

# Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

June 13, 2019

## REGULAR MEETING

### Opening

#### 1) Call to Order

The June 13, 2019, regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Chairwoman Ms. Lemesevski at 6:35 PM. Board members present included; Mr. Chudkowski, Mrs. Weissman, Mrs. Porth, Dr. Apolito, Dr. Reilly, Ms. Allen, Mr. Ammiano and Chairwoman Lemesevski. Absent: Dr. Opatut. Also present: Margaret Jahn, Health Officer, Julie Kramer, Recording Secretary and Jennifer McAuley who will be replacing Julie Kramer after her retirement.

The following statement was read by Chairwoman Lemesevski "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) Minute Approval-February 14, 2019

A motion to approve the February 14, 2019 minutes (previously tabled due to absent Board members) was offered by Mrs. Porth, seconded by Dr. Apolito and carried by the Board.

#### 3) Minutes Approval –May 9, 2019

A motion to approve the May 9, 2019 minutes was offered by Mrs. Porth, seconded by Mrs. Weissman and carried by the Board.

#### 4) Activity Reports Approval – February, March, April and May 2019

A motion to approve the February, March, April and May 2019 activity reports was offered by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Porth and carried by the Board.

### Correspondence

#### 5) NJ Local Board of Health – Official Ballot

The Board reviewed the letter with no comment.

#### 6) Paul McGuire Family Health Center-Response letter

The Board reviewed the response letter with no comment.



7) Bob Menendez – Response – Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness and Advancing Innovations Act of 2019 (H.R. 269)

The Board read the letter with no comment.

## **Old Business**

7) Request for Waiver – Chickens – 50 Alder Ct. – additional questions

Heather, Daniel and Logan Rehberg were present to give additional information regarding their request for waiver to house chickens on their property.

They stated that the coop would be sized at 5' X 5' rather than the initial 4' X 8' described in the initial request. The property is just under one acre and has a lot greenery and bushes to block the neighbors from the view of the coop. They stated that the neighbors are all in support of the coop. They are trying to educate Logan on how to be a responsible animal owner. There will be five chickens at the maximum. Ms. Allen asked if they would stay in the run or be free range. They stated they would stay within the coop and the run. Mr. Chudkowski asked some questions about the chicken wire sizing and durability. They answered it would be thicker than standard "chicken wire". They will be using Cyprus pine for the outer walls of the coop and only the base would be treated wood. The roof is vented. The Board asked about the winter months and whether the coop would be heated. They stated that certain breeds adjust to the colder weather quite well because they do not have moisture under the wings. The eggs will be consumed only by family members and will not be sold. Ms. Weissman asked how they plan to keep the coop clean and what do they do with the waste material. The Rehbergs stated that they will clean it every 2-3 days and will compost the materials. There was a concern about odors emanating from the compost. If that happens the practice will cease or be abated. Predators will not gain access due to the hardware cloth that will be placed one foot into the ground and one foot around, lying flat on the ground surrounding the perimeter of the coop and run. The run next to the coop is approximately 4' X 10'.

A motion to draft a position resolution to approve the waiver was offered by Mr. Ammiano, seconded by Dr. Reilly and carried by the Board. The resolution will be voted on at the next Board of Health meeting.

8) Lead Screening update:

Ms. Jahn reported that lead screening within the Freehold Borough school system was continuing with the help of Pediatric Health. Identification of elevations in one and two-year-olds is about 75%.

## **Discussion**

Ms. Jahn reported to the Board that she will be out of the state at a NACCHO annual meeting/symposium during the scheduled July meeting of the Board of Health. The Board agreed to cancel the July meeting. The next meeting date is August 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.



## **Public Comment**

No public comment

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM was made by Mr. Ammiano, seconded by Mrs. Weissman and carried by the Board.

Julie Kramer

Recording Secretary

