

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH
MARCH 17, 2022**

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 March 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Asst. Health Officer Monaco showed the following members to be present:

Dr. Ruchi Mehta, President	Present
Denise Serbay, Vice-President	Absent (present at 6:34pm)
Sarah Bonilla, Member	Present
Brian McDade, Member	Present
Corey Anderson, Member	Present
Dr. Wartyna Davis, Council Liaison	Absent

Also present: Karen Lore, Director of Health & Welfare, Michael Fitzpatrick, Health Officer, Amy Monaco, Asst. Health Officer, and Randy Pearce, Board Attorney.

INTRODUCATIO OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

President Mehta introduced the newly appointed Board Members, Brian McDade and Corey Anderson. BMs McDade and Anderson provided a brief introduction of themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board, on a motion by Pres. Mehta, seconded by VP Serbay, reviewed the February 24, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes.

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

Mr. Pearce indicated to the Board that discussion and review items do not need motions to be discussed, only Resolutions and/or Ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

LICENSES PENDING APPROVAL – FEBRUARY 2022

The Board, after review, unanimously approved the following licenses for the month of February:

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Licenses Pending February 2022

Trade Name	License Class	Application Fee
BLOOMFIELD PIPE SHOP	Candy Counter	\$25.00
First Baptist Church	Exempt-Church	\$0.00
FOREST HILL FIELD CLUB-SNACK BAR	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
RUDY'S PASTRIES	Wholesale/Food Processing	\$350.00
Dollar Junction	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
TITILLATIONS	2 Restaurant	\$250.00
SWERDLOW'S	Candy Counter	\$25.00
GLENWOOD CONFECTIONARY SAI, LLC	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
MOMOYA SUSHI ASIAN CUISINE LLC	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
WALGREENS #1881	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
HAPPY MING	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
Greater Essex Elks Lodge #21	Exempt-Church	\$0.00
TERRY DRUGS	Candy Counter	\$25.00
ORLANDO'S LATIN DELI	Deli/Café/Market-With Seating	\$100.00
PANDAN ASIAN CUISINE	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
LENNY & JOHN'S SUBS	Deli/Café/Market-With Seating	\$100.00
F & B Caterers	Deli/Café/Market-With Seating	\$100.00
KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
BLOOMFIELD AVENUE SUNOCO	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
AKAR VII AUTO INC	Food Services	\$100.00
ANTHONY'S CHEESECAKE	Deli/Café/Market-With Seating	\$100.00
FOREST HILL FIELD CLUB (RESTAURANT)	3 Restaurant	\$300.00
DISCOUNT LIQUORS	Food Services	\$100.00
VINNIE'S PIZZERIA AND RESTAURANT	2 Restaurant	\$250.00
St. Valentines Church Main Kitchen	Exempt-Church	\$0.00
BROOKSIDE GRILL & BANQUETS LLC	2 Restaurant	\$250.00
YOGGIS RESTAURANT	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
GEBA SUSHI	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
SUBWAY	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
BLOOMFIELD BUY RITE	Food Services	\$100.00
ORGANIC FOOD INCUBATOR	Wholesale/Food Processing	\$350.00
CHENG'S GARDEN	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
THE COOKIE CONNECT	Food Services	\$100.00
GOURMET DINING@BLOOMFIELD COLLEGE	3 Restaurant	\$300.00
PHARM-D RX	Food Services	\$100.00
PURE LOVE PIES	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
TURTLE PIZZA	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
BUCCO RESTAURANT	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00

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MR. EXQUISITO RESTAURANT	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
GREEN GROCER FOOD HUB	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
TACOS LA GRINGA II	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
ASUN STAR CONSULTING (ASSC)	Cafeteria	\$100.00
POPEYE'S	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
PAPA THAI CHEF	1 Restaurant G	\$10.00
SIX POINTS PUB	2 Restaurant	\$250.00
THE WOODEN SPOON DBA BLUE STEEL PIZZA	4 Restaurant	\$400.00
THE BROOKDALE	2 Restaurant	\$250.00
Dom's SweatBar	Candy Counter	\$25.00
CURBSIDE SMOOTHIES	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
CELL POWER CAFE	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
WING CHAMPS	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
CAFE 1515	Deli/Café/Market	\$100.00
AGORA (NISSIRIOS BAKERY LLC)	2 Restaurant	\$250.00
Lex's Grub 2 Go	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
BEN'S GRILL BBQ	1 Restaurant G	\$100.00
GIFT & BLESSED BY PBB	BEAUTY/BAR 1-4	\$75.00
STAY GLAMOROUS BEAUTY SALON	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
BS SALLY HAIR BRAIDING	BEAUTY/BAR 1-4	\$75.00
QUEEN NAILS	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
MY NAIL STUDIO, LLC	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
XEN NAILS	BEAUTY/BAR 1-4	\$75.00
BEAUTY BUZZ HAIR SALON	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
Vivi's Studio	BEAUTY/BAR 1-4	\$75.00
GC HAIR SALON	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
SALLY'S BEAUTY SHOP	BEAUTY/BAR 1-4	\$75.00
AMINA BS HAIRBRAIDING	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
JXK INC. T/A LOOKING GLASS CHILDREN CTR	CHILD CARE FAC	\$30.00
VIVIAN NAIL & SPA INC	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
A'GINELL SALON	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
HIGH DEFINITION BARBER SHOP	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
D'CLASE	BEAUTY/BAR 1-4	\$75.00
WATSESSING SCHOOL	VENDING MACHI	\$50.00
Watsessing School	VENDING MACHI	\$50.00
BLOOMFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	EXEMPT	\$0.00
MILESTONE ACADEMY	CHILD CARE FAC	\$30.00
FRANKLIN SCHOOL	EXEMPT	\$0.00
ABC ACADEMY LLC	CHILD CARE FAC	\$30.00
BLOSSOMING BEAUTY LLC, DBA BLOOM SALON AND SPA	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
EDUCATION STATION	CHILD CARE FAC	\$30.00

