

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 3, 2020**

**Call To Order**

Board President Dr. John Salaki called the meeting to order at 6:02PM via Zoom Conference Call. Board of Health Secretary Deirdre Vogel read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

**Roll Call**

Present: Jennifer Asay (6:10), Dr. Mona Birk, Karen Ellis, Joan Harris, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki

Absent: Dr. Christopher Hunt

Also Present: Lucy A. Forgione, Health Officer; Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq.; Deirdre Vogel, Recording Secretary, Todd Edelstein of Riverside Drive, Basking Ridge

**Public Comment:** None

**Staff Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the November 12, 2020 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Dr. Birk, seconded by Joan Harris.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – (Not present), Dr. Birk – Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Joan Harris – 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 Dr. Korn, seconded by Dr. Birk. All were in favor.

**New Business:**

None

**Old Business:**

COVID 19 update - Lucy Forgione reported that there were 186 positive cases of COVID 19 in Bernards Township in November and hospitalizations have increased. Lucy is participating in many conference calls discussing changing regulations and vaccine logistics such as distribution, hosting locations and storage of vaccine.

Lucy told the Board that the Health Department coordinated a drive through Clinic with Wellcare, offering COVID 19 testing today which was held at Pleasant Valley Park. 235 participants were tested.

**Update on Grant Application – Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity**

Lucy Forgione advised the board that we have been awarded the grant which will enable the hiring of staff, possibly a nurse, for community outreach, education and contact tracing for vulnerable populations.

**Staff Comment:**

Lucy Forgione updated the Board on the status of pending Interlocal Contracts. Kaitlin Cartoccio commented on the addition of graphs to the weekly Health Department updates which have generated positive responses.

**Board Comment:**

Dr. Salaki thanked Kaitlin for the effort that goes into the health updates and the great value it is to the community.

Dr. Birk thanked Lucy for all her hard work especially this past year and shared how much she enjoyed being a member of the Board of Health.

**Public Comment:**

Todd Edelstein thanked staff for including the meeting agenda and reports on the Community Calendar posting of the Board of Health Meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mona Birk, seconded by Dr. Salaki to adjourn the meeting at 6:51PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Meeting Secretary