

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 15, 2021**

**Call to Order**

President, John Salaki, MD called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM via Zoom Conference Call and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Jennifer Asay, Joan Bannan, Dr. Christopher Hunt, Dr. Elizabeth Korn, Dr. John Salaki

**Also Present:** Board Attorney Paula J. DeBona, Esq.; Deirdre Vogel, Board of Health Secretary and resident Todd Edelstein of Riverside Drive, Basking Ridge

**Absent:** Karen Ellis, Patricia Crane

**Public Comment:** Todd Edelstein commented on a news story regarding Pfizer considering a third covid vaccine booster.

**Staff Comment:** Lucy Forgione announced that Hannah Truncale started on March 22 as Youth Services Coordinator Assistant/Marketing and Communications Coordinator and Riya Patel has been with the Health Department since January as Vulnerable Populations Outreach Coordinator.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the March 11, 2021 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved on motion by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Joan Bannan.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Joan Bannan – Yes, Dr. Hunt – Yes, Dr. Korn – Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

**Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports**

The Health Educator Reports & Health Officers Reports for March were reviewed and discussed.

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

**Old Business:** Covid 19 Update: Lucy Forgione reported this week's numbers to be stable although spring break vacations may have an effect in the coming weeks. The pause in the use of the J&J vaccine has put a hold on scheduling clinics while the FDA and the CDC work to investigate the 6 cases related to serious blot clotting issues.

**New Business:** Discussion on licensed outdoor cats and alteration.

The Board discussed issues pertaining to outdoor cats that are not spayed or neutered. Paula DeBona will email ordinances adopted in other states and municipalities on the subject to the Board members. Lucy Forgione will invite Michelle Santoro, Bernards

Township's Animal Control Officer to the next Board of Health meeting to offer her perspective.

**Public Comment:** None

**Staff Comment:** None

**Board Comment:** None

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Dr. Korn, seconded by Dr. Hunt to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Board Secretary