

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
July 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Jim Schatzle called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the following statement: “As Presiding Officer of this meeting of the Board of Health, I hereby declare that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied by prominently posting on the Township bulletin board a notice of this meeting, and that there has been transmitted by regular mail a notice to the News Transcript and that a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting.”

Further, on June 30, 2020 notice was provided to The Asbury Park Press and News Transcript that in order to comply with Executive Order 104 from the Governor of the State of New Jersey, this meeting would be held virtually with log-in information and telephonic numbers for call-in being provided via the Township website.

ROLL CALL INDICATED:

PRESENT: Dr. Boak, Annemarie Delle Donne, Liz Iacono, Jeff Reisinger, John Rocco, Jim Schatzle, Pam Sokoler, Linda Stagliano and Tara Buss

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Sue Fitzpatrick, Tom Frank and Ruth Leininger

Meeting Minutes – Linda Stagliano made a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Annemarie Delle Donne and unanimously carried.

Old Business – There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business – There was no New Business to discuss.

Discussion – Mr. Frank stated the last few months have been a trying experience for everyone and thanked everyone for their patience. Since we have not met for several months Mr. Frank tried to keep the Board updated by email each month. March through May was all hands on deck for local Health Departments, you never knew when or how many cases you were going to get on any given day. As positive results for COVID-19 came in regarding Colts Neck residents, we would contact the resident to investigate their particular situation and determine any close contacts they may have had. Fortunately, as positive cases began to peak, the Colts Neck Health Department. was then able to secure a mutual aid agreement with the County Health Department to assist with COVID-19 investigations and contact tracing. By mid-May cases finally began to slow down.

Mr. Frank then reviewed some Monmouth County COVID-19 statistics with the Board.

Long Term Care Facilities took a major hit during the height of the pandemic. Our Brandywine Assisted Living facility did an excellent job of keeping COVID-19 out of their facility and preventing an outbreak. They continue to conduct weekly testing of their employees as a precaution to keep the virus at bay.

Monmouth County Health Officers had an initial Zoom meeting with the school superintendents discussing how to re-open schools in September. A few topics discussed included a reasonable approach to maintain social distancing; adherence to face covering; bussing of children; whether to require temperature checks and how to effectively conduct contact tracing. Schools must develop a written plan that needs to address these topics (and much more). This plan must be submitted to the NJDOE for review before the school season.

St. Mary's Day Care was permitted to remain open by the State during the pandemic as an Emergency Child Care Center to care for children of first responders and healthcare providers.

The State Health Department continues to have daily conference calls with Health Officers during the week. Topics include clarification on executive orders and directives; how to improve case investigations and contact tracing techniques as well as any other issues health officials have been experiencing in their jurisdictions.

Mr. Frank stated the COVID-19 case numbers for Monmouth County were found to be increasing over the last two weeks, so everyone still needs to be vigilant and do the right thing. The week of June 23 there were 124 new positive cases in Monmouth County and the week of June 30th there were 214.

Mr. Schatzle stated he was part of the process when Mr. Frank was hired and there was discussion whether the Township wanted to be part of a consortium or have their own Health Officer. He was very glad the decision was made to have our own Health Officer working for our residents.

Health Officers Report – Mr. Frank stated the State Department of Health conducted an audit of his department March 5, 2020. The audit examines our public health programs to ensure we are meeting N.J. Public Health Performance Standards and he believe we did well.

Right to Know surveys, which entails an inventory of chemicals stored in our buildings, has been completed and is being submitted to the State.

The Police have moved into their temporary location in the First Aid building. The demolition of the existing police building should occur within the next few months.

The Trump National Golf Course pool has been able to open after indicating they meet the NJDOH executive directives. The Grande requested their pool be re-classified as a "specialty exempt facility" whereby no lifeguards are required. However, in order to operate they must meet all other safety and executive directive requirements. As of now, they have not opened.

Septic system installations and site evaluations with engineers have been very busy. Food inspections have been lagging due to the corona virus situation.

On Monday July 6th Town Hall opened to the public. There is signage in place encouraging social distancing; hand sanitizing stations at entrances and plexiglass dividers installed at more vulnerable locations in the building.

The Township Committee passed a Resolution waiving the permit application fees for temporary mobile retail food establishments for the remainder of 2020.

Liaison Report – Ms. Fitzpatrick stated the Township Committee meeting scheduled for July 8th has been rescheduled to July 15th.

In addition to the Resolution waiving fees for temporary mobile retail food establishments, the Township Committee also waived fees for permits for outside dining and sidewalk sales for the remainder of 2020.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick said the COAH settlement was approved by the Judge last week however they are still negotiating with Toll Brothers.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick also stated the asbestos has been removed from the police building so demolition should begin soon.

The Board thanked Mr. Frank for all his hard work during the pandemic, they know he has been working tirelessly and everyone greatly appreciates it.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Boak at 7:40 p.m. and seconded by John Rocco and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is August 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Leininger