

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2023**

Call To Order

Board Vice President Karen Ellis 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, Dr. Clott, Pat Crane, Karen Ellis, Matthew Majewski
Absent: Kelly Brown & Dr. Salaki
Also Present: Lucy A. Forgione, Health Officer; Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq.; Deirdre Vogel, Recording Secretary and one member of the public, Owen Majewski, Basking Ridge

Public Comment: None

Staff Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Pat Crane, seconded by Matt Majewski.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Clott - Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Matthew Majewski – Yes

Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports

The Health Educator Report & Health Officers Report for May were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the Health Educator Report & Health Officers Report was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Matthew Majewski. All were in favor.

Old Business:

1. Adoption of Salary Ordinance BH:111

ORDINANCE BH: 111 - 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

Motion to read Ordinance BH:111 by title on second reading was made by Matt Majewski, seconded by Dr. Clott.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Clott - Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Matthew Majewski – Yes

Public hearing opened. No member of the public commented.

Public hearing closed.

Motion to adopt Ordinance BH:111 on second reading was made by Karen Ellis, seconded by Pat Crane.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Clott - Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Matthew Majewski – Yes

New Business:

RESOLUTION BH 11:23 – A Resolution establishing salaries for various positions in the Health Department

Matt Majewski motioned to approve Resolution BH 11:23, seconded by Dr. Clott.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Clott - Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Matthew Majewski – Yes

A motion to amend the Agenda to include an update on the current lead cases, was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Karen Ellis.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Clott - Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Matthew Majewski – Yes

Update – Lead Case – Lucy Forgione brought the Board up to date on the lead cases that the Health Department Inspectors are currently investigating.

RESOLUTION BH 12:23 EXECUTIVE SESSION – INTERLOCAL CONTRACTS

Jennifer Asay motioned to approve Resolution BH 12:23, seconded by Matt Majewski.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Clott - Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Karen Ellis – Yes, Matthew Majewski – Yes

The Board entered into Executive Session at 7:35 PM

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:55 PM

Public Comment: None

Staff Comment: Lucy Forgione informed the Board that she received a letter of resignation from Maria Novoa-Bestiero the Public Health Nurse in the Health Department. Lucy will be advertising for a replacement.

Board Comment: Jennifer Asay thanked Lucy in advance, for participating in the upcoming June 21st presentation of “Understanding Bernards”. Jennifer also mentioned learning of a potentially lifesaving device called “LifeVac” which a resident believes enabled his wife to save his life while he was choking.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Matthew Majewski, seconded by Dr. Clott to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Meeting Secretary