

**THE TOWNSHIP OF  
BERNARDS BOARD OF  
HEALTH MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 13, 2021**

**Call To Order**

President, John Salaki, MD called the meeting to order at 7:02PM via Zoom Conference Call and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Jennifer Asay (joined at 7:39PM), Patricia Crane, Karen Ellis, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki

**Also Present:** Lucy Forgione, Health Officer; Board Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq.; Michelle Santoro, ACO; Deirdre Vogel, Board of Health Secretary and Todd Edelstein of Riverside Drive (left meeting at 7:14PM)

**Absent:** Joan Bannan, Dr Christopher Hunt

**Public Comment:** Todd Edelstein commented on the CDC's announcement that masks would not be required at outdoor venues if vaccinated.

**Staff Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the April 15, 2021 Regular Meeting were tabled until the June meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports**

The Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports for April were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports was made by Pat Crane, seconded by Dr. Korn. All were in favor.

**Old Business: Discussion on licensed cats and alteration**

Michelle Santoro shared her desire for the Board of Health to adopt an ordinance that would mandate alteration for cats kept outdoors. Michelle cited the expense and burden that stray outdoor cats put on the Health Department. Paula DeBona had provided the Board with sample ordinances from other cities. The Board requested that Michelle provide a problem statement and the cost to the township for the care and treatment of stray cats during her tenure with the Health Department. Michelle will present at the June meeting and work with Paula DeBona on a draft ordinance.

**New Business - Introduction of Salary Ordinance BH:107**

**ORDINANCE BH: 107- An Ordinance Of The Board Of Health Of The Township Of Bernards Fixing Ranges For The Compensation Of Certain Employees Of The Township Of Bernards Health Department**

Dr. Salaki read the ordinance by title. Motion to introduce Ordinance BH:107 on first reading was made by Dr. Korn, seconded by Karen Ellis.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Karen Ellis - Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

Ordinance was discussed.

Motion to pass Ordinance BH:107 on first reading was made by Karen Ellis, seconded by Dr. Korn.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Karen Ellis - Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

**Board Comment:** Dr. Salaki conveyed his thanks to the Board and to Lucy and her staff for all that has been accomplished this past year and all the heart put into their work.

**Staff Comment:** Lucy spoke of all the help Dr. Salaki has been to her and the Department in the past year.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Korn, seconded by Pat Crane to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Board Secretary