

# Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

January 13, 2022

## Reorganization and Regular Meeting

### Opening

#### 1) Call to Order

The January 13, 2022 reorganization and regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Secretary, Eileen Allen, at 6:36 PM. Board members present included: Anthony Ammiano, Michael Chudkowski, Debbie King, Dr. Steven Lemberger, and Mrs. Lisa Porth. Absent: Dr. Alene Opatut, Dr. Fabio Apolito, and Ms. Robin Lemesevski. Also present: Margaret Jahn, Health Officer and Jennifer McAuley, Recording Secretary.

The following statement was read by Eileen Allen: "In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, c.231, P.L. 1975, this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board reserved for that purpose; by mailing such notice to the office of the official newspapers of the Township and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk."

#### 2) Minutes Approval – October 14, 2021

A motion to approve the October 14, 2021 minutes was offered by Anthony Ammiano, seconded by Debbie King, and carried by the Board.

### Reorganization

#### 3) Nomination and Election of Officers for 2022

Mr. Ammiano moved to nominate Ms. Lemesevski to the BOH Chairperson position for 2022, seconded by Michael Chudkowski with the BOH voting as follows:

King: Aye

Lemberger: Aye

Allen: Aye

Porth: Aye

Dr. Lemberger moved to nominate Dr. Apolito to the BOH Vice-Chairperson for 2022, seconded by Anthony Ammiano with the BOH voting as follows:



Chudkowski: Aye

King: Aye

Allen: Aye

Porth: Aye

Mr. Ammiano moved to nominate Eileen Allen to the BOH Secretary position for 2022, seconded by Mike Chudkowski with the Board voting as follows:

King: Aye

Lemberger: Aye

Allen: Aye

Porth: Aye

4) Resolution to establish meeting schedule and official newspaper for 2022: FT BH 22-01

The Resolution FT BH 22-01 was reviewed by the Board. Eileen Allen moved to adopt Resolution FT BH 22-01, seconded by Anthony Ammiano with the Board voting as follows:

AYE: Michael Chudkowski, Debbie King, Dr. Lemberger, and Lisa Porth

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Dr. Apolito, Dr. Opatut, and Robin Lemesevski

## Discussion

5) Freehold Township Covid Report and Updates

Ms. Jahn reviewed the Freehold Township Covid Report and discussed how the current numbers have skyrocketed over the holiday with the Omicron variant. Wait times in terms of getting test results, if you can even get an appointment for a test, have gone to 4-5 days. Howell Township, Freehold Township, Manalapan and Middletown in particular have the highest numbers of cases in Monmouth County. At-home test kits have become extremely popular, but are not recordable since they are not performed or witnessed by a professional lab. Ms. Jahn also spoke briefly about the Covid-19 vaccine clinics that the



Health Department has been holding. They include all three brands of vaccine and are for all age groups. Turn out has been very good.

6) Manalapan Contract

Ms. Jahn spoke briefly about the Freehold Area Health Department taking on health services for Manalapan as of November 1, 2021.

## **Public Comment**

No public comment

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm was made by Lisa Porth, seconded by Michael Chudkowski, and carried by the Board.

Jennifer McAuley

Recording Secretary

