

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 17, 2019**

**Call To Order**

Board President Dr. John Salaki called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM 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: Jennifer Asay, Dr. Mona Birk, Joan Harris, Dr. Christopher Hunt, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki

Absent: Nick Xu

Also Present: Lucy A. Forgione, Health Officer; Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq.;  
Deirdre Vogel, Recording Secretary; Lauren Rus, Ridge High Student

**Staff Comment:** Dr. Salaki Welcomed the member of the public.

**Public Comment:** Lauren Rus introduced herself and explained she was from Ridge High School.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the June 13, 2019 Executive Session were reviewed and approved for content only with a motion by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Joan Harris.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Birk – Abstain, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Abstain, Dr. Salaki - Yes

The minutes from the June 13, 2019 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Joan Harris, seconded by Dr. Hunt.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Abstain, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Abstain, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

The minutes from the September 12, 2019 Executive Session were reviewed and approved for content only as amended, with a motion by Dr. Korn, seconded by Dr. Hunt.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Abstain, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Abstain, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

The minutes from the September 12, 2019 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved as amended with a motion by Dr. Birk, seconded by Dr. Hunt.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Abstain, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Abstain, Dr. Hunt - Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

**Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports** – The Health Educator Report and Health Officer's reports for September were reviewed and discussed.

A motion to approve reports was made by Dr. Birk, seconded by Dr. Hunt.  
All were in favor.

**Old Business:** The Board discussed vape shops and establishments that sell vaping devices. Joan Harris indicated that the Township Committee is considering an ordinance prohibiting vape shops and smoke shops from opening in Bernards Township. Upon passage of such an ordinance the Board of Health will discuss a recommendation to license establishments that sell vaping devices.

**New Business:** None

**Staff Comment:** Lucy Forgione mentioned that Nancy Dowd filled the vacant REHS position on October 7 and is doing very well. Lucy updated the Board as to the status of the proposal submitted to Chester Township. Lucy also shared that there will be a vacancy on the Board of Health beginning in January. She has made a replacement recommendation to the Township Committee.

**Board Comment:** None

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Joan Harris, seconded by Dr. Birk to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Meeting Secretary