

Delaware Township, Board of Health
January 4, 2021 Minutes

The Re-Organizational and Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Danene L. Gooding.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Danene L. Gooding led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Textores, Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, Katie Hooven, PhD, Jim Vena and Michael Bokach (via zoom)

Absent: Chadd Tindall, DVM, Carla Hobbs from the Hunterdon County Division of Public Safety

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Proper notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, and the Star Ledger, posted at the Delaware Township Municipal Building and filed with the Township Clerk all on December 17, 2020.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP
Open Public Meetings Act

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (Ch. 231 P.L. 1975) provides for the giving of annual notice by public bodies of the body to be held during the succeeding year, and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (Ch. 231 P.L. 1975) hereinafter referred to as the Act, authorized a public body to make certain other determinations and take certain other actions in conformance therewith:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Delaware, County of Hunterdon and the State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held during the calendar year at 7:30 p.m. either by zoom or at the Delaware Township Municipal Building, Township Hall, Sergeantsville, New Jersey on the following dates:

A. The first Monday of each and every month, except the July meeting that will not be held and the September meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

2. The following newspapers are hereby designated as the newspapers to receive and all notice required or permitted to be given under the Act including but not limited to Annual Notice and 48-hour notice.

A. The Hunterdon County Democrat, which is the official newspaper of this public body, and
The Trenton Times and the Star Ledger, which are hereby determined to be the

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newspapers which have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the area of jurisdiction of this Township of its meetings.

3. Copies of this Resolution and any revision or modifications thereof certified to be true copies by the Secretary of this Board be disseminated and distributed as required by the Act as follows:

- A. Posted and maintained throughout the 2021 calendar year on the bulletin board at the Delaware Township Municipal Building;
- B. Mailed or hand delivered to the three newspapers designated in Paragraph 2 of this resolution;
- C. Filed with the Secretary of this Board, and;
- D. Mailed to such persons as may be entitled thereto under the terms of the Act and this resolution.

4. Pursuant to Section 14 of this Act, the Secretary of this Board is thereby authorized and directed to mail such notice as may be required and authorized under the Act to any person requesting the same providing that person has complied with the following terms and conditions;

- A. Any and all requests for notice under the Act shall be made in writing either by letter or by signing a Request List to be maintained in the Office of the Clerk, and
- B. Any person requesting such notice, other than the news media which is expressly excluded from payment of any fee hereunder shall pay to the Township of Delaware a fee of \$3.00, which said sum is hereby determined to be a reasonable sum, the amount of which is calculated solely to reimburse the Township for the costs incurred in providing the said notice; including but not limited to printing, photocopying costs, clerical time and postage.

BY ORDER OF THE DELAWARE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH

_____, Chairman
Michael Textores

Attest:

Danene L. Gooding

Dated: January 4, 2021

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Gooding asked the Board members to make a nomination for a Chairman for 2021.

Jorge Berkowitz, PhD. nominated Michael Textores for Chairman for 2021 and Katie Hooven seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Roll Call. No one opposed the nomination. The nominations were then closed.

NOMINATION FOR VICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Gooding asked the Board members to make a nomination for Vice Chairman for 2021.

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Jorge Berkowitz, PhD. nominated Katie Hooven for Vice Chairman for 2021 and Michael Textores seconded the motion.

All voted aye. Roll Call. No one opposed the nomination. The nominations were then closed.

Chairman Michael Textores took over the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Katie Hooven made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on December 7, 2020, Michael Bokach seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye. Michael Textores and Jorge Berkowitz, PhD. abstained.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER

An invoice from Mobile Veterinary Services in the amount of \$603.50 for rabies clinic services, syringes and a medical waste fee were reviewed by the board. Michael Textores made a motion to pay this invoice. Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, seconded the motion. All Voted Aye. Roll Call.

BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution #2021-01 Non-Fair and Open Contracts for Township Professionals – tabled.
- B. Septic Waiver, B26, L3, 545 County Route 579 – Wayne Ingram, PE was present to address the board. This waiver is for the proposed disposal system being outside of the building envelope. The board reviewed the letter from the County Health Dept. dated December 15, 2020. Mr. Ingram said this is an alteration to an existing 3-bedroom dwelling on approx. 2 ¼ acres. There is a stream in the back of the property. Michael Textores asked about any wetlands and nearby wells. Jorge Berkowitz asked how deep is the well on this property. Michael Textores said this system will have all the requirements for advanced treatment as stated in the letter from the County. Jorge Berkowitz made the motion, Mike Textores seconded the motion. All voted Aye.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

The Board reviewed the most recent report.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solid Waste N.O.V., B17, L18- 490 Sergeantsville Rd – Carla was not present to give an update.
- B. Suspect Kennel, B33, L18- 148 Lower Creek Road – Carla was not present to give an update.
- C. Illegal dumping, B7, L16 Q0073- 31 Stone Signpost Road – Carla was not present to give an update.
- D. Septic Malfunction, B1, L9- 300 Old Croton Rd – Carla was not present to give an update.

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- E. Solid Waste Notice of Violation – B30, L13 – 79 Kingwood Stockton Rd – Carla was not present to give an update.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board went over the letters and LINC'S reports in the members' packets. They reviewed a report on Block 38, Lot 22 regarding contamination.

Katie reviewed the Health LINC'S reports with the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

The board agreed to move Jim Vena to Member from Alt. 1 to fill the spot left by Peter Sudano.

The board agreed to meet via zoom from February through June 2021. Mrs. Gooding will have the meetings advertised as zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danene L. Gooding

cc: Township Committee