

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH JUNE 17, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Bloomfield Board of Health, as established by public record in *The Independent Press* and posted on the Public Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building, was called to order on June 17, 2021 at 6:33 p.m. via video conference.

### **ROLL CALL**

Director Lore showed the following members to be present:

Joel Elkins, President	Present (video conference)
Dr. Ruchi Mehta, Vice President	Present (video conference)
Antonia Rodriguez, Member	Absent
Denise Serbay, Member	Absent
Sarah Bonilla, Member	Present (video conference)
Council Liaison, Wartyna Davis	Absent

Also present: Karen Lore, Director of Health & Welfare (video conference) and Michael Fitzpatrick, Health Officer (video conference).

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board, on a motion by VP Mehta, seconded by BM Bonilla, reviewed the May 20, 2021 *Regular Meeting* minutes.

After review, the Board unanimously approved the meeting minutes as submitted.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **LICENSES PENDING APPROVAL – MAY 2021**

The Board, on a motion by VP Mehta, seconded by BM Bonilla, unanimously approved the following licenses for the month of May:

Trade Name	License Class	Application Fee
MINIA'S DELI	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
GRAB CRAB CAJUN SEAFOOD	2 Restaurant	\$250.00
POPOLARI	1 Restaurant G Wholesale/Food	\$100.00
PURE LOVE PIES	Processing	\$350.00
VILLAGE GOURMET	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
VIOLANTE CATERING LLC	Mobile Vendor	\$50.00
ROYAL INDIA CATERING & GROCERY	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00

### **REVIEW OF THE MAY 2021 COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board, on a motion by VP Mehta, seconded by BM Bonilla, reviewed and unanimously voted to accept the May 2021 communications.

### **MAY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Board, on a motion by VP Mehta, seconded by BM Bonilla, unanimously voted to accept the May 2021 Financial Reports.

### **DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND WELFARE REPORT**

The Director provided the following report to the Board:

- The Health Department, during the Juneteenth Event, scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>, will have Johnson & Johnson vaccines available for any individual that would like to be vaccinated. Additionally, health inspectors will be on site conducting health inspection for all food vendors.
- Documentation review for re-accreditation will begin within the month of August with the site visit planned for some time in the fall.
- Discussed action items for Lead and Strengthening Vulnerable Population grant initiatives. Current grant cycle ending on June 30, 2021 with renewal anticipated.
- Paula Peikes conducted a presentation before the Mayor and Council on Police and Social Work collaboration to develop crisis response program to address non-violent police calls.

### **HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT**

Michael Fitzpatrick, Health Officer, reported on the following:

- Provided the Board with an overview of covid response and status on vaccination efforts.
- Update provided on grant activities.

### **COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT**

No report.

### **BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

No report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*None*

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**“Resolution #30 –2021 – Ratifying Resignation Retirement Separation or Termination”**

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

After discussion, the Board unanimously voted on the following Resolution:

**R E S O L U T I O N – RATIFYING RESIGNATION, RETIREMENT, SEPARATION, OR TERMINATION OF TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE/BOARD AND COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the following employee has retired, resigned or is no longer working for the Bloomfield Board of

Health:		
Name	Title	Effective
Vincent Nicosia	Chief REHS	July 1, 2021
Dina Pressel	Social Work Specialist	June 18, 2021

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned employees have notified the Director of Health & Welfare that it is their desire to resign, retire or separate from their positions with the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield that the Board hereby accepts the above notices.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby instructs the Director of Health & Welfare to complete all necessary paperwork and take other actions as necessary to properly effectuate said notices.

**”Resolution #31 –2021 – Ratifying Title Change, Increased Hours or New Hires”**

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

After discussion, the Board unanimously voted on the following Resolution:

**R E S O L U T I O N – RATIFYING TITLE CHANGE, MODIFICATION OF HOURS WORKED or NEW HIRE BOARD OF HEALTH EMPLOYEE**

**WHEREAS**, in order to meet the obligations required by the Board of Health to carry out their current responsibilities for the Township and contracting communities, the following personal changes are recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Health, by New Jersey State Statute, N.J.S.A. 26:3-19 may employ such personnel as it may deem necessary in order to maintain efficiency and productivity and fix the duties and compensation of its appointees; and

**WHEREAS**, the following employee(s) have demonstrated the efficiency, competency, license, and/or skills required to perform these duties:

NAME	TITLE	STEP	EFFECTIVE	EMPLOYMENT DESIGNATION
Pooja Patel	Field Rep Health Education	Step 2	June 7, 2021	FT temporary grant hire – not to exceed terms of grant
Ata Rahman	Registered Environmental Health Specialist	Step 3	July 6, 2021	FT provisional temporary hire
Stephania Mejia	Senior REHS	Step 4	July 6, 2021	FT provisional temporary hire
Irina Florez/Zuniga	Public Health Investigator	Step 3	TBD	FT temporary grant hire – not to exceed terms of grant
Sagar Patel	Principal REHS	Step 3	TBD	35 hours a week

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield that the Board hereby accepts the aforementioned personnel changes recommended by the Director of Health and Human Services.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Health hereby authorizes the Director to take any action necessary to properly effectuate changes above in compliance with the New Jersey Department of Personnel.

*“ORDINANCE - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “CHAPTER 635, NOISE” (1<sup>st</sup> reading)”*

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

After discussion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following Ordinance on its first reading, with its second reading due to occur on July 15<sup>th</sup>:

**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:**

§ 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:

(5) Personal or commercial vehicular music amplification or reproduction equipment shall not be operated in such a manner that is plainly audible at a residential property line between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.;

(6) Personal or commercial music amplification equipment shall not be operated in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet in any direction from the operator between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Food vending and ice cream trucks are prohibited from the playing of jingles while stationary. Jingles may only be played when the vehicle is in motion.

This ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board has deferred the closed subject matter of “Review of Board of Health Personnel Policies” to its July meeting.

**APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board, on a motion by VP Mehta, seconded by BM Bonilla, unanimously voted to adjourn the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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