

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024**

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Lacz, Vice Chair called the July 11, 2024 meeting of the Harding Township Board of Health to order at 7:34 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: Mr. DeNave, Dr. Lacz, and Mrs. Somers

ABSENT: Dr. Cervone, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Chipperson, and Mrs. McKittrick

BOH Attorney: Joseph Sordillo, Esq.

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

County of Morris Attendance: Miss Shelby Meyers, REHS and Alyssa Bryant, REHS

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BOH WAIVER REQUEST: CAFÉ SAPORI, 995 MT. KEMBLE AVENUE, BLOCK 33, LOT 5:

Mr. Tomas Tobias, Engineer with H2M, is representing Café Saporì which is proposing a porch extension on one side of the restaurant. The reason for the extension is to allow outside space for large groups. The current seats will be removed from inside and placed outside for those larger groups. The waiver being requested is: Footing setback to septic tank. Harding Township requires 10 feet and the waiver being requested is 4 feet. Mr. Tobias said there will be no change to the design flow and the deck extension will not be over the septic tank.

Mr. DeNave asked Mr. Byrnes if he had any comments. Mr. Byrnes mentioned that Harding Township's minimum setback is 10 feet and the State Code is 5 feet for an occupied structure but State Code does not provide a definition for unoccupied structure. Mr. DeNave mentioned that the restaurant is allowed 150 seats on premise and asked that during the seasons, your client will be moving seats from inside and bringing them outside. The owner responded that is correct, no additional seats will be added. Mr. DeNave reported that the restaurant agrees to all previous conditions that are in place. The owner responded that is correct. Mr. DeNave commented that the restaurant will continue to provide and conduct monitoring of their water usage and submit the monthly water usage to the Health Department. Mr. Tobias agreed.

Dr. Lacz commented that the State requires a minimum setback of 5 feet, is there anyway you can have the architect adjust that one side from 4 feet to 5 feet. Mr. DeNave explained that the Board cannot approve the waiver unless the setback is 5 feet which is the State requirement. A discussion ensued. Mr. Tobias commented that he will speak with the architect and change the setback to 5 feet. Mr. DeNave asked that revised plans be sent to the health department for Mr. Byrnes to ensure the plans have been revised before approval can be issued. Dr. Lacz asked for a motion to approve the amended waiver request which is the footing setback will be 5 feet from the septic tank instead of the 4 feet requested. Mrs. Somers made a motion to accept the amended waiver request, seconded by Mr. DeNave and with a roll call vote of all ayes none opposed, the amended waiver

request was granted with the revised plans being submitted to the Health Department to show the change has been made.

MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2024 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

Dr. Lacz asked if there were any questions with regard to the June 13, 2024 minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mr. DeNave, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes for the June 13, 2024, meeting minutes were accepted.

MONTHLY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR JUNE 2024:

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

Dr. Lacz asked how the water testing for the Municipal Building was for June. Mrs. Sharp informed the Board that the water testing of the Municipal Building for the month of June was satisfactory.

Mr. Byrnes reported that he and Miss Alyssa Bryant conducted an inspection of the Harding Township Day Camp. There were no issues and the camp received a satisfactory.

Dr. Lacz asked for a motion to accept the June 2024 monthly Health Department report. Upon a motion made by Mr. DeNave, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with no objections, and a vote of all ayes, the monthly Health Department report for June was accepted.

Dr. Lacz asked if there were any comments regarding the June 2024 financial report for the Health Department. With no comments a motion was made by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mr. DeNave, and with a vote of all ayes, the June 2024 financial report was accepted.

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

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

Miss Myers reported that the Public Health Nurse will be conducting blood pressures at the Kemmerer Library and the Municipal Building during the summer months on the second Thursday. This is due to the seniors not meeting during the summer. The Public Health Nurse is reviewing the immunizations for the Harding Day Camp and there have been no issues.

Miss Meyers reported that the Health Educator continues to send weekly flyers on different topics, such as wearing sunglasses, heat related risks for pets, etc. Miss Meyers informed the Board that she attended a statewide mock exercise to see how long the public health messaging could get out. Miss Meyers mentioned that it was 2 hours with four different scenarios.

Miss Meyers informed the Board that she has been recently promoted to Assistant Health Officer and with that she will be moving into a different area and Miss Alyssa Bryant will be taking over for Harding. Miss Meyers will continue to work with Miss Bryant until she is comfortable. The Board congratulated Miss Meyers and welcomed Miss Bryant.

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

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 Mr. DeNave, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health