

**TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 13, 2022**

**Call To Order**

President, John Salaki, MD called the meeting to order at 7:39 via Zoom Conference Call and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Jennifer Asay, Kelly Brown, Patricia Crane, Karen Ellis, Dr. John Salaki and Edward Wang

**Also Present:** Lucy Forgione, Health Officer; Paula J. DeBona, Esq., Board Attorney and Deirdre Vogel, Board of Health Secretary

**Public Comment:** None

**Staff Comment:** Lucy Forgione wished all a Happy New Year. She welcomed the new members of the Board and extended an invitation to contact her to spend time going over Health Department and Board of Health information.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the December 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved on motion by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Karen Ellis.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Kelly Brown – Abstain, Patricia Crane - Yes, Karen Ellis – yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Edward Wang - Abstain

**Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports**

The Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports were reviewed and discussed. A motion to approve the Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Karen Ellis. All were in favor.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**RESOLUTION 7:22 – Professional Services Agreement - Dr. Thomas G. Porter, Covid-19 vaccinator services**

Motion to accept resolution 7:22 was made by Pat Crane, seconded by Kelly Brown.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Kelly Brown – Yes, Patricia Crane - Yes, Karen Ellis – yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes, Edward Wang – Yes

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Lucy Forgione shared information learned during a call with Atlantic Health earlier that only 7% of the COVID-19 hospitalizations were from vaccinated patients who had received the vaccine booster.

Dr. Salaki offered information regarding Omicron which is highly infectious and spreads more easily.

**Public Comment:** Todd Edelstein commented that Lucy Forgione does an excellent job in a very tough position.

**Staff Comment:**

**Board Comment:** Dr. Salaki thanked the new members of the Board for volunteering their time and service.

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Karen Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Board Secretary