

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024**

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cervone called the March 14, 2024 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: Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Chipperson, Mr. DeNave, Dr. Lacz, Mrs. McKittrick, Mrs. Somers, Dr. Cervone

Absent: Joseph Sordillo, Esq.

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

County of Morris Attendance: Miss Shelby Meyers, REHS

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MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2024 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions with regard to the February 8, 2024, minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mrs. Chipperson, Mr. DeNave abstained, and with votes of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes for the February 8, 2024, meeting were accepted.

MONTHLY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department report for February 2024.

Mrs. Sharp informed the Board that a minor change to page 5 of the monthly report was made, and a copy of page 5 was placed at each Board Members seat. Mrs. Sharp informed the Board that the monthly water analysis for the Municipal Building for February was satisfactory.

Dr. Cervone asked for an update on the two dog bites for the month. Mrs. Sharp explained that the first incident was a dog that bit another dog. The dog was not licensed, and the resident licensed the dog with the updated rabies vaccination certificate that day. The second incident involved a human. Upon notification from the Harding Police Department, Mrs. Sharp notified Mrs. Stephanie Gorman, Assistant Health Officer that the dog in this incident was the same dog involved in a dog bite of a human two years ago. Mrs. Gorman is working with Animal Control and the Harding Police Department. Miss Meyers informed the Board that Animal Control issued four summons as the resident owns four dogs. The court date was two weeks ago, however, the resident did not show and the court push the date to later in the month of March 2024.

Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the February 2024 monthly Health Department report and financial. Upon a motion made by Mr. DeNave, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly Health Department report for February 2024 was accepted.

COUNTY OF MORRIS MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING – FEBRUARY 2024

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Report.

Miss Myers reported that the weekly flyers distributed were: Pearls of Wisdom, Get Familiar with Signs of a Heart Attack or Stroke, National Canned Food Month, Avoiding Pesticide Exposure with Protective Clothing and mentioned that septic inspections have picked up.

With no further comments, a motion was made to accept the February 2024 Monthly County of Morris report by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mrs. Chipperson, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the monthly Morris County report for February 2024 was accepted.

ADD-ON RESOLUTION BOH #06-2024 - RESOLUTION OF THE BOH PROCLAIMING APRIL 1, 2024 THROUGH APRIL 7, 2024 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING:

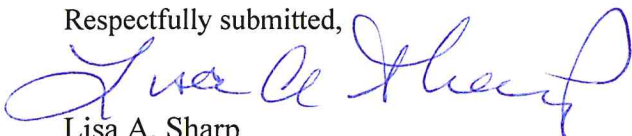
Miss Meyers explained this resolution shows appreciation and recognition for public health workers. The Board of Health members were in consensus to add this resolution to the agenda. Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept BOH Resolution #06-2024 proclaiming the week of April 1, 2024 as National Public Health week. Upon a motion made by Mr. DeNave, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick and with a vote of all ayes none opposed, Resolution #06-2024 was approved. Mrs. Sharp will place a copy of the resolution on the website and a copy of the resolution will be appended to these minutes.

OTHER MATTERS AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

There were no other matters, and no hearing persons present.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Dr. Lacz, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE HARDING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
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WHEREAS, on March 13, 1995, then-President William J. Clinton issued the first proclamation declaring that National Public Health Week be celebrated the first full week of every April to promote healthy living, increase awareness on the benefits of healthy choices, and recognize the importance of public health in preventing illness, protecting communities, and advancing health and wellness; and

WHEREAS, the American Public health Association (APHA) has since promoted National Public Health Week as a means of strengthening our public health system and advancing public health partnerships which are integral to improving individual, family, and community health; and

WHEREAS, a goal of National Public Health Week in 2024 is to acknowledge and promote the instrumental role and contributions of public health in improving the health and wellbeing of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, National Public Health Week this year will be from April 1, 2024 to April 7, 2024 and the APHA theme for 2024 is “Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We Are All Public Health”; and

WHEREAS, public health serves as the basis for ensuring clean water, clean air, food safety, consumer safety, workplace safety, and public safety along with chronic disease and infectious disease prevention; and

WHEREAS, despite the countless public health advancements in protecting individuals and communities, the United States and other nations continue to face global public health threats and challenges; and

WHEREAS, from 2019 to 2021, the life expectancy at birth for the United States declined by 2.7 years, the largest two-year decline in life expectancy since 1921-1923; and

WHEREAS, most of the leading causes of death in the United States are due to chronic health conditions which result in costly national and individual health expenditures;

WHEREAS, many chronic health conditions are extremely preventable, particularly through lifestyle risk reduction strategies including avoiding tobacco use, eating healthier, increasing physical activity, and preventing unintentional injuries; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of adults in the United States who smoke cigarettes decreased from 20.9 percent of the population in 2005 to 11.5 percent of the population in 2021 due to public health advocacy, policy, and educational efforts; and

