PINTO, PALMER, TOMKO, CHIRLO, THOMSON, SANDOR

A MOTION TO RESUME REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS MADE BY PINTO, SECONDED BY PALMER.

ROLL CALL: AYE: PINTO, PALMER, TOMKO, CHIRLO, THOMSON, SANDOR

# **HANDICAP APPLICATIONS:**

• SHEILA RIVERA – 79 VAN WINKLE AVE. – DESIGNATED – APPROVED NON-DESIGNATED ROLL CALL: AYE: PINTO, PALMER, TOMKO, CHIRLO, THOMSON, SANDOR

• SOUAD HAZZA – 40 BROOK AVE – DESIGNATED – **TABLED, PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ROLL CALL: AYE: PINTO, PALMER, TOMKO, CHIRLO, THOMSON, SANDOR** 

### ADJOURNMENT:

PALMER MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:00 P.M. SECONDED BY SANDOR.

**ROLL CALL: AYE: UNANIMOUS** 

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Marta Goldyn BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY