



## **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2021 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**



### **Call to Order:**

The December 15, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:38 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 according to 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, Dr. Miccio (6:50), Laura Hawkins and Kathleen Olup.

*Absent:* Dr. Wallack, Mark Kana

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 soon to be new board member Karen Feldman.

### **Review of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the October 20, 2021 Board of Health Meeting were approved on a motion by Board Member Abrams and second by Hawkins; all members present were in favor.

### **Written Reports & Correspondence:**

*Report:* The Health Officer reviewed the Public Health Activities Reports for October and November 2021.

The Health Officer noted a Child Health Clinic and a Blood Screening Clinic were held.

The Health Officer noted the up tic in COVID positive cases in Mt Olive for October were 144, November were 241 cases and from 12/1/2021 to today 12/15/2021 331 cases. A lot of

the younger school age population are becoming infected and the Health Department is working with the schools.

The Health Officer noted the first Booster Clinic was held 10/27/2021 and more are being scheduled. First and second doses will be administered but the focus is on the booster.

The Health Officer noted that today was the one-year anniversary of the first nurse to receive the COVID vaccine in Newark, New Jersey.

The Deputy Director noted between 12/1/2021 and 12/10/2021 age group 30-49 had the highest cases, age group 50-64 was the second highest, third highest is tied between age group 5-10 and age group 11-13. Under the age of 18 make up 55%.

Board member Abrams asked if the State report had a breakdown of hospitalizations versus mild cases. The Health Officer noted the State does not report hospitalizations to the Health Department. The Deputy Director noted that the hospital information data is not accurate.

*Correspondence:* October: none. November: Email to BOH Members from H.O.; re: Flyer for first COVID-19 booster vaccination clinic.

The Public Health Activities Report for October and November 2021 was approved on a motion by Board member Hawkins and second by Labow; all members present were in favor.

#### **New Business:**

Board member Labow noted she will continue as chair which will be voted on at the next Council meeting in January. She asked the board members if they were in favor of continuing the board meetings virtually thru Zoom. Board member Miccio agreed and wants to reevaluate in June. Board member Hawkins and Olup agreed to virtual meetings. The Health Officer noted the Resolution will reflect the 2022 meetings as virtual.

Board member Labow noted the new part time ACO Cindy Zellers is a great addition to the Health Department. The Health Officer noted Brian Dunster is no longer working for Mt Olive.

The Health Officer noted Dr. Wallack had declined reappointment to the Board. He wished everyone well and said he enjoyed his years serving on the board.

Board member Labow asked the Board Secretary to get a Town Council Resolution for Dr. Wallack and Robert Stahlhut.

#### **Ordinance on First Reading:**

None

#### **Ordinance on Second Reading:**

None

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**Legal Business:**

None

**Public Portion:**

“Members of the public will be kept on mute during the meeting. If you would like to speak during the designated public comment portion, press 9 on your telephone or the “raise hand” icon on the Zoom app and wait to be recognized by the host, who will unmute you to speak. When you are done commenting, you will be muted again. There is a 5-minute limit on all public comments.”

Karen Feldman noted she has been working as a social worker at The Mount Olive Manor for 16 years and has lived in Mt Olive for 33 years. She noted she had previously worked with board member Hawkins and was excited to serve on the board.

**Board Comments:**

Board member Abrams wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Board member Hawkins thanked the Health Department and wished everyone stay safe.

Board member Labow Happy Holidays be safe and Happy New Year.

Board member Olup noted the Covid Specialists are terrific.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm on a motion by Board member Abrams and second by Olup; all members present were in favor.

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**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 January 19, 2022.

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**Michele Doucette**  
**Board of Health Secretary**