

Delaware Township, Board of Health
December 6, 2021 Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Board Chairman.

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Proper notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, and the Star Ledger, posted at the Delaware Township Municipal Building and filed with the Township Clerk all on January 14, 2021.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Chairman led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, Michael Bokach, Danene Gooding, Michael Textores, Katie Hooven, PhD, Jim Vena

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Michael Bokach made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on November 1, 2021, Katie Hooven seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye, Danene Gooding abstained.

BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Board discussed having in person meetings versus virtual via zoom as well as the 2022 meeting schedule. Everyone agreed that with the new variants of COVID it was best to keep meetings virtual and re-visit the topic again after a few months. The boards also agreed to keep monthly meetings in case of any waivers, with the ability to cancel if needed.
- B. Tiffany Crivelli advised that HELO Ptlm. Murphy had requested a Microchip Scanner to use for stray domestic animals and livestock in an attempt to reunite them with their owners. Michael Textores felt that this was a good investment.

A motion by Jorge Berkowitz, seconded but Michael Bokach to approve the purchase of a Homeagain Universal Worldscan Reader Plus within the \$375 - \$425 price range was approved by roll call vote.

Berkowitz: Yes; Bokach; Yes; Gooding: Yes; Textores: Yes; Hooven: Yes; Vena: Yes

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

- A. The Board reviewed the most recent report.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solid Waste Notice of Violation – B17, L 18 – 490 Sergeantsville Road – Carla Hobbs stated that the County met at the property along with NJDEP, Site Remediation and Kathy Klink to look at the property and look into various funding sources for cleaning. The NJDEP declared insolvent and will need to start Phase 2 of the clean up to remove drums and then soil test.
- B. Suspect Kennel – B33, L18 – 148 Lower Creek Road – Removed from list per Carla Hobbs

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- C. Illegal Dumping- B7 L 16 Q 0073 – 31 Stone Signpost Road – Carla Hobbs reports nothing new, owner is still in litigation with the State.
- D. Future Kennel – 148 Locktown Sergeantsville Road – Carla Hobbs noted the review was done by the county and the kennel was not approved as they will need a variance approval from the Township.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

- A. Solid Waste Notice of Violation – B7, L7.02 Q0056 – 5 Locktown School Road – Carla Hobbs advised a notice was sent as there is scrap metal, tires, cars and boats strewn about the property.

CORRESPONDENCE

Katie reviewed the Health LINC'S reports with the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public expressed some concerns and recommendations regarding the animal control services in Delaware Township:

Jan Weber – 37 Buchanan Road, Stockton, NJ
Dianna Garibaldi – 142 Sandy Ridge Road, Stockton, NJ
Steve Wilber – 142 Sandy Ridge Road, Stockton, NJ
Valerie Tucci – 21 Sandy Ridge Road, Stockton, NJ

COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

To Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Contracts and Subjects Falling Under Attorney-Client Privilege –The discussion is expected to take approximately one hour. Action may be taken.

A motion by Berkowitz, seconded by Hooven to enter into Executive Session was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion from Berkowitz, seconded by Vena to return to regular session was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Berkowitz: Yes; Bokach: Yes; Gooding: Yes; Textores: Yes; Hooven: Yes; Vena: Yes

It was noted for the record that the Board was in Executive Session from 8:26 PM to 8:52 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Crivelli
Board of Health Secretary