



MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2022 BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING



Call to Order:

The March 16, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:31 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:

“In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and the Emergency Remote Meeting Protocol for Local Public Bodies, adequate and electronic notice of this remote meeting has been given to the Daily Record, posting notice on the Township website and on the outside front door & bulletin board of 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, Mark Kana, Laura Hawkins, Kathleen Olup, Karen Feldman and Dr. Miccio (6:51 pm)

Absent: None

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

Review of the Minutes:

Board Member Kana noted that he would like the minutes to reflect his concern from the previous meeting. He noted the annual massage permit fee of \$500.00 makes it difficult for a small single person business to operate and survive especially during a pandemic environment. He noted small businesses should be encouraged to be successful and remain in Mt. Olive. He suggested that the Board continue this discussion and consider revising the permit fee for small businesses. Attorney King noted Morristown and Dover's massage permit fees were double that of Mt Olive and suggested a fee analysis be done of surrounding municipalities for comparison. The Health Officer noted a fee analysis was prepared for tonight's meeting to be discussed under Unfinished Business.

The minutes of the February 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Hawkins and second by Dr. Abrams; Mr. Kana abstained; all other Members present were in favor.

Written Reports & Correspondence:

Report: The Health Officer reviewed the Public Health Activities Report for February 2022. He noted a correction on page 23 that Angela Deiling took a course on 2/04/2022 not 2/4/202.

Board Member Labow asked if municipalities were testing sewer water for COVID. Attorney King noted that the testing of sewage and wastewater for COVID has been going on for a year. He noted the testing is used as a base line indicator to gauge COVID elevations and spikes. Board Member Olup noted her daughter's college dorm's wastewater is tested daily and if COVID is detected all the students get tested.

Board Member Hawkins asked if the multi-dwelling complaints of unsanitary living conditions and improper storage of refuse was with an individual resident or the property owner. The Deputy Director noted that the complaint was due to an individual choosing not to take out their garbage. The Health Officer noted it was not due to a hoarding issue or incapacitation.

Correspondence: None

The Public Health Activities Report for February 2022 was approved on a motion by Dr. Abrams and second by Ms. Olup: all Members present were in favor.

Ordinance on First Reading:

None

Ordinance on Second Reading:

None

Resolutions: BOH 2022-14

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Township of Mount Olive Board of Health is required to provide childhood lead control and prevention services to residents of Mount Olive Township; and

WHEREAS, Mount Olive Township Board of Health provides shared health services to the following municipalities: Borough of Netcong, Borough of Mount Arlington, Borough of Wharton, and Township of Mine Hill who will also benefit from these services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paterson is the recipient of a State funded grant for childhood lead control and prevention services; and

WHEREAS, a condition of that funding requires the City of Paterson to provide childhood lead control and prevention services to any municipality in Morris County who wants same; and

WHEREAS, the City of Paterson has agreed via a Memorandum of Understanding to provide these services to the Township of Mount Olive and the municipalities served by Mount Olive Township at no cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Mount Olive, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the Board of Health hereby approves the Health Officer to enter into said Memorandum of Understanding.

Resolution 2022-14 was approved on a motion by Dr. Abrams and second by Ms. Hawkins; all Members present were in favor.

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

The Health Officer noted an investigation was done on all thirty-nine Morris County Municipalities' massage business ordinances. He noted that three towns did not allow massage businesses to operate, 16 towns have no ordinance inspection or permit fee, 17 towns charge a fee that ranges from \$100 to \$1,000 and the average fee for the 17 towns was \$284.00. Five towns have the same or higher fee than Mt. Olive and three have the same fee as Mt. Olive. He suggested basing the permit fee off the square footage of the facility like the Retail Food Establishment permit fees. He noted that Mt. Olive increased the massage permit fee from \$250 to \$500 in 2015.

Legal Business:

None

Public Portion:

Cheryl Conway was in attendance however, stated that she had no comment.

Board Comments:

Dr. Abrams wished everyone to stay safe.

Ms. Feldman hoped everyone was enjoying the warm spring weather.

Ms. Hawkins thanked the Health Department for putting together a town analysis of other municipalities massage permit fees in regards to Mr. Kana's concerns.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm on a motion by Dr. Abrams and second by Ms. Olup; 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 20, 2022.

Michele Doucette
Board of Health Secretary