



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2019 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING



Call to Order:

The March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:43 PM by Vice Chairperson Dr. Steve Abrams.

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: Dr. Abrams, Dr. Wallack, Anita Cooper, Mark Kana and Laura Hawkins

Absent: Colleen Labow and Dr. Miccio

The Board Vice Chairperson also recognized the Board of Health Secretary, Michele Doucette; Health Officer, Trevor J. Weigle; Attorney, Roman B. Hirniak (for Attorney Peter King), Deputy Director/Assistant Health Officer, Derrick Webb.

Review of the Minutes:

The minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Wallack and second by Anita Cooper; all members present were in favor.

Written Reports & Correspondence:

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

1. Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: Major Monthly Events/Activities – December 2018.
2. Letter from H.O. to NJ Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services; re: Shared Services with the Town of Dover.
3. Letter from H.O. to NJ Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services; re: Shared Services with the Township of Mine Hill.
4. Letter from H.O. to NJ Department of Community Affairs Division of Local Government Services; re: Shared Services with the Borough of Wharton.

5. Letter from H.O. to Shereen Semple, Director NJ Department of Health Office of Local Public Health; re: Shared Services with the Town of Dover.
6. Letter from H.O. to Shereen Semple, Director NJ Department of Health Office of Local Public Health; re: Shared Services with the Township of Mine Hill.
7. Letter from H.O. to Shereen Semple, Director NJ Department of Health Office of Local Public Health; re: Shared Services with the Borough of Wharton.
8. Letter from Housing Authority of the County of Morris; re: Environmental Intervention Blood Lead Level for Dover, Mt. Olive Township & Netcong.
9. Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: Major Monthly Events/Activities – January 2019.

Written Reports:

The Health Officer reviewed the Public Health Activities Reports for January and February 2019 with the Board. Referring to the restaurant Cheers, a board member asked what happens when a restaurant gets repeated Conditional ratings. He noted that they were lacking documents needed for pest control and had not appropriately maintained their grease trap. Cheers went to court for February violations and has since paid the fines, and remediated the violations with a Satisfactory re-inspection rating.

The Public Health Activities reports for January and February 2019 were approved on a motion by Mark Kana and second by Dr. Wallack; all present were in favor.

New Business:

On behalf of the Board of Health and his colleagues at the Health Department in recognition of his years of service and guidance, the Health Officer presented a clock to M. Arif Akhtar and read the inscription - *In grateful appreciation of your thirty nine years of work and dedication to the residence of the Township of Mt Olive February 20, 2019.*

Arif Akhtar thanked everyone on the board including the Board Attorney and Health Officer and especially for inviting his family to that evening's dinner. Arif noted that since he had worked in the health department it had moved three times. He noted that he started in 1980 in the health department when it was on Budd Lake beach, then it moved to the old school building on Route 46, with a third move to its current location at 204 Flanders-Drakestown Road. During his employment he had 5 bosses, many Mayors, many council members and considers himself lucky to have been surrounded by such nice supporting people. He noted that he also considers himself lucky for surviving Mt Olive's politics since working with politicians can be difficult. Since being retired he has not met one person that says anything negative in fact he is told that he deserves retirement. He feels things have changed since he started working in Mt Olive contributing it to people posting personal opinions on social media and the newspaper. Arif shared that he has noticed the difference between when he started working and now with how people used to develop relationships, help one another, and go above and beyond. Arif expressed his disapproval with not continuing the program he helped initiate, which aimed to stop underage purchase of cigarettes. Arif thanked the Board.

Ordinance on First Reading:

None

Ordinance on Second Reading:

None

Resolutions:

2019-08, Recognition of M. Arif Akhtar upon his Retirement

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE
RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF M. ARIF AKHTAR**

WHEREAS, Arif Akhtar has been employed with the Township since July 14, 1980. He started his career as a Sanitary Inspector in the Health Department and was subsequently promoted to Senior Sanitary Inspector in 1984, and eventually Chief Sanitary Inspector in 1989. In this capacity he also served as a NJ DCA licensed Housing Inspector; and

WHEREAS, Arif on several occasions, took on the responsibility of Acting Director of Health, in order to provide leadership for the staff in the absence of a Director; and

WHEREAS, Arif worked with countless employees and elected officials of the Township during his tenure and has always exhibited hard work, dedication and patience. Even in the midst of some difficult challenges, Arif was always able to get the job done without having it affect the quality of his work;

WHEREAS, Arif was always of great help to his fellow employees who needed his guidance, especially when they were new to the field of environmental health; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Mount Olive that we wish Arif happiness and future success as he begins a new chapter in his life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank him for his thirty-nine years of service to the Township.

**TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE
BOARD OF HEALTH**

Dr. Steve Abrams

Anita Cooper, BSN, RN

Laura Hawkins, MSW, LSW

Mark Kana, RPH, CCP

Dr. Anthony Miccio

Dr. Charles T. Wallack

Colleen Labow, Chair

Unfinished Business:

None

Legal Business:

None

Public Portion:

None

Board Comments:

Board member Laura congratulated and thanked Arif for his service.

Board member Anita Cooper said she worked with Arif for 20 years and said he is wonderful, outstanding, dedicated person who always did everything the right way. She noted that she remembered when Arif stepped up without question when Mt. Olive had enormous growing pains and the health department didn't have a health officer; he agreed to become acting health officer. She thanked Arif for his leadership, dedication and concerns for the residents of Mt. Olive. She noted that over the years there were people that quietly made Mt. Olive great and Arif was one of them. She wished him a stress-free life with lots of happiness for him and his family.

Board member Mark Kana said he moved to Mt Olive in 1975 as a city boy that bought a house with a well and septic system which was new territory for him. Shortly after moving to Mt. Olive he became a board member and remembers having conversations with Arif about what to do with a septic system and what not to do. He thanked Arif for those conversations, noted it saved him from having any problem with his septic system. He said Arif is very experienced and has helped a lot of residents with his knowledge. He thanked Arif for helping the residents and himself. He wished Arif a happy, healthy and long retirement.

Board member Dr. Wallack thanked Arif for all he had done for the township and wished him the best of luck on the next phase of his life.

Board member Dr. Abrams noted that he had been on the board for 36 years and witnessed the change of command stating Arif survived doing well and Mt Olive appreciates it. He thanked Arif and wished him good luck with his retirement.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM on a motion by Dr. Wallack and second by Anita Cooper; 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 17, 2019.

Michele Doucette
Board of Health Secretary