

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

Steven Clarke, President of the Board of Health (BOH) called the Board of Health meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Steven Clarke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members in attendance:** Steven Clarke, DC, Sau Yan Yee, MD, Donna Garbaccio, RN, Lynne Spreen-Raffo, RN (Remote), Michael Sparozic, R.PH, Linda Brock, RN,

**Staff in attendance:** Cindy Risseeuw, Secretary

**Absent:** Devaleena Sen, R.PH, Casey Colaneri, Rudy Boonstra, Township Committee Liaison, Bergen County Department of Health (BCDOH) Staff: Laura Folco, Chief Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS)

Cindy Risseeuw, Secretary, read the Open Public Work Session statement: "This Regular Work Session Meeting of the Wyckoff Board of Health is now in session. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting appears on our Annual Schedule of meetings. A copy of said Annual Schedule has been posted on the Bulletin Board in Memorial Town Hall; a copy has been filed with the Municipal Clerk, The Record, The Ridgewood News and the North Jersey Herald and News – all newspapers having general circulation throughout the Township of Wyckoff. At least 48 hours prior to this meeting the agenda thereof was similarly posted, filed, and mailed to said newspapers. Formal action may be taken at this meeting."

**Approval of September 14, 2023, Public Business Meeting and Public Work Session Minutes:**

The approval of the October 19, 2023, meeting minutes; motioned Mike Sparozic, Seconded Donna Garbaccio; all present in favor.

**Report of Board Members:**

None.

**Public Comment:**

None

**New and Unfinished Business:**

Steven Clarke noted that on December 14, 2023, Doug Struyk from the Christian Healthcare Center will be the guest speaker. If any board members have suggestions for a health-related guest speaker, please contact the board secretary.

**Guest Speakers: Noemi Dominguez, RN, MSM, Director of Public Health Nursing, and Susan Crandall, CEED Program Coordinator**

Noemi Dominguez reviewed the BCDOH role during the COVID pandemic. Ms. Dominguez was of great assistance to the Township of Wyckoff regarding the handling of inquiries regarding the Coronavirus 24/7. Ms. Dominguez stated that there are currently 41 cases of COVID-19 in Wyckoff with 21 confirmed cases. The public has become desensitized to the pandemic and want to forget those years. The COVID virus is now more highly transmittable, but not as strong. The public needs to continue safety measures such as good hand washing, and mask wearing when you are ill.

Ms. Dominguez stated that the public is very unprepared for the next pandemic. Supplies needed in case of another pandemic are good. Community mobility needs work. Municipalities need to improve communications. Government needs to develop trust and ensure that privacy is of utmost importance.

This flu season/winter is predicted to be bad. A high incidence of the flu is expected.

Linda Brock motioned to close the Public Work session; seconded, Donna Garbaccio; all members present voting affirmatively.

The Board of Health Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.