

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2018**

Call To Order

President, John Salaki, MD called the meeting to order at 8:02PM at the Board of Health Building, 262 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ, and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

Roll Call

Present: James Baldassare, Dr. Mona Birk, Joan Harris, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki, Nick Xu

Absent: Jennifer Asay

Also Present: Lucy A. Forgione, Health Officer; Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq.; Deirdre Vogel, Recording Secretary and Kaitlin Cartoccio, Community Program Coordinator & Health Educator

Public Comment: Three students from Ridge High School along with one parent introduced themselves. The students were attending as part of a history class.

Staff Comment: Dr. Salaki welcomed the visitors. Lucy Forgione introduced Kaitlin Cartoccio.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the January 18, 2018 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jim Baldassare, seconded by Dr. Korn.

Roll Call: Jim Baldassare – Yes, Dr. Birk – Abstain, Joan Harris – Abstain, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Nick Xu - Yes

The minutes from the January 18, 2018 Reorganization Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Dr. Korn seconded by Jim Baldassare.

Roll Call: Jim Baldassare - yes, Dr. Birk – Abstain, Joan Harris – Abstain, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Nick Xu – yes

The minutes from the February 15, 2018 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Joan Harris, seconded by Dr. Korn.

Roll Call: Jim Baldassare – Abstain, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Nick Xu - Abstain

The minutes from the February 15, 2018 Executive Session were reviewed and approved with a motion by Joan Harris, seconded by Dr. Korn.

Roll Call: Jim Baldassare - Abstain, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Nick Xu - Abstain

Health Educator Report and Health Officers Reports – The Health Educator Report and Health Officers Reports for February and March were reviewed and discussed.

A motion to approve the Health Educator & Health Officers reports was made by Dr. Korn, and seconded by Dr. Birk. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Annual Report: Lucy Forgione distributed copies of the 2017 Annual Report to Board of Health members not present at previous meeting and asked if anyone had any questions or comments to contact her.

Smoke Free Parks – Lucy Forgione informed the Board that several statements were submitted to the Rec, Parks and Pathways Committee per their request and the one chosen was “Young lungs play in our parks. We thank you for not smoking”. This statement is being applied to Parks and Recreation correspondence, on their website and on signage. The original Ordinance was edited somewhat and was being reconsidered for Township Committee review and/or approval. A discussion ensued regarding the ordinance.

New Business - Resolution 9:18 - Resolution of Change from Temporary Part-Time to Regular Part-Time Status -Sybil Rainey —Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) Bernards Township Health Department

Motion to accept Resolution 9:18 was made by Joan Harris, seconded by Dr. Birk.

Roll Call: Jim Baldassare – Yes, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Nick Xu - Yes

Resolution 10:18 – Resolution of Commendation for Vesna Nikodijevic, M.D. In Recognition of Outstanding Child Health Conference (CHC) Services to Bernards Township and Contracting Municipalities

Motion to accept Resolution 10:18 was made by Joan Harris, seconded by Jim Baldassare.

Roll Call: Jim Baldassare – Yes, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Nick Xu - Yes

Kaitlin Cartoccio, Community Program Coordinator & Health Educator – Presentation on juuling/vaping and Mental Health First Aid Training

Kaitlin Cartoccio began her presentation with a PSA (Public Service Announcement) spotlighting the Drug Drop Off Box at the Bernards Township Police Station. The PSA was done by the Municipal Alliance and RAAD student members.

Kate then went on to discuss the increasing problem of student vaping with juul and phix devices in the High School. Kate has developed literature to present to parents and teachers to enlighten them on the issue. Kate also shared that she recently attained a certification to teach Mental Health First Aid Training to adults who work with youth. She conducts certification classes targeting the general population such as parents, teachers, coaches, etc.

Resolution 11:18– Executive Session

Contract, Attorney Client Privilege – Litigation, Mendham Township

Motion to accept Resolution 11:18 was made by Jim Baldassare , seconded by Dr. Birk.

Roll Call: Jim Baldassare – Yes, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Nick Xu - Yes

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:55PM.
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:08PM.

Staff Comment: None

Board Comment: Jim Baldassare said that he'd like to discuss the "Stigma Free Community" resolution at the next meeting. Lucy Forgione explained that that the Stigma Free Community resolution was initiated and endorsed by the Municipal Alliance not the Board of Health for Township Committee for consideration.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Jim Baldassare, seconded by Dr. Birk to adjourn the meeting at 10:10PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Board Secretary