

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cervone called the September 14, 2023, meeting of the Harding Township Board of Health to order at 7:30 p.m., and announced the meeting was called in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Sharp called the following Board of Health members in attendance.

BOH Attendance: Dr. Cervone, Mrs. McKittrick, and Mrs. Somers

Absent: Mrs. Chipperson, Mr. DeNave, Mrs. DiTosto, and Dr. Lacz

Health Department Attendance: Mrs. Lisa Sharp and Mr. George Byrnes

County of Morris Attendance: Miss Shelby Meyers, REHS

BOH Counsel: Mr. Joseph Sordillo, BOH Attorney

Public: None

MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2023:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions with regard to the July 13, 2023 minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed the meeting minutes for July 13, 2023 were accepted.

MONTHLY REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JULY/AUGUST 2023:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department report for July and August 2023.

Mrs. McKittrick questioned in the correspondence section of the July monthly report regarding the on-site wastewater treatment system for 18 Sheepfield Farms. Mr. Byrnes explained that the first unsatisfactory report, the contractor conducted a repair on the septic and the Health Department witnessed it. However, in the second report, the contractor thought he did the repair but there was another septic that the contractor was not aware of. Mr. Byrnes commented that there is black water in both. The contractor conducted the second repair and Mr. Byrnes witnessed that repair.

Mr. Byrnes reported that in August Miss Meyers and I have been working with the new owners of the Market Tavern now known as Café Saporì with regard to opening the restaurant. Miss Meyers explained that the pre-operational inspection was conducted and we asked for a water test as the water

has not been tested since 2019. Currently, they do not have a license to open. Mr. Byrnes and I will conduct another inspection in a week once the water results are received. Miss Meyers reported that they informed the new owners that until the permits are approved for the second floor shower, no one is allowed on the second floor. Mr. Byrnes explained that the septic was enlarged in 2003 with a 1,750 gallon tank and that the owner was allotted 150 seats. The Health Department will continue to work with the new owners with regards to their septic and water.

Mrs. Sharp reported that the flu/COVID clinic has been scheduled for October 3, 2023 from 4 to 6 pm. Mr. Byrnes reported that he conducted an on-site meeting with Atlantic Health to ensure they have cellular service.

Mrs. Sharp reported that the third quarter environmental water sample for the Municipal Building was conducted and an unsatisfactory report was received. Mrs. Sharp notified Mr. Toribio who contacted Morris County and Eurofins Lab. The water will be resampled. Mr. Toribio has ordered a UV light for the well pit.

Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the July and August 2023 monthly Health Department reports. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly reports for July and August 2023 were accepted.

COUNTY OF MORRIS MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING – JULY/AUGUST 2023:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Reports for July/August 2023.

Miss Myers reported that the health educator has been sending weekly educational flyers which are in the meeting packets. Miss Freer and I attended the National Environmental Association in New Orleans. There will be a food handlers' class in English and Spanish at the Hanover Municipal Building on October 3, 2023. The English is from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and the Spanish will be from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Mrs. McKittrick asked if Miss Meyers could have information on food pantry's and farmer's markets for the October meeting.

With no further comments, a motion was made to accept the July and August 2023 Monthly County of Morris reports by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the monthly Morris County reports for July and August 2023 were accepted.

PROPOSED HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2024 EXPENSE BUDGET:

Mrs. Sharp explained that Mr. Falzarano is currently working on the 2024 budget and has asked for all Boards to submit their 2024 expense budget. A copy of the proposed 2024 budget is included in the meeting packet. A discussion ensued on the 2024 expense budget. Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the 2024 Health Department Expense Budget. Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the 2024 Health

Department Expense Budget was accepted. Mrs. Sharp will enter the information in the GFMS system.

OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

No hearing persons were present.

Mrs. Sharp informed the Board of Health members that Dr. Perez, Jr., sent information to Mr. Falzarano and me regarding the Municipal Requirements for Animal Control. Chief Gromek reviewed the information and provided his comments. Mrs. Sharp sent the information to Mr. Sordillo for his review with regard to the current Harding Township Ordinance. Mr. Sordillo reported that in his review, the Township Committee currently amends Chapter 90 pertaining to Animal Control. If the Board of Health wanted to amend the Ordinance, the Ordinance would need to be repealed and the Board of Health would introduce the Ordinance. Mr. Sordillo will provide the Township Committee with a memorandum from the Board of Health outlining the amendments necessary.

Mr. Byrnes and Miss Meyers became aware after reviewing the retail food establishment ordinance for the new restaurant that Chapter 189 would require an amendment to include suspension or revocation of a food license. Dr. Perez, Jr. will be sending language over to Mrs. Sharp. Once the information is sent from Dr. Perez, Jr., Mrs. Sharp will provide it to Mr. Sordillo for his review and presentation to the Board of Health.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments or discussions, Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to adjourn.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health