



MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2021 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING



Call to Order:

The October 20, 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:

“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.”

“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.”

Roll Call:

Present: Colleen Labow, Dr. Abrams, Dr. Miccio (7:04), Mark Kana, Dr. Wallack (7:04), Laura Hawkins and Kathleen Olup.

Absent: None

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

The Health Officer recognized the Health Educator, Christie Jamie; COVID Specialist Samantha Tanzola and COVID Specialist Julia Montoya.

Review of the Minutes:

The minutes of the June 16, 2021 Board of Health Meeting were approved on a motion by Board Member Kana and second by Olup; all members present were in favor.

Written Reports & Correspondence:

Report: The Health Officer reviewed the Public Health Activities Report for September 2021.

The Health Officer noted the schools are back in session and calls regarding COVID are being forwarded to the COVID Specialists.

The Health Officer noted the pandemic to date positive cases were over three-thousand, probable cases were 28 for the month and 317 for the year.

The Health Officer noted a Blood Screening Clinic was scheduled for October 29th, a Child Health Clinic and COVID vaccination clinics were being scheduled.

The Health Officer noted Senior Transportation is picking up and in-person Nutrition will start up in November.

The Health Officer noted the main purpose of the Transportation Grants is to expand services to include quality of life trips, such as trips to the bank, haircuts, restaurants, visiting the cemetery, and individual shopping.

The Health Officer noted the town Administrator received a letter from the Dover Administrator stating they do not intend to continue with our services and December 31st will be our last day of service.

The Health Officer noted The Animal Hospital of Roxbury does not intend to renew their contract and he is looking for a new location for impound services.

Board member Labow mentioned the TNR Annual Report was in the packet and asked if 11th Hour Rescue was moving into town. The Deputy Director noted he was uncertain

The Health Officer noted the COVID Specialists would have a ten-minute grant required presentation updating the Board Members on COVID activities.

The COVID Specialists presented the COVID-19 updated Needs Assessment findings and Action Plan. The Specialists noted future goals, data collected, and asked everyone to go to the website: www.vponj.com and connect on Facebook: @VPONJ.

Board member Labow asked how the COVID Specialists reach out to people. COVID Specialist Montoya noted that the surveys were disseminated online via a google form through emails with community partners and various resources through Connecting Dover.

Board member Labow asked if the COVID Specialists would present at the next council meeting. The Health Officer noted he would speak to the Town Administrator.

The Health Officer noted that the Booster shots were available to the everyone and not just the vulnerable population.

Board member Wallack asked if Morris County was still lagging in the percentage of vaccinations. COVID Specialist Montoya noted that Morris County was still on the low end.

Correspondence: The Health Officer noted that the only correspondence was an email sent to BOH Members from himself regarding COVID-19 statistics.

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

New Business:

None

Ordinance on First Reading:

None

Ordinance on Second Reading:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

Legal Business:

None

Public Portion:

None

Board Comments:

Board member Abrams wished everyone to be safe.

Board member Hawkins thanked the Health Department and COVID Specialists for their hard work.

Board member Wallack echoed Hawkins' comments and congratulated Deputy Director on receiving a Certificate of Merit from the National Environmental Health Association.

Board member Labow congratulated the Deputy Director and thanked him for doing a great job. She thanked the Health Department for being well informed, dedicated and noted it is an honor sitting on the Board.

Board member Olup thanked the Health Department and COVID Specialists for their hard work which helps with her job at the schools.

Board member Miccio asked if positive results for COVID in town were getting better. He noted an improvement at his office. The Health Officer asked the Deputy Director if the State still sent that information. Deputy Director noted the State did but did not have the numbers immediately available. The COVID Specialist Samantha noted that the numbers were stable.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm on a motion by Board member Abrams and second by 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 December 15, 2021.

Michele Doucette
Board of Health Secretary