

FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF HEALTH

May 10, 2023

Minutes

Present: Peter Kleban, Stanley Wisnewski, Thomas Michalowski and Sonya Youngren

Also present: Thomas Cantisano (Health Officer) and Maryann Lang (Board of Health Secretary)

Absent: Tana LaPlaca, Sabrina Edmunds, Raymond Holmes, Jay Rosania and David Adinaro

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ms. Lang took attendance, and stated that the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act had been met.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Kleban made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting. Mr. Michalowski seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Michalowski made a motion to approve the Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly report for March and April; and, Pequannock Township monthly report for February, March and April. Mr. Wisnewski seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Communications:

None

Report from Health Department Staff:

Mr. Cantisano provided the following report:

The Health Department has basically returned to normal operations. COVID numbers are at their lowest since 2020. The World Health Organization has declared the public health emergency over as of May 5, 2023. This doesn't mean the pandemic is over, but that the impact is so reduced that the public health emergency doesn't need to be in place. In the United States, the public health emergency will be ending tomorrow, May 11, 2023. The pandemic ran along the same timeline as the influenza epidemic of 1918, which was a three year span.

The Sonesta Hamilton Park Hotel has changed ownership, and will be used for a specific community. However, the use is still being decided upon. Several of the uses put forth, were not allowed per zoning. The Health Department will continue to conduct inspections of the facility.

Taste of Florham Park, held at the Mansion at Fairleigh Dickinson University, went very well. All vendors were in compliance.

In April, the Pequannock Health Department added the town of Boonton to the towns they currently provide health services. It is a town with a population of approximately 8,800, with a broad demographic. Due to the additional town, contract fees will be reduced for all towns that Pequannock currently serves, by four and a quarter percent. New bills will be going out to reflect the reduction in contract fees. A few part time inspectors have been hired.

Health education services will be augmented by bringing on Atlantic Health, Morristown. There will be more outreach to schools and seniors.

New Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

Ratification of Licenses:

The Board ratified licenses issued in March and April 2023.

Public Hearing - Privilege of the Floor:

Mr. Kleban opened the meeting to the public at 7:11 pm. Seeing none, the public portion of the meeting was closed at 7:11 pm.

Adjournment:

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Mr. Michalowski seconded the motion, and all members present approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann Lang
Board of Health Secretary