

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

MINUTES
February 21st, 2023 at 7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of the Board of Health President, the Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Board of Health Vice President led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

The Board of Health Vice President read the following 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.

ROLL CALL:

Board of Health Secretary conducted roll call.

Those present: William Wallace, Grace Ryerson, Christine Ferguson, BOH Secretary Charlene Oselador, Health Official Peter Tabbot

Those absent: Dr. Patrick DeMare, Cathy Riccobono, Kelli Shiels, Juli Harpell-Elam, Town Council Liaison Joe Bock

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Ms. Ferguson signed the Oath of Service to be recorded by the Board of Health Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

For the meeting of January 17th, 2023 – Tabled until the March meeting as there was not a quorum of Members who had been present at the previous meeting to ensure accuracy of the Minutes.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Health Officer's Report for January 2023

Mr. Tabbot discussed the Health Officer's Report for January. He explained the handouts that were included with information on free Covid test kits.

Mr. Wallace suggested distributing some of the Covid tests to the public library and the Senior Center for residents to pick up when they visit those places.

Mr. Tabbot advised that with the end of the federal public health emergency, free Covid test supplies will likely end at some point.

Ms. Ryerson moved to approve the Health Officer's Report. Ms. Ferguson seconded. All were in favour and the motion carried.

Vital Statistics Report for January 2023

Ms. Ryerson moved to approve the Vital Statistics Report for January. Ms. Ferguson seconded. All were in favour and the motion carried.

Animal Control Report for January 2023

Mr. Wallace reiterated that the Animal Control Reports need to be more thoroughly redacted in future.

Ms. Ferguson asked what the role of the Board is with regard to the monthly reports.

Mr. Tabbot advised that he would provide Ms. Ferguson with an orientation and would also help the Board to amend the fee schedule.

Mr. Wallace and Ms. Ryerson explained the process of reviewing reports, asking questions, discussing reports, overseeing the Town's Health Department staff, etc.

Mr. Tabbot said that post-Covid, a lot of State grant funding is and will be available in the coming year.

Ms. Ferguson moved to approve the Animal Control Report for January. Ms. Ryerson seconded. All were in favour and the motion carried.

Due to the fact that there was a concurrent meeting of the Town Council, Liaison Joe Bock was not present to give a report from the Town Council.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board of Health Secretary advised that she made contact with Ms. Harpell-Elam who planned to be present at the March meeting of the Board of Health. Ms. Oselador also advised that she had sent in the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association membership renewal paperwork.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wallace gave an update regarding his meeting with the Health Officer of Pequannock Township.

The Board of Health Secretary said she would send an updated contact sheet to all Board of Health members.

Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Wallace advised that the Town Administrator was looking into the issue of a compliant Animal Control vehicle.

Mr. Tabbot discussed the municipal budget process.

DISCUSSION:

None.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS TO DISCUSS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

No members of the public were present.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No members of the public were present.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business was before the Board. Therefore, Ms. Ryerson moved and Ms. Ferguson seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favour and the motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene M. Oselador
Secretary to the Board