

BOARD OF HEALTH  
BOROUGH OF MOONACHIE  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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The Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Moonachie is called to order by President M. Cinque via Zoom on March 8, 2021 at 7:34pm.

M. Cinque called for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: M. Cinque, M. Mezzina, L. Martinez, R. Wende-present  
Attorney Juan Moran, Maria Schmitt, Health Inspector-present  
Councilwoman Karen Surak, Liaison to Mayor and Council- present

Secretary stated that notice of the meeting was published in The Record on January 21, 2021, posted in the Municipal Building, and on the Borough website that the meeting would be held over Zoom in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Bergen County Department of Health Services	February 2021
Bergen County Animal Control	February-November 2020
Registrar of Vital Statistics Report	February 2021
Health Consultation Report	February 2021

Motion by M. Mezzina, second by R. Wende to file communications.

ROLL CALL: Cinque, Mezzina, Martinez, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

#### MINUTES

Motion by L. Martinez, second by M. Mezzina to adopt the minutes of January 11, 2021 and February 8, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Cinque, Mezzina, Martinez, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

#### **Report from Health Inspector Maria Schmitt:**

Maria mentioned that the cafeteria in Movado Watch has been closed, and is being used as a lunch room. If they plan to reopen, they have the contact the office for a license.

Food Recall: There was a recall on cheese due to listeria, and checked to make sure none of it was at any restaurants in Moonachie. None was found to be in Moonachie.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Cat Feeding: Since the last meeting Maria spoke to Animal Control, and someone is going to attend the next Mayor and Council meeting this week.

C/Surak mentioned that regarding the cat feeding, the Mayor would like some kind of ordinance in place.

Attorney Moran mentioned that he spoke to the Borough Attorney and the Mayor regarding an ordinance. He may attend the Mayor and Council meeting on Thursday to hear about the TNR Program from Animal Control. He has researched ordinances from other towns such as Garfield and Lodi, and there were some issues in Garfield with residents. Spoke about ways to approach the overall problem regarding registering cats, and that TNR programs are needed in order to reduce the cat population in the area, and limits additions to a colony. Mentioned identifiers for cats in order to not have them confused with pets, if the town does enter into a TNR program. Current cats need to be fixed and they are returned. Spoke about health and vaccinations of cats as well. Licensing cats may not be the best resolution, restrictions on feeding may be more helpful. Also, any ordinance, if it is passed may have to be revisited in a few months, based on numbers of cats.

M. Cinque spoke about what would happen if a pet cat was trapped and taken to the shelter.

Attorney Moran mentioned that there are windows of time that a cat could be reclaimed before being neutered. A domestic cat should be marked by the owner.

Maria spoke about the TNR program, that it is ran through Animal Control, and they will know which cats are part of the colony. Many of the questions can be answered by Animal Control, likely the Borough would have to opt into a program.

Attorney Moran mentioned other town's ordinance, that in the TNR program it outlines that there is a responsibility by certain residents to care for the cats.

M. Cinque asked if the Council wanted to license cats.

C/Surak mentioned that the Mayor wants a TNR program, there are too many cats in the area.

M. Cinque asked when the Council Meeting was being held.

C/Surak mentioned that the meeting is at 7PM on Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Attorney Moran mentioned that he will listen in on the call.

Dog License Issued: 156 Last year: 191

## NEW BUSINESS

### INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Attorney Moran mentioned that the fee was changed to \$300, and the Secretary spoke to the Police Chief about the background checks and there was a concern about the fingerprinting language so it was removed. The Police already do background checks for other licenses.

Motion by M. Mezzina, second by L. Martinez:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following ordinance:

### **AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE BODY ART ESTABLISHMENTS**

heretofore introduced, do now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the day of April 12th, 2021 at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting of the Board of Health and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinances, and that the Board Secretary be and hereby is, authorized and directed to publish said ordinances according to law with a notice of introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinances will be further considered for final passage.

ROLL CALL: Cinque, Mezzina, Martinez, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

PUBLIC HEARING: No one wished to be heard.

Motion by R. Wende, second by L. Martinez to close Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL: Cinque, Mezzina, Martinez, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

Motion by M. Mezzina, second by R. Wende to adjourn meeting at 8:14pm.

ROLL CALL: Cinque, Mezzina, Martinez, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cooney, Secretary