



**BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

The Board of Health Meeting scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on May 6, 2024, will be held online through ZOOM. Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting may do so by joining online or over the phone at 8:00 p.m. The virtual Public Meeting is in lieu of its in-person Board of Health Public Meeting.

DATE: MAY 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 8:05 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Board Member	Dr. Vincent Margiotta
Board Member	Dr. Hyesoo Lowe-Shin
Board Member	Dr. Grace Kuo
Board Member	Dr. Aaron Capuano (<i>arrived 8:13pm</i>)
Board Member	Dr. Anthony Classi
Board Member	Heidi Skolnik

ALSO PRESENT:

REHS	Steve Wielkocz
Health Officer	James Fedorko
Mid-Bergen Health	Katherine Fabrizio
Councilwoman	Melanie Simon (<i>arrived 8:20pm</i>)
Board Secretary	Rosemarie Weber

ABSENT:

Board Member	Sunny Cho
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FLAG SALUTE

BOARD OF HEALTH SECRETARY READ THE “OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT” STATEMENT

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW, P.L. 1975, CH. 231 SETTING FORTH THE TIME, DATE, PLACE AND PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC MEETING THROUGH A LEGAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE RECORD AND POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

- **Approval of BOH Reorganization Minutes – January 22, 2024**

Motion by Heidi Skolnik, seconded by Dr. Lowe-Shin, Board of Health Reorganization Minutes of January 22, 2024, was approved.

AYES: Margiotta, Lowe-Shin, Skolnik
ABSTAIN: Classi, Kuo
ABSENT: Cho. Capuano

Dr. Capuano arrived at 8:13pm.

Councilwoman Melanie Simon arrived 8:20pm.

- **Report of Registered Environmental Health Specialist – January-April 2024**

The food and salon inspections were all satisfactory with four conditionals that were reinspected with satisfactory. All inquiries were satisfied. Summons issued to 24 Hour Fitness for insufficient heat and exempt from lifeguard requirement. 24-hour fitness failed to provide heat and was fined. There was a bee keeping inquiry from a resident and a question regarding the use of an aesthetician in a permanent cosmetology establishment. There was a noise complaint regarding a resident’s swimming pool/whirlpool; abated. Special event preparation for three mobile food trucks at Johnson Park.

- **Report of Health Officer**

The leading causes of death in Englewood Cliffs are heart disease and dementia. There were no opiate overdoses and no suicides in 2023. Englewood Cliffs was ranked as the healthiest town in the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Jurisdiction. Tick borne illnesses are increasing. The Walking Club started April 23rd and will end on May 23rd. Report to follow by Katherine Fabrizio.

- **Report of Registrar**

January 2024 - 3 certified copies of marriage certificate, 1 marriage license issued.
February 2024 - 2 certified copies of marriage licenses, 1 certified copy death certificate issued.
March 2024 – 3 marriage licenses issued.
April 2024 - 1 marriage license, 5 certified copies marriage certificate, 4 certified copies birth certificate, 1 certified copy death certificate issued.

Dog License Information: 81 dog licenses issued in January 2024
54 dog licenses issued in February 2024
11 dog licenses issued in March 2024
5 dog licenses issued in April 2024

Cat License Information: 1 cat license issued in January 2024
 3 cat licenses issued in February 2024
 1 cat license issued in March 2024
 0 cat licenses issued in April 2024

DR. VINCENT MARGIOTTA STATED:

“IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS AT THIS TIME”

OLD BUSINESS

Walking Club Report

Katherine Fabrizio of Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission had positive feedback regarding the Walking Club. She reported there are more residents participating this year. Numerous seniors participated and the Mayor came and gave his support. The Walking Club has been successful this year and has many benefits for the participants, i.e., socializing with residents and encouraging exercise which promotes good health.

Recurrent Noise Complaint – New York Restaurant

Dr. Capuano reported that there is loud noise coming from a NY restaurant between 11pm and 3AM that shakes the windows in his house due to the noise level. Also, a neighbor is continually burning substances outside releasing heavy smoke.

Unsolicited Newspaper Complaint

Dr. Margiotta spoke about the unsolicited newspapers accumulating at resident’s homes that can become a safety issue for crime. He proposed having a town list to include the residents that would want to opt out of receiving the newspapers.

Councilwoman Simon responded that this issue will be brought up at the next Mayor and Council meeting for discussion and to determine a solution. The town ordinance could be amended with stricter penalties for non-compliance by the publishing companies.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Board Member to Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission

Jim Fedorko, Health Officer, discussed the importance of appointing an Englewood Cliffs Board Member to attend the quarterly meetings of the Commission. None of the Board Members volunteered to become a member.

Councilwoman Simon could speak to the Mayor about appointing a board member.

Lighting Complaint

Dr. Margiotta reported that his neighbor, who wanted to remain anonymous, made a complaint that their neighbor’s backyard flood light is on all night and shines into their house. Heidi Skolnick suggested that the lights be repositioned.

Councilwoman Simon said that the complaint will be given to the property maintenance inspector and resolved. There are ordinances regarding lighting violations in Englewood Cliffs.

OPEN TO PUBLIC:

Motion by Councilwoman Simon, seconded by Dr. Margiotta and carried unanimously, the meeting was open to the public. Motion passed unanimously.

No one from the public spoke.

Motion by Dr. Lowe-Shin, seconded by Councilwoman Simon and carried, the public portion was closed. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Dr. Vincent Margiotta asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Councilwoman Simon, seconded by Dr. Margiotta, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Rosemarie Weber, CMR, Board of Health Secretary

ATTEST:



**Rosemarie Weber, CMR
Board of Health Secretary**