

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH OCTOBER 19, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Board of Health, as established by public record in *The Bloomfield Life* and posted on the Public Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, was called to order on October 19, 2017 at 6:32 p.m. in Room 111 in the Municipal Building.

ROLL CALL

Director Lore showed the following members to be present:

Joel Elkins, President	Present
Dr. Ruchi Mehta, Vice President	Present
Antonia Rodriguez, Member	Absent
Denise Serbay, Member	Absent
Jody Polidoro, Member	Present
Council Liaison Wartyna Davis	Absent

Also present: Karen Lore, Director of Health & Welfare, Vincent Nicosia, Chief REHS, Jessi Cholewczynski, REHS, Sagar Patel, REHS, Charles Brown, Consultant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Serbay, reviewed the September 21, 2017 Regular Open Session Meeting minutes.

After review, the Board unanimously approved the minutes as submitted. None were opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

“ORDINANCE – AMENDMENT 635 NOISE (2nd Reading)”

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Mehta, unanimously voted to approve the following ordinance amendment on its 2nd reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “CHAPTER 635, NOISE” WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD THAT “CHAPTER 635” BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

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§ 635-6 Restricted uses and activities.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Tables I and II, the following standards shall apply to the activities or sources of sound set forth below:

(1) Power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment, excluding emergency work, shall not be operated within the Township between the hours of 6:00 pm and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays, except that such equipment may be used by an occupant or owner of the premises between 8:00 am and 8:00 p.m. on weekdays. On Saturdays, power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment shall not be operated between 6:00 p.m and 9:00 a.m., except that such equipment may be used by an occupant or owner of the premises between 9:00 am and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays. On Sundays and federal holidays, power tools and landscaping and yard maintenance equipment shall not be operated, except that such equipment may be used by an occupant or owner of the premises between 9:00 am and 6:00 p.m.. Gas powered equipment used in these articles shall be operated with a muffler.

(2) (This section shall be deleted, all other sub-sections shall be re-numbered accordingly)

This ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law.

NEW BUSINESS

“ROLL CALL – STIPEND (ACCREDITATION DOCUMENTATION)”

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Mehta, unanimously voted to approve the following roll call resolution:

For additional duties related to accreditation such as documentation and data tracking, as well as any other duties deemed appropriate by the Director. The Board authorizes a monthly stipend in the amount of \$150.00 to be paid to any employee assigned such duties by the Director of Health & Welfare to fulfill accreditation requirements. This Stipend shall be limited to one employee per month and discontinued at the discretion of the Director at any time and for any reason deemed necessary to maintain proper operations, function, management and/or financial control over the Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
JOEL ELKINS, PRESIDENT	✓			
DR. RUCCHI MEHTA, VICE PRESIDENT	✓			
ANTONIA RODRIGUEZ, MEMBER				✓
DENISE SERBAY, MEMBER				✓
JODY POLIDORO, MEMBER	✓			

“ROLL CALL – STIPEND (HEALTH EDUCATION)”

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Mehta, unanimously voted to approve the following roll call resolution:

Continuation of Health Education Stipend for duties performed above and beyond title for Health Education Services in contracting communities. Said stipend shall be discontinued at the discretion of the Director of Health at any time and for any reason deemed necessary to maintain proper operations, function, management and/or financial control over the Department of Health and Human Services. The following employee(s) shall be entitled to the aforementioned stipend:

- 1- Gina Behre - \$300.00 per month

ROLL CALL VOTE

BOARD MEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
JOEL ELKINS, PRESIDENT	✓			
DR. RUCHI MEHTA, VICE PRESIDENT	✓			
ANTONIA RODRIGUEZ, MEMBER				✓
DENISE SERBAY, MEMBER				✓
JODY POLIDORO, MEMBER	✓			

“HEARING – AMINA BS HAIR BRAIDING”

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Mehta, opened discussion on this matter.

Chief REHS Nicosia, REHS’ Patel & Cholewczynski and Amina BS Hair Braiding owner Naminata Parker were present.

