

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 12, 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: Dr. Mona Birk, Dr. Christopher Hunt, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki,

Absent: Jennifer Asay, Joan Harris, Nick Xu

Also Present: Lucy A. Forgione, Health Officer; Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq.;
Deirdre Vogel, Recording Secretary; Jonah Kartosh, Basking Ridge and
Colleen Henry, California

Public Comment: Two members of the public introduced themselves.

Staff Comment: Lucy Forgione welcomed Board members back after the summer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 13, 2019 Regular Meeting & Executive Session were tabled until the October meeting due to a lack of quorum

Roll Call: Dr. Birk – Abstain, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Abstain, Dr. Salaki – Yes,

Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports – The Health Educator Report and Health Officer's reports for June, July & August were reviewed and discussed.

A motion to approve reports was made by Dr. Korn, seconded by Dr. Birk.

All were in favor.

Old Business: None

New Business

Dr. Salaki informed the board of an incident of an outbreak of Hepatitis A that originated in Mendham Township. Lucy Forgione reported that the residents under the jurisdiction of the Bernards Township Health Department were monitored by the Somerset Hills VNA via CDRSS (Communicable Disease Reporting and Surveillance System), per NJ State Health Department Guidelines. Lucy attended the regularly scheduled Mendham Borough Board of Health meeting on September 4th and discussed their request to disseminate information via the Office of Emergency Management when such outbreaks occur. Lucy expressed confidentiality concerns and said she was meeting with the Borough Administrator on the 18th.

NACCHO Health Department of the Year Award - Lucy directed the Board members' attention to the award on the center of the table received by the Bernard's Township Board of Health in

July from the National Association of County and City Health Officials “2019 Health Department of the Year” for a health department serving a population under 100,000 at the National Conference in Orlando Florida.

Lucy shared further news of another award presented to the Municipal Alliance in August. The Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute Award for Top 5 Most Outstanding Prevention Action Group in NJ 2018-2019.

Lucy informed the Board members that the Somerset Hills VNA was merging with Atlantic Health Corporation. No immediate changes will be made in the next two years.

Lucy distributed a copy of an ordinance adopted by Montgomery Township allowing them to license establishments that sell electronic smoking devices to ensure they are not being sold to under-age individuals. Lucy asked that the board members review the ordinance and be prepared to discuss at the October meeting.

RESOLUTION 11:19 – A Resolution appointing Nancy K. Dowd as Registered Environmental Health Specialist.

Dr. Korn motioned to approve Resolution BH 11:19, seconded by Dr. Birk.

Roll Call: Dr. Birk – Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

RESOLUTION 12:19 – Executive Session: Contract Negotiations & Personnel Matters

Motion to accept Resolution 12:19 was made by Dr. Korn, seconded by Dr. Hunt.

Roll Call: Dr. Birk – Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:50PM.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:12PM.

Staff Comment:

Board Comment: None

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Salaki, seconded by Dr. Korn to adjourn the meeting at 9:13PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Meeting Secretary