

TOWN OF BOONTON BOARD OF HEALTH
100 WASHINGTON STREET
BOONTON, NEW JERSEY 07005

MINUTES
February 15th, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of Board President, William Wallace, the Board of Health's Vice President, Dr. Patrick DeMare called the meeting to order at 7:40pm.

FLAG SALUTE:

The Board of Health Vice President lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

The Board's Vice President read out the following statement: Proper notice of this meeting was given to the Citizen of Morris County, the Daily Record, and posted on the bulletin board in Town Hall. NOTICE: The New Robert's Rules of Order are in effect to conduct business.

ROLL CALL:

The Board of Health Secretary conducted roll call.

Present: Dr. Patrick DeMare, Gracy Ryerson, Kelli Shiels, Health Official Peter Tabbot, Joe Bock (Town Council Liaison), Charlene Oselador (BOH Secretary)

Absent: William Wallace, Caroline Hollinghurst, Cathy Riccobono, Frank DeRienzo

2022 APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Patrick DeMare signed the Oath of Service as Board of Health Vice President.

The following were absent and will therefore be sworn in at the March meeting:

- Caroline Hollinghurst
- Cathy Riccobono

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Board of Health Members were provided with a copy of the meeting minutes for the meeting of January 18th, 2022. Ms. Ryerson moved and Ms. Shiels seconded a motion to approve the minutes and to place them on file. All were in favour and the motion passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Board of Health Members received copies of the following reports:

- Health Officer's Activity Report
- Health Officer's Complaint Report
- Nurse's Report

Vital Statistics Report for January 2022
Animal Control Report for January 2022
Town Council Report

Health Officer, Peter Tabbot, explained the Activity and Complaint Reports as well as the Nurse's Report. In particular, Mr. Tabbot discussed issues relating to cannabis sales and zoning. He also spoke about Covid contact tracing. Mr. Tabbot then provided a current Covid update.

Ms. Shiels and Mr. Tabbot discussed trends in Covid cases.

Mr. Tabbot provided flyers and handouts with information about the booster shots and new quarantine guidelines.

Ms. Shiels, Ms. Ryerson, Mr. Tabbot, and Ms. Oselador discussed posting information on Facebook.

Mr. Tabbot advised that funding for Covid vulnerable populations staffing will be extended another year. He also explained Brittany Bernstein's role.

Ms. Ryerson and Mr. Tabbot discussed Debra Garbeil's role as a part-time Health Department clerk at Town Hall as well as the overall staffing arrangements of Boonton's Health Department.

Mr. Tabbot briefly discussed the upcoming end to mask mandates in schools. He also reviewed Ms. Bernstein's internal and community updates.

Mr. Tabbot and Ms. Ryerson discussed merging the Nurse's Report with the Health Officer's Reports.

Ms. Ryerson asked about upcoming programs. Mr. Tabbot advised that Kristine Wilsusen is working on mental health programs.

Ms. Ryerson moved to approve Rockaway's reports. Ms. Shiels seconded. All were in favour and the motion carried.

Ms. Ryerson moved to approve the Vital Statistics Report. Ms. Shiels seconded. All were in favour and the motion carried.

Ms. Shiels moved to approve the Animal Control Report. Ms. Ryerson seconded. All were in favour and the motion carried.

Mr. Bock gave the Town Council report. He discussed issues relating to cannabis sales including consumer fraud and bad faith dealing which have already become a problem in nearby towns. The Board further discussed this matter.

Mr. Tabbot, Ms. Ryerson, Ms. Shiels, and Ms. Oselador discussed Clean Communities grants and the importance of promoting environmental health.

Ms. Shiels moved to approve the Town Council Report. Ms. Ryerson seconded. All were in favour and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

DISCUSSION:

Ms. Shiels asked when the next rabies clinic would be held.

Ms. Oselador offered to ask the Animal Control Officer and forward his response.

Ms. Ryerson asked about appointments and oaths and the necessary procedures.

Ms. Shiels indicated that Ms. Riccobono was experiencing email issues and was unaware of the meeting that day, but would be present at the next one.

Ms. Shiels and Mr. Bock discussed the upcoming “Judge Less Fest” run by a local non-profit.

Mr. Bock, Ms. Ryerson, Ms. Oselador, and Mr. Tabbot discussed the Town’s monthly newsletter, including its content, how to contribute to it, and how to sign up for it.

Mr. Tabbot and Mr. Bock discussed the potential for instituting event permits and how to improve internal communications between Town departments.

The Board discussed electric marquis signs and how they can be used to communicate with the public.

Ms. Ryerson suggested placing printed copies of the newsletter at various locations around town.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS TO DISCUSS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

No members of the public present.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No members of the public present.

ADJOURNMENT:

No further business was before the Board, therefore Ms. Shiels moved to adjourn. Ms. Ryerson seconded. All were in favour and the motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene M. Oselador
Secretary to the Board

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