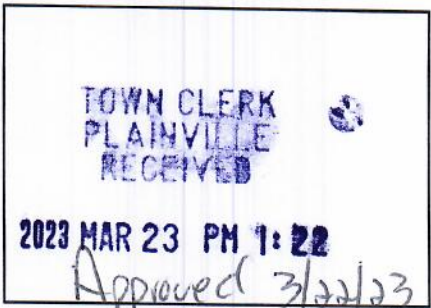


TOWN OF PLAINVILLE - BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes – January 25, 2023 - 7:03 p.m.

Town Hall, 190 South Street, Plainville, MA



The Plainville Board of Health held a scheduled meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at the Town Hall beginning at 7:03 p.m. Board members Lou LeBlanc, Chairman, Richard Achin, Vice Chairman & Bob Davis, member were present. Also present was Deborah J. Revelle, Health Director and Sheri Miller-Bedau, Health Agent and Paul Gilpin, regional food inspector.

Hearings

- Imperial Dragon to discuss the status of their Food Establishment permit.

Pricilla Lee the translator, Alice Wen the treasurer, Shi Hang Xu the president and owner and Yennie Prendergast representing Imperial Dragon were present.

Ms. Revelle stated that on January 19, 2023 at approximately 10:00 pm, the Plainville Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Imperial Dragon restaurant due to a deep fryer being left on overnight. She was called to the establishment to determine if there were any issues caused by the fire departments response that would prevent the establishment resuming normal operations the following day. At that time the following observations were made after the establishment had closed for the night:

- ***Multiple packages of frozen seafood left on a shelf outside of refrigeration to thaw overnight.**
- ***Multiple large containers of cooked rice sitting on shelves unrefrigerated, uncovered and unprotected.**
- Multiple containers of possible flour, corn starch, etc. left uncovered and unprotected.
- Multiple containers of sauces, not sure if they required refrigeration, uncovered and unprotected.
- Numerous insects observed on tables near unprotected and open containers of food.

Ms. Revelle explained that the above violations of the food code are the latest in a list of repeated violations that demonstrate the Person in Charge and/or the Certified Food Manager is not knowledgeable and/or does not comply with the requirements of the food code. She immediately suspended their permit to operate a food establishment as the violations were deemed to be an imminent health hazard. She spoke with Alice Wen and explained the suspension would be in effect until the establishment appeared before the Board of Health to discuss measures to correct violations of the Food Code.

Mr. Paul Gilpin explained to the Board that he had performed multiply inspections over the last six months with the same Priority and/or Priority Foundations violations being repeated. Ms. Revelle said the owners of Imperial Dragon were called to the Board of Health office to discuss these past violations. At that meeting Ms. Revelle ordered them to hire a food safety consultant at their own cost that would work with them to bring them into compliance. The consultant went to the establishment on 12/28/22 and trained the food manager and staff in their native language so they would understand what was expected of them. The consultant performed an audit inspection on 1/10/23, a couple of weeks after the training, and found four "Priority and/or Priority Foundation violations.

Ms. Revelle went through photos of past and present violations. Mr. Gilpin said some of the photos show issues that Imperial Dragon has addressed, such as cleaning out the clutter, designating a space for the employee to rest their beverages, reorganizing items on shelves, etc.

Mr. LeBlanc asked if anyone was present to speak on behalf of Imperial Dragon. Ms. Pricilla Lee translated for Alice Wen. Ms. Wen said they have hired a new food safety manager who will meet with their food consultant prior to starting work to discuss what is expected. She said they have also been working on cleaning up the establishment. Ms. Revelle reminded Ms. Wen that a food safety manager must be present during all hours of operation. Mr. LeBlanc asked if they had a second manager when the primary is out of the office. Ms. Wen asked if they could use the current manager as a backup. Ms. Revelle said that would be unacceptable.

There was discussion between the Board that a new food safety manager may resolve the past issues of repeated violations and the establishment should have a chance to show they can be in compliance with the new manager.

Dick Achin made a motion to reinstate the Imperial Dragons Food Establishment permit once they have shown a knowledge Person in Charge and Certified Food Manager will be present during all hours of operation and comply with the 2013 Federal Food Code and 105 CMR 590.000, State Sanitary Code, Chapter X, Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments.

Contingent upon the following:

- The permit holder shall notify the board of health in writing of the replacement.
- Copies of new certificates for Certified Food Manager and Allergen Awareness training is received in the office.
- An inspection is conducted of the establishment prior to opening by the Food Inspector.

Bob Davis seconded, all in favor, motion carried

Adjournment

Dick Achin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Bob Davis seconded, meeting adjourned.