

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017**

Call To Order

Board President John Salaki, MD called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM at the Board of Health Building, 262 South Finley Avenue, Basking Ridge, NJ, and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Asay, Carol Bianchi, Dr. Mona Birk, Joan Harris, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki

Absent: Dr. Christopher Hunt

Also Present: Lucy A. Forgione, Health Officer; Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq.;
Deirdre Vogel, Recording Secretary

Public Comment: None

Staff Comment: Lucy shared the news that the Health Department received a Certificate of Achievement from the State Health Department audit with a score of 119 out of a possible 120. Lucy also proudly announced that Ridge Against Alcohol and Drugs received an award from The Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute for being one of the Top Five Most Outstanding Prevention Action Groups in New Jersey. Dr. Salaki expressed his congratulations for both accomplishments.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 1, 2017 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Dr. Birk and seconded by Joan Harris.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Carol Bianchi – Abstain, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

The minutes from the June 1, 2017 Closed Meeting were reviewed and approved for content only with a motion by Jennifer Asay and seconded by Joan Harris.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Carol Bianchi – Abstain, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes,

Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports – The Health Educator Report and Health officer's reports for June, July & August were reviewed and discussed.

A motion to approve reports was made by Dr. Korn, and seconded by Jennifer Asay.
All were in favor.

Old Business: Update on smoke free parks

Administration recommended that the Parks and Recreation Department review the Smoke Free Parks concept prior to asking the Township Committee to adopt an ordinance.

The Rec, Parks and Pathways Committee discussed the subject at their August meeting and found that there had never been a documented complaint about smoking in the parks and as such didn't see the need to ban smoking in Bernards Township parks if it wasn't a problem. Several

Board of Health members wanted to gather more information because they felt it was important not only to the smokers but also to the non smokers who endure second hand smoke. Lucy Forgione will speak to Jen Gander about attending a future Rec, Parks and Pathways Committee meeting if Board of Health members want to discuss their position on the importance of passing this ordinance.

New Business:

RESOLUTION 18:17 – EXECUTIVE SESSION – Resolution BH 18:17

- Contract, Attorney Client Privilege – Litigation, Mendham Township
- Interlocal Contracts
- Health Department Personnel Matter

Motion to accept Resolution 18:17 was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr. Birk.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Carol Bianchi – Yes, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

The Board went into closed session at 8:55 PM

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:42 PM.

RESOLUTION 19:17 – Interlocal 3-Year Contracts

The resolution was reviewed and discussed.

Motion to accept Resolution 19:17 was made by Joan Harris, seconded by Dr. Birk.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Carol Bianchi – Yes, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

Public Health Shared Services Partnership Agreement between the Somerset County Department of Health and Local Health Departments - Lucy has submitted the agreement to Administrator Bruce McArthur to review and share with the Township Committee if they choose to pass a resolution.

Staff Comment: None

Board Comment: None

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr. Birk to adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Meeting Secretary