

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021
IN-PERSON
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Dr. Cervone, Chair called the In-Person meeting of the Harding Township Board of Health to order on September 9, 2021 at 7:31 p.m. and announced the meeting was called in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey. Dr. Cervone asked the Secretary to call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

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

BOH Attendance: Mr. Boyan, Mrs. DiTosto, Dr. Kao, Dr. Lacz, and Mrs. McKittrick

Absent: Dr. Cervone

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

County of Morris Attendance: Miss Jessica Feer, REHS

BOH Counsel: Mr. Joseph Sordillo, Esq.

Public: None

MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2021:

Mrs. McKittrick, Vice Chair asked if there were any questions with regard to the August 12, 2021 minutes. Upon a motion made by Mr. Boyan, seconded by Dr. Kao, Mrs. DiTosto abstained, and with votes of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes for the August 12, 2021 meeting were accepted.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2021:

Mrs. McKittrick asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department report August 2021.

Mr. Byrnes reported on the following:

- The Health Department continues to work on septic repairs and septic alterations.

Mrs. Sharp reported that the Influenza Clinic has been scheduled for October 5, 2021 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm. FastER will be conducting the clinic as they did in 2020. Mrs. Sharp commented that the flu information was sent to the Thumbnail and to date there are 22 seniors signed up for the Clinic. Mrs. Sharp has sent the information to be placed on the message board.

With no further comments, Mrs. McKittrick asked for a motion to accept the August 2021 monthly Health Department report. Upon a motion made by Dr. Lacz, seconded by Mrs. DiTosto, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly Health Department report for August was accepted.

**COUNTY OF MORRIS MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF
HARDING – AUGUST 2021:**

Mrs. McKittrick asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Report for August 2021.

With no comments, a motion was made to accept the August 2021 Monthly County of Morris report by Dr. Kao and seconded by Mrs. DiTosto, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the monthly Morris County report for August 2021 was accepted.

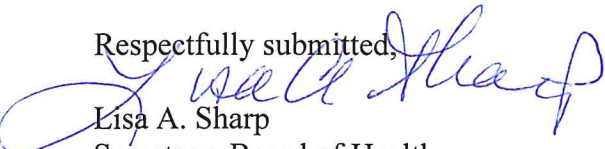
OTHER MATTERS AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

BOH Meeting Dates – Mrs. Sharp commented that some of the Township's other Boards have moved their meeting time from 7:30 pm to 7:00 for the remainder of 2021 and with revisit their meeting times for 2022 at a later date. Mrs. Sharp asked if the BOH would be interested in changing their meeting time for the remainder of 2021. Several members of the Board of Health commented they are concerned with moving the time to 7:00 pm as this could create a problem for future volunteers and were not in favor of changing the meeting time. Mrs. McKittrick commented that the demands of the Board of Health meetings and the schedules of many of the Board members are different than other Township Boards. The recommendation was that the Board of Health would continue their meeting time at 7:30 pm.

COVID-19 – Mrs. DiTosto questioned if the State of New Jersey is still under Emergency Executive Orders. Mr. Joseph Sordillo, BOH Attorney commented yes. Mrs. DiTosto asked if the Town Board of Health's still do not have any powers at the Township level but the State level. Mr. Sordillo, Esq. explained when it comes to the quarantine terms and dealing with the infections, the rates, what can be open and closed is still at the State and County level. Mr. Sordillo reported that schools are never at the County level or at the Board of Health level, even when it is not a State of Emergency. Schools are under their own structure going up to the State level. Mrs. DiTosto questioned if a school could have stricter COVID guidelines than the County and State recommends. Mr. Sordillo, Esq. commented yes that the County and State is the minimum. The schools can go above and beyond. Mrs. DiTosto commented that according to the State and County websites that if someone is exposed they can be quarantined ten days without a test or if tested the quarantine would be five to seven days after initial exposure but if the test comes back negative, they are quarantined for seven days. If a school decides not to consider that five to seven days with the negative test, the school says you must stay home for ten days, is this okay. Mr. Sordillo, Esq. commented yes it is in there jurisdiction. Mrs. DiTosto asked if a school can require that all students be vaccinated. Mr. Sordillo, Esq. commented this has not been fully addressed to date. Dr. Lacz commented that they cannot mandate children be vaccinated as the vaccine is still for emergency use for children. A further discussion ensued.

Seeing no further business, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Mrs. DiTosto, seconded by Mr. Boyan, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health