

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

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Regular Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cervone, Chairman, called the In-Person and GoToMeeting of the Harding Township Board of Health to order on December 10, 2020 at 7:31 p.m., and announced the meeting was called in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Sharp called the following Board of Health members in attendance.

BOH Attendance: Mr. Boyan (via GOTOMTG), Dr. Cervone (via GOTOMTG), Dr. Kao (via Telephone), Dr. Lacz (via GOTOMTG), Mr. Platt (via GOTOMTG), and Mrs. McKittrick

Absent: Mrs. DiTosto

Health Department Attendance: Mrs. Lisa Sharp and Mr. George Byrnes

Morris Country Office of Public Health Attendance: Miss Casey Brady

BOH Counsel: Mr. Joseph Sordillo, Board of Health Attorney

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BOH RESOLUTION #09-2020 – 2021 SALARIES FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Sharp reported that the Health Department 2021 Salary Resolution follows the recommended 2% increase by the Township Committee. Dr. Cervone asked if there were any comments or questions. With no comments, Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept BOH Resolution #09-2020. Upon a motion made by Mr. Platt, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, BOH Resolution #09-2020 was accepted. A copy of the resolution is appended to these minutes.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOH MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2020:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions with regard to the November 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Mrs. McKittrick asked for an amendment to the last paragraph of the first page beginning with Mrs. McKittrick. Mrs. McKittrick commented that the sentence is not correct. Mrs. Sharp commented she will amend the sentence. Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the November 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mr. Boyan, Dr. Lacz and Mr. Platt abstained, and with votes of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes for the November 12, 2020 meeting were accepted.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOH MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department report for November 2020. Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the November monthly Health Department report. A motion was made by Dr. Lacz, seconded by Mr. Boyan, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly Health Department report for November was accepted.

ACCEPTANCE OF MORRIS COUNTY MONTHLY REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER 2020:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Report for November 2020. Miss Brady reported she conducted several retail food inspections which received a satisfactory rating.

Miss Brady reported that The Country Store, The Candy Store of Harding, Dominick's Pizza & Pasta, and the Morris Animal Inn were inspected and all given Satisfactory ratings. The County continues to focus on contact tracing and developing educational material. A copy of the Thanksgiving guidance was provided to the Board and the Health Educator just drafted a new guidance for all holiday celebrations during COVID. Morris County is now offering the at-home COVID testing for nasal and saliva swabs. Miss Brady mentioned the newsletter called Vax Matters, which is available on the NJDOH website that will include updates on vaccine news as well as the State's vaccination planning.

A question was asked if an at home COVID kit is requested, does it have to be completed as soon as received. Mrs. Sharp explained we double check on this but believes that the at home test is to be done as soon as it is received and sent right in.

A question was asked regarding the tier group over 65. Dr. Cervone commented that patients in the tier group over 65 will probably be some time in the first quarter of 2021. As soon as this information is known it will be disseminated via the Township website, Observer Tribune, and/or by way of an email blast.

A discussion regarding the COVID vaccine, where to receive the vaccine, and number of doses ensued.

With no further comments, Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the November 2020 Morris County monthly report. Upon a motion made by Mr. Platt, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the November 2020 Morris County monthly report was accepted.

OTHER MATTERS AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

Mr. Allyn, resident – commented that in review of the Health report there is no comment on the COVID situation in Harding which seems to expand week to week; any comments. Dr. Cervone commented that in review of the Morris County Office of Health Management website, the COVID cases are divided by County and Harding Township is one of the third lowest in the County. A discussion ensued.

Mr. Allyn commented that Mount Kemble Lake Board has hired an Environmental Company to look at the septic situation on possible properties at the Lake. The Board is thinking about suggesting to residents that they conduct

a dye test of their septic system to increase the level of awareness of their system. Mr. Allyn commented if there was information for dye test and dye test procedures that the Mt. Kemble Lake Board could promulgate to the residents if they go forward with such a program. Mr. Byrnes commented that he will look into this as it is not something Mr. Byrnes has looked into.

Mr. Allyn commented if he could receive information on the septic pump out reports going back five years for the block and lots that make-up the Lake. Mr. Byrnes reported that for information on the septic pump outs, please file an OPRA request with the Municipal Clerk listing all the block and lots interest in. Mr. Byrnes and Miss Brady will look into this.

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Mr. Boyan, seconded by Mr. Platt, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health