

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2018**

**Call To Order**

Board of Health President, John Salaki, MD, called the meeting to order at 8:05PM 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, Dr. Mona Birk, Joan Harris, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki, Nick Xu

Absent: Jim Baldassare

Also Present: Lucy A. Forgione, Health Officer; Board Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq; Deirdre Vogel, Recording Secretary and two members of the public Julia De Melo and Emily Colomban both of Basking Ridge

**Public Comment:** None

**Staff Comment:** Dr. Salaki welcomed the guests and Board Members. Lucy Forgione welcomed board members to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the September 13, 2018 regular session were reviewed and approved with a motion by Joan Harris, seconded by Dr. Birk.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Yes, Dr. Korn - Abstain, Dr. Salaki – Abstain, Nick Xu – Yes

The Minutes from the October 11, 2018 regular session were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr Korn.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Birk – Yes, Joan Harris – Abstain, Dr. Korn - Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Nick Xu – Abstain

**Health Educator and Health Reports – October and November**

The Health Educator Report, Health Officer's Reports, Animal Control Officer's Reports and Vital Statistics Reports were reviewed and discussed.

A motion to approve the reports was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr. Birk.

All were in favor.

**Old Business: Smoke Free Parks**

With new legislation going into effect in January of 2019, Lucy shared with the Board a sign provided by the group Tobacco Free for a Healthy NJ that will be posted at all park entrances throughout Bernards Township. The Bernards Township Health Department will be meeting quarterly with the group to discuss smoke free efforts moving forward.

**New Business: Accreditation Application**

Lucy shared her interest in applying for accreditation with the Public Health Accreditation Board. This is a three to five year process and will help to identify strengths and areas of

improvement, strengthens internal and external partnerships and acts as a stimulus for continuous quality improvement. The Board Members all agreed this was a worthwhile pursuit.

**Staff Comment:** Lucy Forgione congratulated Joan Harris on her election to the Bernards Township Committee.

**Board Comment:** Nick Xu thanked the members of the Board for helping him become familiar with how the Health Department and the Board of Health operate.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr. Birk to adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Meeting Secretary