

TOWN OF BOONTON BOARD OF HEALTH
100 WASHINGTON STREET
BOONTON, NEW JERSEY 07005

MINUTES
January 18th, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Boonton Board of Health was held on January 18th, 2022 at Town Hall. Acting Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. and read the notice of meeting statement.

“Proper notice of this meeting was given to the Citizen of Morris County, the Daily Record, and posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall. NOTICE: The New Robert’s Rules of Order are in effect to conduct business.”

FLAG SALUTE:

Acting Board Secretary led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL:

Acting Board Secretary conducted Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

William Wallace, President
Grace Ryerson
Kelli Shiels

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Patrick DeMare, Vice President
Caroline Hollinghurst
Cathy Riccobono
Frank DeRienzo, Esq.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Peter Tabbot, Health Officer

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

A motion was made by Grace Ryerson, and seconded by Kelli Shiels, to nominate William Wallace as the Board of Health President. No other nominations were made. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Grace Ryerson, and seconded by Kelli Shiels, to nominate Dr. Patrick DeMare as the Board of Health Vice President. No other nominations were made. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Grace Ryerson, and seconded by Kelli Shiels, to nominate Charlene Oselador as the Board of Health Secretary. No other nominations were made. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2022 RESOLUTION & APPOINTMENTS:

A motion was made by Grace Ryerson, and seconded by Kelli Shiels, to approve the 2022 Annual Resolution. All were in favor. Motion carried.

No swearing-in or reaffirmation of re-appointed Board of Health members was done at this time, and such will be performed at the February 15th, 2022 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board Members received a copy of the meeting minutes for the regular meeting held December 21st, 2021. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented and to be placed on file. All were in favor. Motion carried.

HEALTH OFFICER'S ACTIVITY / COMPLAINTS REPORT:

Board Members received a copy of the Health Officer's activity and complaints reports for December 2021. A motion was made and seconded to approve the reports. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Tabbot discussed the monthly report in detail, and mentioned the recent spike in COVID cases. He outlined the COVID handout that Brittany and Grace distribute to the public and community groups.

Mr. Tabbot stated that as of January 18, 2022, every household in NJ is eligible for four free COVID home-tests, which can be requested at www.covidtests.gov

Ms. Sheils asked if www.covidtests.gov is on the town website, and Mr. Willenborg stated that it will be added to the website.

Mr. Wallace offered to add any links for vaccination sites and testing sites to the Board of Health Facebook page.

NURSE'S REPORT, VITAL STATISTICS REPORT, ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:

Board Members received a copy of the Nurse's Report, Vital Statistics Report, and Animal Control Report for December 2021. A motion was made and seconded to approve all three reports. All were in favor. Motion carried.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT:

No Town Council Liaison was present for the meeting.

Ms. Ryerson inquired as to the status of the ambulance corp. Mr. Wallace discussed the matter and stated that a group of first aid squad members are going for training and they hope to be back in service in February.

Ms. Sheils asked if the town has an official warming station in the event of a long term power outage. Mr. Wallace stated that the town hall building is a registered warming center, and that the NJ Fireman's Home is a secondary warming station. Ms. Sheils asked if a Nixel, or similar notification, would be sent to residents in the event of a power outage. Mr. Wallace stated that yes, a mass text notification would be distributed, and also that the North Boonton Firehouse also has a service generator and could be used for warming.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence was received.

OLD BUSINESS:

None presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wallace mentioned that he spoke with Mr. Tabbot regarding the collaboration for a vaccination clinic with the Township of West Caldwell. They will offer boosters and vaccines for residents 18 and older.

Ms. Sheils asked how the schools and school nurses are handling the return of students to full time classes with COVID. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Ryerson asked about the status of a Boonton employee serving as the Health Secretary. Mr. Tabbot responded to her question.

DISCUSSION:

No discussion was presented.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS TO DISCUSS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

No public in attendance.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No public in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business was before the Board; therefore, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All were in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Willenborg
Acting Secretary to the Board

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