



MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2021 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING



Call to Order:

The February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:35 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, Mark Kana and Laura Hawkins

Absent: Dr. Abrams, Dr. Wallack and Kathleen Olup

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 January 20, 2021 Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Laura Hawkins and second by Colleen Labow; all members present were in favor.

Written Reports & Correspondence:

The Health Officer reviewed the Public Health Activities Report for January 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 the health departments assistance in establishing a regular Covid screening and antibody testing schedule at the Mt. Olive High School every Thursday at 3pm to 7pm.

The Health Officer noted that a meeting with Atlantic Health was held to discuss potential collaborative Covid vaccine efforts. He noted the State Health Department told

municipalities not to expect any vaccines but he will continue to discuss plans with colleagues on how they might set up a clinic or some type of vaccination effort.

The Health Officer noted the hiring of two part-time employees as Vulnerable Outreach Populations Coordinators (VOPC) to administer the grant. They will do a needs assessment of the community to figure out who the vulnerable populations are. They will do an assessment of the resources available and match them to the populations to navigate all the issues with Covid.

The Health Officer noted a new lab located in the ITC will be doing Covid screenings.

Board member Miccio asked the Health Officer to add the date he last reported Covid to the report.

The Public Health Activities Report for January 2021 was approved on a motion by Laura Hawkins and second by Dr. Miccio: all members present were in favor.

New Business:

The Health Officer announced Robert Stalhut's retiring at the end of this year.

Ordinance on First Reading:

None

Ordinance on Second Reading:

None

Resolutions:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

Legal Business:

None

Public Portion:

None

Board Comments:

Board member Hawkins thanked the health department for all their hard work.

Board member Miccio commented the worst is over and believes vaccines will be available thru the health department and doctor's offices eventually.

Board member Labow thanked the health department for doing a fantastic job and for all their hard work.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm on a motion by Board member Hawkins and second by Dr. Miccio; 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 March 17, 2021.

Michele Doucette
Board of Health Secretary