



## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2020 BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING**



### **Call to Order:**

The February 19, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 6:37 pm by Chairperson Colleen Labow.

### **Open Public Meetings Act Announcement:**

The Health Officer 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, Mark Kana, Dr. Wallack, Laura Hawkins, Kathleen Olup and Dr. Miccio (7:05pm)

*Absent:* Dr. Abrams

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

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

The minutes of the January 15, 2020 regular and reorganization board meeting were approved on a motion by Laura Hawkins and second by Mark Kana; all members present were in favor.

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

The following correspondence was acknowledged:

#### **December Correspondence:**

- Memo from H.O. to Business Administrator; re: Major Activities for December 2019

**Written Reports:**

The Health Officer reviewed the Public Health Activities Report for January 2020 with the Board.

Board member Kana noted that all the food establishments passed their inspections.

Board member Wallack inquired about the Public Health Nursing graph showing a decrease for adult vaccinations and office visits. The Health Officer noted the graph does show a decrease trend in adults but shows an increase in child immunizations.

Board member LaBow inquired about the decrease in foot screenings. The Health Officer noted he would ask the Public Health Nurse why it decreased.

Board member Kana inquired if Mt Olive population was decreasing or increasing. The Health Officer noted it was increasing due to all the additional building.

Board member Kana inquired about two odor complaints. The Health Officer noted the odor complaint was mint.

Board member LaBow inquired if flu vaccines were still being requested. The Health Officer noted that three were given in January. He also noted 2019 had the least amount of flu vaccines given.

The Public Health Activities report for January 2020 was approved on a motion by Dr. Wallack and second by Mark Kana; all present were in favor.

**New Business:**

Health Officer noted the Annual Health Report will be presented at the March meeting along with a brief presentation on the new Strategic plan.

**Ordinance on First Reading:**

None

**Ordinance on Second Reading:**

None

**Resolutions: 2020-10****RESOLUTION NO. BOH 2020-10**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT OLIVE BOARD OF HEALTH  
RECOMMENDING THE AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 169-9, RUNNING AT  
LARGE; NUISANCES, TO INCLUDE CATS

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A.26:3-1, *et seq.*, provides for the establishment of local boards of health as an autonomous entity, separate and apart from the governing body of the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 169, Dogs and other Animals, is an ordinance passed by the Mayor and Council:

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 169-9, Running at large: nuisances, only mention dogs and there have been various complaints regarding cats running at large.

**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 it recommends to the Mayor and Council that Ordinance 169-9 be amended to include cats.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor and Council for consideration.

Board member Wallack asked if this resolution exempts the TNR colonies. The Health Officer noted yes they are exempt and it is clarified in the TNR ordinance.

Board member Miccio inquired what the ordinance will do. Board member LaBow explained it is a resolution which is an opinion presented to the Council to change the ordinance. The resolution would not allow cats to be free roaming and would need to be on a leash when outside. Board member Kana inquired what would be the purpose of the resolution. Board member LaBow noted it would reduce the amount of cats from preying on birds. Board member Miccio expressed a concern about putting cats on a leash. Board member Wallack noted board member Miccio should read the article he handed out at the last board meeting about cats contributing to the decline of birds. He noted that he does not agree with putting a leash on a cat and that the public should be educated on the fact that cats are a domestic animal which should not be outside. Deputy Director/Assistant Health Officer noted the ordinance will establish a level of responsibility for the ownership of a cat.

Attorney Peter King noted the State in the past required the health department to canvas for dog and cat licensing every two years. The Health Officer noted that the animal census is still done in Mt Olive for dog and cat licensing and suggested distributing educational material about cats running at large during the census. He noted also posting the educational material on the town website and local paper.

The Resolution was moved on a motion by Mark Kana and second by Dr. Wallack. The vote was one yay, one abstained, one absent, and four were nay.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Attorney, Peter King introduced the Vaping/e-Cigarette Ordinance noting two significant points. The first was the addition of the word tobacco before the word flavoring making the ordinance stronger. The second was any appeals should be reviewed by the Board of Health instead of the Council. Board member LaBow noted the fee should be a thousand dollars instead of up to a thousand dollars. All members present were in favor of the amendments to the ordinance. Peter King noted the first reading will be at the next meeting.

### **Legal Business:**

None

**Public Portion:**

None

**Board Comments:**

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm on a motion by Dr. Wallack and second by Laura Hawkins; 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 April 22, 2020.

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