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BROOKDALE PET CENTER	PET SHOP	\$50.00
LEAP 2 LEARNING	CHILD CARE FAC	\$30.00
TIA'S HOUSE OF STYLES	BEAUTY/BAR 1-4	\$75.00
FLIC SPA	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
R & M MAKE-UP BARBER SHOP	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
GRAND DELUXE BEAUTY	BEAUTY/BAR 1-4	\$75.00
Sovella Hair Salon LLC	BEAUTY/BAR5-10	\$100.00
MY 1ST TIME CHILD CARE CENTER	CHILD CARE FAC	\$30.00

REVIEW OF THE FEBRUARY 2022 COMMUNICATIONS

The Board reviewed and unanimously voted to accept the February 2022 communications.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Board reviewed and unanimously voted to accept the February 2022 Financial Reports.

DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND WELFARE REPORT

Director Lore provided the following report to the Board:

Juneteenth Day will be celebrated on June 18th. The Health Department will work with vendors who will need to obtain a temporary license and have an inspection conducted the day of the event.

The Cottage Food Law, passed October 4, 2021, has caused some confusion with the public. It is very heavily regulated for baked or dry food goods. A permit can be obtained through the State (\$100 fee) and passage of the Food Handler's Course and labeling for allergies will be needed. The Health Department will provide information on the law to elaborate what can and cannot be done.

There will be a Blood Drive on April 25 from 10am-4pm for employees and open to the public as a result of a blood shortage. Employees who participate will obtain 4 hrs of compensatory time and will extended to Health Department employees.

Employee breakfast for Women's History Month will take place on March 29th.

BMAC is holding Narcan training on March 18th online.

Re-Accreditation – Site visit (virtual) is set for April 4th as there have been delays with respect to COVID. Items to be covered will be the CHA, CHIP, Strategic Plan, and EOP. Additionally, out of the 12 domains as part of the process, the Accreditation Board would like to discuss documentation submitted for 10 domains.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Health Officer Fitzpatrick reported on the following:

The positive case numbers have lowered from the winter months, with a slight spike expected due to spring break, Easter break and the removal of masks in schools. Additionally, numbers may slightly go up as a result of late reporting of some laboratories.

The Department continues to conduct health, rodent, hoarding and environmental spill inspections.

Informed on time spent providing school guidance to superintendents and the general public and issues raised as it relates to various orders provided by the Governor's Office.

The Office of Community Affairs, along with NJDOH, have developed a requirement for lead testing and evaluation in all buildings with rental units in July. Guidance has not been provided as of yet, although a proactive approach has been undertaken in preparation for this rule. This will incorporate the Health Homes Program initiative currently underway.

There will be a plastic and paper bag ban starting in May 1st of this year. Education to all establishments affected will be provided.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT

No report.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

"RESOLUTION #21-2022 - RATIFYING TITLE CHANGE, MODIFICATION OF HOURS WORKED OR NEW HIRE BOARD OF HEALTH EMPLOYEE"

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

After review and discussion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following resolution:

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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
Lisa McMahon	Administrative Clerk/Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	5	March 28, 2022	35hrs 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.

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.

“RESOLUTION #22-2022 – AUTHORIZATION FOR TEMPORARY HIRES – (VARIOUS GRANTS)”

The Board, on a motion by VP Serbay, seconded by BM McDade, 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 – NJ STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DIVISION OF FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES GRANT – TEMPORARY HIRE AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services has been awarded various grants by the NJ Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, the specific grants are Strengthening Vulnerable Population, Vaccination Support and Childhood Lead Exposure Prevention; and

WHEREAS it is anticipated that future funding will be made available by the NJ Department of Health to fund said grants; and

WHEREAS, the grants require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide services as outlined within the grant applications; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Director that the Department may be in need of hiring temporary part-time employees, in some or all titles, listed within the Board’s salary guide in order to fulfill the requirements of the aforementioned; and

WHEREAS, a final determination of staffing needs has not yet been determined, the Board of Health authorizes the Director to hire part-time temporary positions as needed in order to fully comply with grant requirements; 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 and fix the duties and compensation of its appointees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield that this resolution authorizes the Director to hire as needed the necessary part-time staff to meet grant requirements in accordance with the *New Jersey Department of Personnel* procedures governing temporary hires with compensation based on the Board’s salary ordinance for said title.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board, on a motion by VP Serbay, seconded by BM McDade, unanimously voted to move to Closed Session at 7:24pm. All present voted in the affirmative.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, this meeting of the Board of Health will reconvene immediately following the closed session,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

	(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of subsection a. of this section.
	(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
	(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.
	(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
	(5) Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
	(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.
x	(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than in subsection b. (4) herein in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.
	(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.
	(9) Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or

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	loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.
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The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 7:38p.m.

APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey at 7:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Monaco, Assistant Health Officer
Secretary to the Board