



MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2019 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING



Call to Order:

The September 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:33 pm by Chairperson Colleen Labow.

Open Public Meetings Act Announcement:

The Board Secretary made the following announcement: "According to the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been given to the Daily Record. Notice has been posted in the Municipal Building, 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road, Mount Olive Township, New Jersey and notices were sent to those requesting the same."

Roll Call:

Present: Colleen Labow, Dr. Abrams, Laura Hawkins, Mark Kana and Dr. Miccio (6:43pm).

Absent: Anita Cooper and Dr. Wallack

The Board Chairperson also recognized the Board of Health Secretary, Michele Doucette; Health Officer, Trevor Weigle; Attorney, Peter King, and Deputy Director/Assistant Health Officer, Derrick Webb.

Review of the Minutes:

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 17, 2019 board meeting.

(Note: Upon reviewing the recording of the September 18, 2019 meeting it was determined that there was no motion or second made for the approval of the June 17, 2019 meeting minutes.)

Written Reports & Correspondence:

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

June Correspondence:

- Letter from NJTransit to H.O.; re: denied grant funding
- Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: Major Activities for May 2019
- Email from H.O. to BOH; re: Vector-borne Surveillance Report
- Email from H.O. to BOH; re: NJDOH Health Alert: Harmful Algal Bloom on Lake

Hopatcong

- Email from H.O. to Local Physician's Offices; re: NJDOH Health Alert: Harmful Algal Bloom on Lake Hopatcong

July Correspondence:

- Email from H.O. to BOH; re: NJDOH Call for Enhanced Surveillance and Testing for Legionellosis in Morris County
- Email from H.O. to Local Physicians; re: NJDOH Call for Enhanced Surveillance and Testing for Legionellosis in Morris County
- Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: Major Activities for June 2019

August Correspondence:

- Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: Major Activities for July 2019
- Letter from H.O. to Medicare Services; re: Exemption from electronic claims submission requirement

Written Reports:

The Health Officer reviewed the Public Health Activities Reports for June, July and August 2019 with the Board.

The Health Officer brought it to the Board's attention that the Public Health Activities Reports now include graphs to help better show trends.

Board member Hawkins inquired if it was the first time we applied for the NJTransit transportation grant. The Health Officer noted it was the second time and when it comes out again shortly the department will be applying again.

Board member Hawkins inquired about the mint odor complaints. The Health Officer noted that there is a mint odor issue in the Clover Hill area related to a company in Flanders that uses mint extract in their process. The town is working with a consultant from First Environment regarding the complaints. Residents are instructed to first call the DEP. The DEP has issued fines to the company for operating without an air pollution permit. Board member Kana inquired if there were any health issues related to the mint odor and how many people have complained. The Deputy Director noted it has not been proven to cause any physical ailments and eight people in total have complained, however most of the complaints thus far have come from three individuals. It was also noted that the company has been given ninety days to comply with the DEP's notice and resolve the outstanding issues.

The Public Health Activities reports for June, July and August 2019 were approved on a motion by Dr. Abrams and second by Mark Kana; all present were in favor.

New Business:

None

Ordinance on First Reading:

None

Ordinance on Second Reading:

None

Resolutions:

None

Unfinished Business:

The Health Officer noted that he reviewed seven different ordinances related to the control and licensure of facilities that sell smoking and vaping devices, and related paraphernalia. He compiled a list of components he thought were the most relevant for a Mount Olive ordinance. He noted that the Town of Morristown had the most comprehensive ordinance. The Board Attorney noted that New York was the first to ban flavored cartridges and the New Jersey Department of Health is considering to take similar action. The Health Officer noted that the Vice Principal of the high school inquired about the town adopting an ordinance prohibiting the possession of vaping equipment. The Health Officer asked the board if they wanted an ordinance drafted or if they wanted to wait and to see what the State does. The Board noted that we should draft an ordinance waiting to see what the State does.

Legal Business:

None

Public Portion:

None

Board Comments:

Board member Hawkins complimented the Health Department on all the vaping presentations that have been held.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm on a motion by Dr. Abrams and second by Laura Hawkins; all members present were in favor.

Colleen Labow
Chairperson

I, Michele Doucette, Mount Olive Township Board of Health Secretary, do hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes approved at a legally convened meeting of the Mount Olive Township Board of Health duly held on December 18, 2019.

Michele Doucette
Board of Health Secretary