

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cervone, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Harding Township Board of Health to order on February 10, 2022, at 7:30 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: Dr. Cervone, Dr. Kao, Mrs. McKittrick

Absent: Mrs. DiTosto, Dr. Lacz, and Mr. Platt

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

County of Morris Attendance: Miss Jessica Freer

BOH Counsel: Joseph Sordillo, Esq.

Public: None

MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2022:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions with regard to the January 13, 2022 minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Dr. Cervone, and with votes of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes for the January 13, 2022 meeting were accepted.

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2022:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department report for January 2022.

Mrs. Sharp reported to the Board on the site visit by the Atlantic Health COVID-19 group for the upcoming clinic being held on March 1, 2022. The clinic will be conducted similar to how our influenza clinic is held. The clinic will be from 2 pm to 7 pm and will be available for ages 12 and up. All participants are requested to schedule an appointment directly through Atlantic Health. Mrs. Sharp explained that Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson vaccine are available. A discussion ensued. The information has been posted on the Harding Township website and will be placed on the Harding message board.

Mr. Byrnes and Miss Freer commented on the following items:

1. Mr. Byrnes reported that he and the Construction Official attended a meeting at 995 Mt. Kemble Avenue regarding a coffee travel business. Minor changes to their application were discuss. The new

business will be handling standing orders for coffee to go. The business will be a brew and deliver type of business. A brief discussion ensued.

2. Ms. Freer reported the applicant for 139 Blue Mill Road is conducting a renovation of their home in phases. The septic system was approved in 2021. The applicant is waiting to start phases 2 and 3 but would like to commence with the pool and the pool house. Miss Freer issued a conditional approval with the following items to be completed:

- The applicant must complete and notarize the Statement of Bedroom confirmation for the pool house (i.e. will not be used as living quarters)
- The septic system must be installed before the completion of all construction

3. Mr. Byrnes reported that a new retail food application has been received for a cafeteria in the Office Building on Mt. Kemble Avenue. There has not been a business at this location for about four years. Mr. Byrnes explained the Health Department is waiting on further information from the applicant and a date to conduct a pre-operating inspection of the cafeteria will be forthcoming.

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any further comments. With no further comments, Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the January 2022 monthly Health Department report. Upon a motion made by Dr. Kao, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly Health Department report for January 2022 was accepted.

COUNTY OF MORRIS MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING – JANUARY 2022:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Report.

Miss Freer reported that three retail food establishments were inspected during the month of January and all received satisfactory ratings. Miss Freer reported that the Morris County Division of Public Health is conducted a free course on Food Safety on April 26, 2022 from 9 am to 11 am at the Denville Township Municipal Building. Mrs. Sharp mentioned flyers will be sent to all retail food establishments in Harding. A brief discussion ensued.

With no further comments, a motion was made to accept the January 2022 Monthly County of Morris report by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Dr. Kao, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the monthly Morris County report for January 2022 was accepted.

OTHER MATTERS AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

Mrs. McKittrick asked when the new member of the Board of Health will be joining. Mrs. Sharp reported that Mr. Vincent DeNave, Assistance Administrator, and licensed Engineer, will be joining the Board of Health at the April 14, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Sharp explained that the amendment to the ordinance is scheduled for public hearing and then adoption at the Township Committee meeting on

Monday, February 14, 2022. The Township Committee will then appoint Mr. DeNave at the March 14, 2022 Township Committee meeting. Mrs. Sharp explained that the March Board of Health meeting is before the Township Committee meeting and this is why, Mr. DeNave would be joining the Board in April. Dr. Cervone commented that the amendment is to allow a non-resident to join the Board. Mrs. Sharp reported that the amendment to the ordinance allows a Township employee to be on the Board of Health.

Dr. Kao reported that it was brought to his attention from several parents of the Harding School that correspondence from Dr. Spelker states “with close consultation with local Board of Health” but Dr. Spelker does not attend the Board of Health meetings with regard to any school concerns. Dr. Spelker is in direct contact with Dr. Perez, Jr., Health Officer, but not with the Board of Health. Dr. Kao mentioned since the School went virtual due to COVID, the Board of Health has never had a say. Dr. Kao mentioned he has a friend on the Department of Education that mentioned for virtual communication to count, the Board of Health has to be involved with that decision. Mr. Joseph Sordillo, BOH Attorney, commented not during a State of Emergency. Mr. Sordillo, Esq., commented that when the State of Emergency is lifted, the Board of Health has a stronger role but that is for the Municipality and for commercial business, etc. Mr. Sordillo, Esq. explained, the school system is under their own rules. Mr. Sordillo, Esq. reported that even a Planning Board does not have jurisdiction over schools. Mr. Sordillo explained that in some other towns, the Board of Health has been involved in decisions but they are not legally entitled to, but the Board of Education or Superintendent has consulted with them.

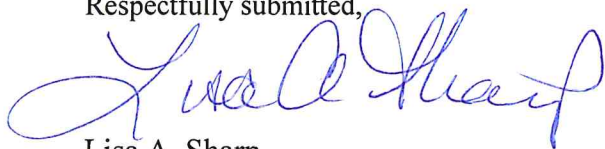
Dr. Kao mentioned parents will contact him and ask what is going on, and Dr. Kao responds he is unaware due to Dr. Spelker does not speak directly with the Board of Health. Mr. Sordillo, Esq., commented that the Board of Health can ask Dr. Spelker to attend Board of Health meetings more often and inform Dr. Spelker that several Board members receive notices from the School and receive calls from parents with questions that they do not have the answers to and if the School is referencing that they had consultation with the Board of Health, the Board would like to be made aware.

Mrs. Sharp reported that Dr. Kao had asked if Dr. Spelker could attend this evening’s meeting, but Dr. Spelker unfortunately could not but mentioned if the Board of Health would like his attendance at the March meeting, Dr. Spelker would place that date on his calendar. Dr. Cervone asked Mrs. Sharp to see if Dr. Spelker could attend the March meeting. Mrs. McKittrick asked if it would be worthwhile to have Dr. Perez, Jr., attend the March meeting as well. Mrs. Sharp commented she would ask Dr. Perez, Jr., if he is available or if Mrs. Gorman, Assistant Health Officer is available. Mrs. McKittrick mentioned that Morris County Board of Health is the decision making authority for Harding Township even under non-COVID rules. Dr. Kao commented that at some local level, the school is local to Harding, and as a Board of Health, not that the Board of Health would dictate what the School should do but the School should come to the Board of Health at a local level for issues for our citizens and children. Dr. Cervone and Mrs. McKittrick commented no, that the decisions are not up to the Board of Health. Dr. Kao commented that the decisions may not be the Board’s but the Board should be informed.

ADJOURNEMENT:

With no further comments, a motion was made by Dr. Kao, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Sharp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lisa" being more prominent.

Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health