



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2021 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING



Call to Order:

The March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:36 pm by Chairperson Colleen Labow. The meeting was held via video conferencing (Zoom).

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. Miccio (6:56), Mark Kana, Laura Hawkins, Dr. Wallack and Kathleen Olup

Absent: Dr. Abrams

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

Review of the Minutes:

The minutes of the February 17, 2021 Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Board member Hawkins and second by Board member Olup; all members present were in favor.

Written Reports & Correspondence:

The Health Officer reviewed the Public Health Activities Report for February 2021. The Health Officer also updated the Board of Health on the pandemic with an excel spreadsheet showing the numbers of cases, number of cases still in isolation, and the number of deaths to date.

The Health Officer noted Walmart will begin vaccinating seniors seventy-five plus with an appointment coordinated thru senior transportation.

The Deputy Director noted executive orders updated the indoor capacity from 25% to 35% and will be raised to 50% on Friday March 19, 2021. Two parents as spectators at youth sporting events are now allowed. The limit at religious and sporting events was increased on February 22, 2021.

Board Member Wallack asked about Branda's food reinspection. The Deputy Director noted that Branda's received an Conditional Satisfactory and was charged an inspection fee. Board member Kana asked when they would be reinspected. The Deputy Director noted the reinspection would be done in March.

Board Member Kana asked if a blood screening clinic would happen this year. The Health Officer noted as soon as a lab becomes available a clinic would be scheduled.

Board Member Kana asked what the health department was doing to help senior residents get a COVID vaccination. The Health Officer noted that the Department is in the process of collecting the name, age and a phone number of residents 75 plus years old in order to register them with the State. Board Member Kana asked if an action plan would be done for future pandemics. The Deputy Director noted a hot wash and an action plan would be created. The Health Educator noted working on a COVID grant which targets the vulnerable population and will help bridge resources.

Board Member Labow asked if there will be a free rabies clinic scheduled. The Deputy Director noted a voucher program was being coordinated between the veterinarian and Animal Control Officer.

The Public Health Activities Report for February 2021 was approved on a motion by Board Member Kana and second by Board Member Wallack: all members present were in favor.

New Business:

None

Ordinance on First Reading:

None

Ordinance on Second Reading:

None

Resolutions:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

Legal Business:

None

Public Portion:

Louisa Melendez noted that odor from a cannabis plant can exacerbate COPD and asthma.

Board Comments:

None

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm on a motion by Board member Hawkins and second by Dr. Wallack; 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 April 21, 2021.

Michele Doucette
Board of Health Secretary