

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

MINUTES
June 20th, 2023 at 7:30pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Board Vice President, William Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. Wallace led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

Mr. Wallace read the following announcement: 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:

The Health Clerk conducted roll call.

THOSE PRESENT:

Members: William Wallace, Grace Ryerson, Cathy Riccobono, Christine Ferguson, Juli Harpell-Elam

Others present: 'Covering' Board Liaison, Cy Wekilsky, Health Clerk Debra Garbeil, Senior REHS Tim Zachok

THOSE ABSENT:

Dr. Patrick DeMare, Kelli Shiels

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for the meeting of May 16, 2023. All were in favor and the motion carried.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Vital Statistics Report for May 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Vital Statistics Report for May of 2023. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Animal Control Report for May 2023

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Animal Control Report for May of 2023. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Health Officer's Report for May 2023

Mr. Zachok gave an overview of the Health Officer's report. Ms. Ryerson had questions regarding the specific definitions regarding Risk Levels which are attributed to Food Licenses. Mr. Zachok explained that Pequannock is in the process of reviewing our license fees and will propose changing them based on Risk Level, to be consistent with the other municipalities that Pequannock supports.

Mr. Zachok raised a fee discrepancy that was found in the health ordinance review that Pequannock is performing regarding Massage/Spa businesses. Ms. Garbeil further explained that the discrepancies which are being reviewed, are not just in the fees themselves but within the descriptions for each ordinance. This will be further discussed with Mr. Cantisano, Health Officer, to ensure this is part of the fee ordinance review project.

Ms. Ryerson and Ms. Riccobono raised their concern for residents having access to public health nurses and vaccinations which are now performed in Pompton Plains.

Mr. Wallace stated that he is sure that Mr. Cantisano will do what he can to ensure that healthcare is provided to everyone. He also mentioned that the Senior Bus is used for various transportation in his town and perhaps this may be a solve here too.

Ms. Ryerson asked about the status of any residents that came into the Health Department at Boonton's Town Hall for assistance. Ms. Garbeil mentioned a call received from a resident seeking vaccinations for his children, which were requested by their school. The information was given to the nurses at Pequannock, who were able to schedule the children for shots in June.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Health Officer's report. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Town Council Report

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of Joe Bock, Board of Health Liaison

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Wallace reminded those in attendance that Board of Health meetings are not held during the months of July and August. We will reconvene monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:30pm.

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, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Garbeil
Health Clerk