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The Newton Advisory Board of Health held a regular meeting on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Present were Dr. Nancy Craddock, Dr. John Craddock, Mr. William Hagaman, Dr. Beatriz Bueno and Mrs. Teresa A. Oswin, BOH Secretary. Maria Cuevas-Greco, Health Inspector from the Sussex County Board of Health was also present.

Mrs. Oswin made the following declaration that "in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this regular meeting was given to the two newspapers of record and posted on the official bulletin board on January 6, 2023."

Upon motion of Dr. N. Craddock, seconded by Dr. Bueno and carried, the minutes of June 22, 2022 Regular meeting were unanimously approved.

There was no Unfinished Business to discuss.

Under New Business, Ms. Cuevas-Greco reviewed the routine health notices submitted by the Sussex County Health Department. Dr. Bueno asked for an explanation or literature on the standards when making inspections to deem it "satisfactory". Ms. Cuevas-Greco explained the difference between critical and non-critical violations and if an establishment has more than four (4) critical violations then they do not receive a satisfactory rating. Some infractions can be fixed right away while she is at the facility, others if they are larger in scope are given two (2) weeks to correct. A brief discussion took place and Ms. Cuevas-Greco answered all questions asked by the Board.

Mrs. Oswin reviewed the recent ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Newton Town Council. Ordinance 2022-17 now permits restaurants on Spring Street with a Sidewalk Café permit to have "BYOB" liquor. Ordinance 2022-23 amends the "Standards for Keeping Chickens" section to exempt all agricultural and/or farming programs or other similar programs provided by Newton High School. Ordinance 2022-24 is established "Lead-Based Paint Testing" regulations as required by the State. Mrs. Oswin briefly explained the process and requirements. It applies to all residential rental properties built before 1978 that

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are not under the DCA purview. Mrs. Oswin also reviewed the changes in fees in Ordinance 2022-27. Resolution 37-2023 reappoints Mr. Hagaman for another five (5) years.

A discussion ensued on the lead-based paint testing and the landlord registration. Ms. Cuevas-Greco explained she tests for lead that involve children, some of the places she finds let are in clothing from China, candy from Mexico, and in some drinking mugs. She had a device she uses which when she presses it on an item it tells the lead level.

Mrs. Oswin then reviewed the restaurants that have either changed ownership or are new which include:

Change in Ownership:

Buen Chapin, LLC 183 Spring Street

Amato's Pizzeria, 55 Mill Street

New Restaurants:

Starbuck's – 123 Water Street

Chipotle – 123 Water Street

Panera Bread – 123 Water Street

The Sizzle BBQ – 216 Woodside Ave

Mrs. Oswin gave an update on Animal Control. She stated we have a new Animal Control Van that has been decaled by Gravity Design Works. We entered into a Share Service last year where we provide ACO services to Frankford. Stillwater and Hampton Township have approached her and are interested in us providing ACO services. We now offer Microchipping and Trap Rental.

Dr. Bueno asked about the meeting times changing to 6:00pm. All were in favor. A brief discussion took place about whether or not to hold the future meetings in person or via Zoom. The consensus was to hold them in person.

Correspondence was reviewed with no comment.

Mrs. Oswin opened the meeting to the public. There being no one from the public to be heard, the meeting was closed to the public.

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Mrs. Oswin asked if there were any comments from the Board. Dr. Nancy Craddock asked about the house on Sparta Ave having a rat problem. Ms. Cuevas-Greco stated she advised the owners they need to get a pest control service to help with the problem.

Upon motion of Mr. Hagaman seconded by Dr. J Craddock and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa A. Oswin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue highlight effect.

Teresa A. Oswin, RMC  
Board of Health Secretary