

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 16, 2020**

**Call To Order**

President, John Salaki, MD called the meeting to order at 8:20 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, Dr. Mona Birk, Karen Ellis, Joan Harris, Dr. Christopher Hunt, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki

**Also Present:** Trish Cowell, Senior Registered Environmental Health Specialist; Board Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq. and Deirdre Vogel, Board of Health Secretary

**Public Comment:** None

**Staff Comment:**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 17, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved on motion by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Joan Harris.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Mona Birk - Yes, Karen Ellis – Abstain, Joan Harris - Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

The minutes of the May 16, 2019, June 13, 2019 & September 12, 2019 Executive Sessions were reviewed and approved for release on motion by Joan Harris, seconded by Jennifer Asay.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Dr. Mona Birk - Yes, Karen Ellis – Abstain, Joan Harris - Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

**Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports – October 2019, November 2019 & December 2019** -The Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports were reviewed and discussed.

A motion to approve the Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Dr. Hunt. All were in favor.

**Old Business: Establishments selling electronic smoking devices - Discussion continued.** Joan Harris shared that the Township Committee adopted an Ordinance prohibiting vape shops and smoke shops in Bernards Township. The Board discussed a recommendation to the Township Committee requesting that they consider licensing establishments that currently sell vaping devices in Bernards Township. Joan will investigate sample resolutions and the discussion will continue at the February meeting.

**Chester Township inquiry update** – After submitting a Request for Proposal and meeting with Chester Township representatives who were interested in acquiring

Bernards Township Health Department services we learned that they were staying with their current Health Department.

**New Business:** Accreditation – Trish Cowell reported that Cheryl Komline is continuing to gather data and organize documents in anticipation of the start of the accreditation process.

**Staff Comment:**

**Board Comment:** Dr. Salaki welcomed Karen Ellis to the Board.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Jennifer Asay seconded by Joan Harris to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Board Secretary