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WHEREAS, despite reductions on cigarette smoking, electronic cigarettes have been the most used tobacco product among youth in the United States since 2014, with 10.0 percent of high school students reporting electronic cigarette use in 2023; and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, accounting for more than 480,000 deaths annually; and

WHEREAS, in the United States there were an estimated 106,699 drug overdose deaths in 2021, an increase of nearly 15 percent from 2020; and

WHEREAS, racial and ethnic minority population in the United States continue to experience health disparities which result in significant morbidity and mortality as compared with the entire population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, stark disparities in infant mortality by race and ethnicity, geography, and income including the fact that Black newborns experience infant mortality at a rate twice that of White infants; and

WHEREAS, women die from pregnancy complications in the United States at higher rate than in many other developed countries, with the rate of maternal mortality in 2020 being 23.8 per 100,000 live births, over 3 times the rate of most high income countries; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 80 percent of maternal deaths in the United States are preventable; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 in 7 children in the United States experienced child abuse and neglect in the past year, with 1,750 children dying of abuse and neglect in 2020; and

WHEREAS, mental and physical health are equally important component of overall health and mental illness increases the risk for many chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, more than 1 in 5 adults in the United States live with mental illness and 1 in 5 youths aged 13 to 18 either currently or at some point in their life suffer a debilitating mental illness; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 25 adults in the United States lives with a serious mental illness including major depression, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia; and

WHEREAS, 49,449 people died by suicide in 2022, with a 2.6 percent increase from 2021, with firearms being used in 50 percent of suicides; and

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WHEREAS, violence is the a leading cause of premature death in the United States and it is estimated that more than 7 individuals per hour die a violent death in our nation costing billions of

dollars to our national economy and resulting in social and emotional distress, community trauma, injury, disability, depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress disorder; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this resolution, the United States and other nations continue to address COVID-19 and other global public health threats posed by existing and emerging infectious diseases which require support and investment to ensure public health infrastructure, programs, and workforce including in federal, state, and local health departments, public health laboratories, healthcare, and first responders; and

WHEREAS, vaccination is one of the most significant public health achievements in history and has resulted in substantial decreases in the number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths associated with vaccine-preventable diseases along with corresponding health care costs associated with vaccine-preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, each 10 percent increase in local public health spending contributes to a 6.9 percent decrease in infant mortality, 3.2 percent decrease in cardiovascular disease deaths; 1.4 percent decrease in diabetes-related deaths, and 1.1 percent decrease in cancer-related mortality;

WHEREAS, voting helps and civic engagement helps shape the public policy and conditions in which people can be healthy and good health is consistently positively associated with higher likelihood of voter participation, however only 60% of eligible voters reported voting in 2023 elections; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, mitigate, and recover from the full range of health threats including disease outbreaks, natural disasters, and other disasters caused by human activities and public health emergencies.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Harding Township Board of Health, of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that:

1. April 1, 2024 to April 7, 2024 be proclaimed National Public Health Week in the Township of Harding and in so doing, the importance of public health in preventing illness, protecting communities, and advancing health and wellness be promoted and recognized; and
2. All residents be encouraged to help family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and leaders to advance healthy living, promote mental wellbeing, and increase awareness regarding the

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benefits of healthy choices including avoiding tobacco use, eating healthier, increasing physical activity, and taking steps to prevent unintentional injuries; and

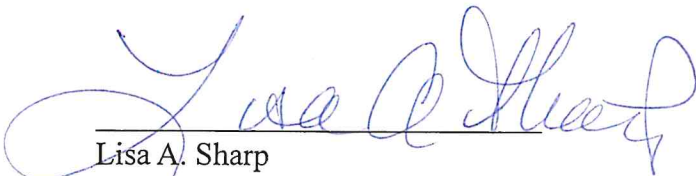
3. All residents recognize that voting and being civically engaged shapes how communities allocate resources to support opportunities for health lives; and
4. All residents recognize that through "Protecting, Connecting, and Thriving: We Are All Public Health."

DATED: March 14, 2024

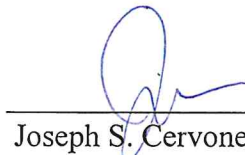
I, Lisa A. Sharp, Secretary of the Harding Township Board of Health, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify this to be true copy of a Resolution approved by the Board of Health at a meeting held on March 14, 2024.

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HARDING**



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health



Joseph S. Cervone
Chair, Board of Health

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN
Mrs. Chambers, Alt #2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Chipperson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. DeNave	1st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. McKittrick	2nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mrs. Somers, Alt #1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Cervone		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>