

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2023**

Call To Order

Board President Dr. John Salaki called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Asay (7:03), Dr. Kelly Brown, Dr. Shilpa Clott (7:03), Pat Crane, Matthew Majewski, Dr. John Salaki

Absent: Karen Ellis

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

Public Comment: No member of the public present

Staff Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved on motion by Matt Majewski, seconded by Pat Crane.

Roll Call: Dr. Kelly Brown - Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Matthew Majewski - Yes, Dr. John Salaki - Yes

Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports

The Health Educator Report & Health Officer's Reports for March were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the Health Educator Reports & Health Officer's Reports was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Matt Majewski. All were in favor.

Old Business: Dr. Salaki inquired about the latest grant activity. Dr. Clott asked for an update regarding online pet licensing/credit card acceptance. Lucy explained that it's not possible at this time due to complications that occur frequently with improper documentation provided by pet owners. Lucy stressed that the BOH's role is not oversight of day-to-day operations but to set public health policy decisions. Lucy thanked the Board for their input and will revisit this issue internally in the future.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Staff Comment: Lucy discussed the coverage that will be in place for the duration of Kate Cartoccio's maternity leave beginning in June. Lucy and Jennifer Asay announced that members of the Health Department would be presenting at the June session of Understanding Bernards at Townhall.

Board Comment: Dr. Salaki shared his thoughts on Covid and how hospitals are relaxing their Covid requirements somewhat. He believes we are in a better place but still need to be aware of risks.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Matt Majewski, seconded by Dr. Clott to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Meeting Secretary