

**THE TOWNSHIP OF
BERNARDS BOARD OF
HEALTH MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 12, 2022**

Call To Order

Board President Dr. John Salaki called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Asay (via phone), Kelly Brown, Patricia Crane (via phone), Matthew Majewski, Dr. John Salaki

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

Absent: Karen Ellis, Ed Wang

Public Comment: None

Staff Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March 17, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved with a motion by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Matthew Majewski.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Kelly Brown – Abstain, Pat Crane – Yes, Matthew Majewski - Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

Health Educator Report & Health Officers Reports

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

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

New Business

1. Introduction of Salary Ordinance BH:110

ORDINANCE BH: 110- An Ordinance Of The Board Of Health Of The Township Of Bernards Fixing Ranges For The Compensation Of Certain Employees Of The Township Of Bernards Health Department

Dr. Salaki read the ordinance by title. Motion to introduce Ordinance BH:110 on first reading was made by Pat Crane, seconded by Matthew Majewski.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Kelly Brown – Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Matthew Majewski - Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

Ordinance was discussed.

Motion to pass Ordinance BH:110 on first reading was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Kelly Brown.

Roll Call: Jennifer Asay – Yes, Kelly Brown – Yes, Pat Crane – Yes, Matthew Majewski - Yes, Dr. Salaki – Yes

2. Covid Update

Dr. Salaki discussed the renewed increase in Covid-19 cases. Contributing factors include, rules getting lax, asymptomatic carriers, self-testing, etc.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Staff Comment: Lucy Forgione shared news of two awards presented to the Bernards Township Health Department from Healthier Somerset and Somerset County, recognizing Lucy and the Health Department for their work during the pandemic. Lucy also notified the Board of a grant awarded to the Health Department by City Health Dashboard, offering participation in a nationwide dashboard which shares local community health data.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Jennifer Asay, seconded by Matthew Majewski to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre Vogel, Board Secretary