

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 May 10, 2021 at 7:38pm.

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	April 2021
Bergen County Animal Control	March 2021
Registrar of Vital Statistics Report	April 2021
Health Consultation Report	April 2021
Bergen County Surrogate's Office	Letter regarding availability for virtual meeting for services
NJ Department of Environmental Protection	Notice of Soil Remedial Action Permit Terminal Construction Corp. 100 Anderson Ave. B65/L6
GHD	Sub-Slab Soil Gas & Indoor Air Sampling Former A&S Manufacturing 8 Empire Blvd. B39/L7
Envocare	Vapor Intrusion Testing 102 W. Commercial Ave B61/L4 for 111 W. Commercial Ave.
Envocare	Temporary Wells/Vapor Intrusion Testing 131 W. Commercial Ave B61/L8 for 111 W. Commercial Ave.

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 April 12, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Cinque, Mezzina, Martinez, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

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

Maria mentioned that Enza will be switching over to microblading in June. She will surrender the hair license to the state.

Dog Bite: The dog is in Bergenfield, the boy that was bitten is okay. It may go to County Court with Animal Control.

M. Cinque asked about the complaint from East Park Street.

Maria mentioned that she left a notice on the door, and it is a bit cleaner over there. She spoke to Mrs. Cervone and knows she may go on her property to look. The people living there are renting the home.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### Feral Cat Ordinance Draft:

C/Surak mentioned that the Mayor wanted to hear what the input was from the Animal Control Officer, there is a Council meeting on Thursday night.

Attorney Moran mentioned that the Animal Control Officer replied to the questions that his office had sent over and also forwarded to the Borough Attorney.

C/Surak mentioned that the Borough Clerk forwarded the email to the Mayor and Council and that the Mayor wanted the Board of Health's opinion on the draft ordinance.

Attorney Moran sent a copy of the email to the Board.

The Board discussed the draft ordinance, and the comments from the Animal Control Officer.

Attorney Moran mentioned about Feral Cat Committee, certain towns have one to address certain community concerns.

Maria mentioned that could be a part of the ordinance, and once the ordinance is adopted there are measures in place that can be followed up on.

M. Cinque mentioned about the caregiver being responsible for cats.

Maria mentioned that some large towns have multiple colonies, and Moonachie is a small town. TNR occurs between the resident and animal control. A committee would monitor cats and it is a layer to an ordinance that can be enforced to reduce the problem.

M. Cinque mentioned that a committee would not be needed, having a TNR program is okay and the residents will contact animal control.

C/Surak mentioned that the Mayor was not interested in the TNR program and wanted something to enforce to alleviate the issues in the area of the cats being fed.

Maria mentioned that there is no ordinance now that says you cannot feed cats. There is a trap program in place without the TNR program. Residents do have to participate in the program. An ordinance may never be used but it is helpful to have on the book.

The Board discussed various Ordinances

Maria mentioned that in TNR the cat does come back, and animal control can pickup stray cats which do not come back.

M. Mezzina mentioned that they should start with what the Mayor and Council wants to do which is enough to enforce and then changes can be made once there is data on what is going on.

R. Wende agreed with M. Mezzina.

L. Martinez mentioned that the ordinance does not have to be complicated, no committee is needed.

M. Cinque spoke about the Board's overall recommendation on the Ordinance regarding the questions Attorney Moran made to Animal Control Officer Byrnes. No feral cat committee is needed, and have the TNR program available for residents to use if needed.

Dog Licenses Issued: 181 Last year: 204

NEW BUSINESS None

PUBLIC HEARING No one wished to be heard.

Motion by M. Mezzina, second by R. Wende close Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL: Cinque, Mezzina, Martinez, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

Motion by L. Martinez, second by M. Mezzina to adjourn meeting at 8:27pm.

ROLL CALL: Cinque, Mezzina, Martinez, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cooney, Secretary