Chief Nicosia provided the Board with a handout of the timeline of events outlining the history of violations by Amina BS Hair Braiding for allowing unlicensed individuals to perform hair braiding services without a cosmetology license issued by the State of New Jersey.

The first hearing resulted in a 30 day suspension as per township code. Following a continuation of non-compliance, another summons was issued and owner was subsequently placed on, and currently serving, a 45 day suspension. The matter was brought before the Board for review and consideration of a revoke the license, suspension or any combination thereof.

Ms. Parker stated she understood the violations and expressed difficulty with complying with licensing requirement. She informed the Board that she has been braiding hair in Bloomfield for the last 20 years and has not ever used chemicals or haircutting tools. Her business is limited to hair braiding only. She stated that she has difficulty finding licensed personnel to work at a braid only salon. Typically, licensed individuals want to work in salons who do color and cut. She also explained that she is currently enrolled in school and anticipates to be licensed by next year. President Elkins informed Ms. Parker that it is a State of New Jersey law that a current license is needed by an individual who touches another's hair in the performance of a beauty service, regardless of whether chemicals are used or not.

Director Lore recommended that the current suspension be upheld until Ms. Parker provide documentation of licensed personnel performing the aforementioned services. Once provided, the establishment could re-open with a 1 year probationary period of monitoring for ongoing compliance. Should she be found to be non-compliant during the probationary period she would again be subjected to Board review.

The Board agreed to the recommendation.

LICENSES PENDING APPROVAL – SEPTEMBER 2017

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Serbay, unanimously approved the following licenses for the month of September 2017:

Trade Name	License Class	Application Fee
CHIPOLTE MEXICAN GRILL	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
CAFE MOBAY	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
LAS 3 IRCA DELI & GROCERY	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
MANGIA ORGANICA	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00

REVIEW OF THE SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMUNICATIONS

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Serbay, reviewed and unanimously voted to accept the September 2017 communications.

SEPTEMBER 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Serbay, unanimously voted to accept the September Financial Reports.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND WELFARE REPORT

The Director provided the following report to the Board:

- The Department received a \$20,000 grant from the Partners for Health Foundation to provide financial assistance in completing the Townships Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan

(CHIP). Director Lore will be submitted documents to the Board to amend the existing contract with Montclair University Consultants to include the CHIP.

- A walkability focus group, will be conducted by Charles Brown. Participants will receive \$50 from the funder for their participation.
- The Director reported on food safety certification classes being conducted in the Health Department office this month.
- The Human Services Division is working with the Knock-Knock Give a Sock Program where it will be receiving 25,000 pairs of socks to be distributed to the homeless and social service organizations assisting the homeless.
- Director Lore informed the Board that the League of Municipalities meeting conflicts with the Board's November meeting. President Elkins, after a brief discussion with the members, the meeting was cancelled. A potential meeting date of November 9th was discussed should a November meeting become necessary.

PUBLIC COMMENT (continued)

Colleen Murdock came before the Board to discuss the noise ordinance, specifically how it affects leaf blowers. President Elkins afforded Ms. Murdock the opportunity to bring this matter forward at this point in the meeting seeing that she had been present but was unaware that the public comment section had been closed.

President Elkins informed resident that the Board discussed this matter at their last meeting, a draft was published for public comment between the last meeting and this meeting, and the noise ordinance was just passed on 2nd reading. Director Lore stated that if there are any recommendations, they can be looked into and, possibly, revise the ordinance again. She recommended that Ms. Murdock put her concerns and suggestions in writing so the Board can take them into consideration at their next scheduled meeting.

WALKABILITY PRESENTATION

Charles Brown, Rutgers University of New Brunswick provided a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation of his finding from the walkability audit conducted in Bloomfield. The Director requested that the presentation also be provided to the Council. Mr. Brown was in agreement. The Director will work with the Council Liaison to schedule.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board, seeing no need to enter into Closed Session to discuss these matters, continued with the Open Session portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board, on a motion by BM Polidoro, seconded by VP Mehta, unanimously voted to adjourn the October 19, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey at 7:38p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lore, Director of Health and Welfare
Secretary to the Board