

Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

January 9, 2020

Reorganization and Regular Meeting

Opening

1) Call to Order

The January 9, 2020 reorganization and regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Chairwoman Ms. Lemesevski at 6:42 PM. Board members present included: Dr. Reilly, Dr. Opatut, Ms. Weissman, Mr. Chudkowski, Ms. Allen, Ms. Porth, and Mr. Ammiano. Absent: Vice Chairman Dr. Apolito and Ms. Allen. Also present: Margaret Jahn, Health Officer, Jennifer McAuley, Recording Secretary.

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) Minutes Approval-November 14, 2019

A motion to approve the November 14, 2019 minutes was offered by Ms. Porth, seconded by Ms. Weissman and carried by the Board.

3) Activity Reports Approval – November and December 2019

A motion to approve the November and December 2019 Activity Reports was offered by Mr. Ammiano, seconded by Mr. Chudkowski and carried by the Board.

Reorganization

4) Nomination and election of officers for 2020

Mr. Ammiano moved to nominate Ms. Lemesevski to the BOH Chairperson position for 2020, seconded by Mr. Chudkowski with the BOH voting as follows:

Lemesevski: Aye

Weissman: Aye

Reilly: Aye

Dr. Opatut: Aye



Ammiano: Aye
Chudkowski: Aye
Porth: Aye
Allen: Absent
Dr. Apolito Absent

Mr. Chudkowski moved to nominate Dr. Apolito to the BOH Vice-Chairperson position for 2020, seconded by Ms. Weissman with the Board voting as follows:

Lemesevski: Aye
Weissman: Aye
Reilly: Aye
Dr. Opatut: Aye
Ammiano: Aye
Chudkowski: Aye
Porth: Aye
Allen: Absent
Dr. Apolito: Absent

Ms. Weissman moved to nominate Dr. Reilly to the BOH Secretary position for 2020, seconded by Mr. Ammiano with the Board voting as follows:

Lemesevski: Aye
Weissman: Aye
Reilly: Aye
Dr. Opatut: Aye
Ammiano: Aye
Chudkowski: Aye
Porth: Aye
Allen: Absent



Dr. Apolito: Absent

5) Resolution to establish meeting schedule and official newspaper for 2020: FT BH 20-01

The Resolution FT BH 20-01 was reviewed by the Board. Mr. Ammiano moved to adopt Resolution FT BH 20-01, seconded by Ms. Weissman with the Board voting as follows:

AYE: Ms. Lemesevski, Ms. Weissman, Dr. Reilly, Dr. Opatut, Mr. Ammiano, Mr. Chudkowski, Ms. Porth

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ms. Allen and Vice-Chairman Dr. Apolito

New Business

6) Request for Waiver – 58 Lancaster Rd. – Silkie Chickens

This resident did not show up to the meeting. There was a very brief discussion regarding her request, and the mention in her written request of her neighbors (The Empanada Guy) having gotten a “special permit” to have a pet pig. They have not been given a “permit”, or waiver rather, to own a pig. Discussion to look into this issue further.

Old Business

7) Request for Waiver – 72 Molly Pitcher Lane – Chickens and Dwarf Goats

Ms. Jahn expressed her concern of this property being in a residential area, which is not appropriate for goats, along with the concern of the goats being very good at escaping. She does, however, understand the benefit of the chickens, being that they provide eggs. Dr. Reilly mentioned that she and Ms. Allen had a different view – stating that goats would be similar to having dogs, and does not feel comfortable denying her request based on what may or may not happen in the future. She feels the Board needs to weigh the evidence of what the resident is asking for now, and deal with whatever may come in the future at that time. Her concern was regarding the noise issue. The Board discussed the size of the resident’s property being under an acre. No decision was made at this time for either the goats or chickens. Mr. Ammiano suggested a visit to the property. And a suggestion to obtain documentation from her neighbors stating that they are aware and in agreement with her owning goats.



Discussion

8) Immunization Bill 2173

Ms. Jahn discussed the Bill (pertaining to all vaccinations) strengthening religious and medical exemptions, making it more difficult for people to use these avenues as a means of getting out of vaccinating themselves and/or their children. Members of the Board expressed that their concern is for those who are immunocompromised, the elderly, and children who do have an allergy to the flu vaccine.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM was made by Ms. Weissman, seconded by Ms. Lemesevski and carried by the Board.

Jennifer McAuley

Recording Secretary

