

TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
August 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Jim Schatzle called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 7:05 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 July 29, 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: Annemarie Delle Donne, Liz Iacono, Jeff Reisinger, Jim Schatzle, Pam Sokoler, Linda Stagliano and Tara Buss

ABSENT: Dr. Boak (unexcused) and John Rocco (unexcused)

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Frank and Ruth Leininger

Meeting Minutes – Linda Stagliano made a motion to approve the July 7, 2020 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Tara Buss and unanimously carried.

Old Business – There was no Old Business to discuss.

New Business – A.J. Garito, Engineer from Two River Engineer presented a Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision for Block 23, Lot 17.02 (PB734 – Feiler). Mr. Garito explained this subdivision was recently granted by the Planning Board but still needed approval by the Board of Health. The property is approximately 38 acres with an existing home set back on the property, barely visible from the street. The subdivision consists of a new road with a cul-de-sac and three new lots approximately two acres each in size and the existing house to remain, there will be a total of four lots. Mr. Frank confirmed he witnessed soil borings and they all appeared suitable for the installation of an individual subsurface sewerage disposal system. Jeff Reisinger made a motion to approve the subdivision and this was seconded by Tara Buss and unanimously carried.

Discussion – Mr. Frank stated in New Jersey the total number of COVID-19 cases are 182,614 as of August 3, 2020. The total number of confirmed deaths were 13,971 and the total number of probable deaths 1,875. Cases are going down which is a very good sign. In Colts Neck the total number of cases are 101 as of August 3, 2020, with 57% being male and 43% female. Total number of confirmed deaths that the health officer is aware of remains at zero.

As of now, according to our current data, we are observing a relatively low number of new cases within our community.

On Wednesday, August 5, 2020 there is a scheduled Zoom meeting with all Monmouth County School Superintendent's and Monmouth County Health Officers. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on school opening in September. Some of the topics continue to be maintain social distancing; adherence to face covering; bussing of children; whether to require temperature checks, proper ventilation in schools, and how to effectively conduct contract tracing.

Health Officers Report – Mr. Frank stated he reported last month that Brandywine Assisted Living had no one test positive for COVID-19 however they recently had their first positive case. Since then all other residents and staff have been tested and all results came back negative. Staff continue to be tested weekly and Brandywine is required to send updates to the State, County and Mr. Frank for at least 28 days since the initial positive case to ensure there is no further COVID activity at the facility.

Mr. Frank has applied for two grants that were approved to help assist in the fight against COVID-19. The first for \$5,600 has already paid for over \$3,000 in PPE's and the remainder will pay for additional monthly cleaning of the township's port-a-johns. The second is for over \$17,000 and will be used to purchase additional PPE's and possibly a sanitation type fogger to disinfect hard surfaces along with thermometers and other equipment. We are also looking to find a central location to store these emergency supplies until they are needed. Mr. Schatzle stated he would be happy to assist Mr. Frank with this endeavor.

Mr. Frank said the pandemic has also made it very difficult for public health student interns from Rutgers that need 200 hours of field training before being eligible to sit for the Health Inspector state exam. Mr. Frank has decided to work with the Long Branch Health Department in sponsoring an intern in order to gain insight on various aspects of public health.

A replacement water well was drilled at the temporary police barracks. The existing well was over 50 years old and experiencing some water quality issues, so the decision was made to upgrade the water system.

Mr. Frank said he is starting to explore options on how to safely conduct our senior and first responders flu clinics this fall. His goal is to conduct the clinics as early in the season as possible.

There was one caller listening to the meeting. Several attempts were made for the caller to make a comment, ask a question or identify themselves with no response.

Liaison Report – Ms. Fitzpatrick was not in attendance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Pam Sokoler at 7:40 p.m. and seconded by Jeff Reisinger and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Leininger