

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
BOARD OF HEALTH
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

Call To Order

President, John Salaki, MD called the meeting to order at 8:04 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, Karen Ellis, Dr. Christopher Hunt, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki

Absent: Joan Harris

Also Present: Lucy Forgione, Health Officer; Board Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq. and Deirdre Vogel, Board of Health Secretary

Public Comment: None

Staff Comment: Lucy Forgione expressed her appreciation to the board for nominating her for the Health Officer of the Year award. Lucy accepted the award at the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Annual Public Health Awards Dinner in December.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 16, 2020 Reorganization meeting were reviewed and approved on motion by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr. Birk.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Mona Birk - Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

The minutes of the January 16, 2020 Regular meeting were reviewed and approved for release on motion by Dr. Birk, seconded by Dr. Hunt.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Mona Birk - Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports – The Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports were reviewed and discussed.

A motion to approve the Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr. Hunt. All were in favor.

Old Business: The Board is considering a recommendation to license establishments that currently sell electronic smoking devices. Joan Harris was looking into sample resolutions to share with the board. In her absence the discussion will continue at the next scheduled meeting.

New Business:

Lucy Forgione reviewed the 2019 Annual Report.

Lucy shared the latest information received at the Health Department regarding Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Information is shared as we receive updates with town officials, businesses, school superintendents and nurses, Local Emergency Management groups and Boards of Health of the towns we serve. Lucy also spoke of efforts being discussed for the protection of first responders in Somerset County and Morris County via 911 CAD System.

First Reading of Ordinance BH: 104 - An Ordinance of The Board of Health of the Township of Bernards, County of Somerset, amending Chapter BH:16, Sale of Tobacco.

Dr. Salaki read the ordinance by title. Motion to introduce Ordinance BH:104 on first reading was made by Dr. Korn, seconded by Dr. Birk.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Mona Birk - Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

Ordinance was discussed.

Motion to pass Ordinance BH:104 on first reading was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr. Hunt.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Mona Birk - Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

Staff Comment – Lucy Forgione informed the Board Members that Janice Fields, a new member of the Township Committee, met with members of the Health Department in January as part of her Township Committee orientation process. A variety of topics were discussed including Health Department Services and the Board of Health. Staff was invited in to share their areas of specialty. The desire to become an accredited Health Department was shared with Mrs. Fields. Lucy expressed that the Board of Health approved this last year and that moneys were requested from the Township Committee for the accreditation process. Lucy asked Dr. Hunt for an opinion on rabies exemptions from local veterinarians.

Board Comment:

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Jennifer Asay seconded by Dr. Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Board Secretary