

**BOROUGH OF MOUNT ARLINGTON
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting Minutes Via ZOOM
March 8, 2021
6:30 PM**

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Date: March 8, 2021
Time: 6:30 PM
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1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Adequate Notice of this meeting was advertised in the Daily Record and the Roxbury Register. The Notice is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall.

3. Flag Salute

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

4. Roll Call

Beth BaRoss, Sheila Studint, Roy Morance, Linda Tuorinsky, Rebecca Keenan and Laura O'Reilly-Stanzilis as well as Trevor Weigle and Derrick Webb were present. Andrew Cangiano was absent.

5. Presentations

A. None

6. Approval of Minutes

A. January 11, 2021 Reorganization and Regular Meeting Minutes

Mr. Morance moved to approve the January 11, 2021 reorganization and regular meeting minutes with amendments

Second: Mrs. Studint

All in Favor: Aye

Abstain: None

None Opposed

Motion Approved

7. Approval of Sanitarian's and Nursing Report

A. January and February 2021

Mr. Weigle reviewed the January and February 2021 Sanitarian's Report. Mr. Morance asked what the acronym VPOC means. Mr. Weigle explained VPOC stands for Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordinator. Mount Olive received a state health department COVID-19 grant which is being used to pay two part time employees one of whom is bi-lingual in Spanish and English. The responsibility of the VPOC will be to perform needs assessments with the objective of providing resource assistance to vulnerable community

members such as our seniors, those who don't speak English or English as their second language and those who are in tenuous housing situations.

Mr. Weigle went on the report the most recent COVID-19 numbers and said his staff continues to work on routine issues such as the proposed S1 legislation which will affect public health and public health jobs. Mount Olive also continues to work on the Cottage Food Bill which will allow home bakers to bake and sell goods from their home. Mount Olive's Health department continues to do traditional public health work while managing COVID-19 issues.

Mr. Weigle went on to report that influenza infections are down which may be due to mask wearing which might be a lesson for future years as this in effect is an experiment in infection control.

Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis said COVID-19 has created a whole new sensibility around infections and infection control.

Mr. Weigle noted that COVID-19 is not a primary cause of death in the death registration system; it is a secondary cause or tertiary cause of death. In other words, COVID-19 is the underlying cause of death which might have contributed to the primary cause of death.

Mr. Weigle reported that Robert Stahlhut will be retiring in mid-May. Bob is a very experienced Registered Environmental Health Specialist and is the last of the institutional knowledge holders. Bob's position will be filled with an employee who is currently helping with COVID-19 related work.

8. Resolutions

- A. None

9. Correspondence

- A. NJLBHA Membership Memo dated February 19, 2021
- B. NJLBHA March 6, 2021 Meeting Invite
- C. Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report dated February 27, 2021

The Board reviewed the correspondence.

10. New Business

- A. 2021 Board of Health Members List

The Board reviewed the 2021 Board of Health Members List.

Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis mentioned the NJLBHA meeting was held this past Saturday. Forty-five people were in attendance and discussions included re-opening of schools as well as a review of the associated CDC guidelines and school ventilation rules. Mrs. Studint attended the meeting and mentioned that Borough schools are in the same position as many other schools. The standards to open are not clear cut. Because standards are not clear schools open themselves up to liability which could lead to withholding state school funding if rules are bent or misinterpreted. Mount Arlington will start four ½ day in person sessions tomorrow for special needs students. Mrs. Studint also reported that Roxbury High School went back to five ½ day sessions this week. The Board of Education is holding a parent meeting this Thursday to discuss school reopening plans.

Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis said the North Jersey Health Collaborative is an organization that represents public health care and social agencies in five counties including Morris. They work on community health improvement plans for the health department in the counties they represent. The collaborative has received a grant which was used to develop a colorectal cancer screening webinar as well as a "Love Your Lungs" webinar. These are free educational webinars which are part of the community health improvement process of education. The Collaborative is reaching out to Morris County Library patrons in an effort to broaden their reach and get more individuals involved in health education.

B. Borough Events

- a. Community Garden Registration Open
- b. Easter Egg Hunt March 27, 2020 Rain Date April 4, 2021 – Tentative
- c. Memorial Day Parade - TBD
- d. Lake Hopatcong Fireworks July 4, 2021 Rain Date July 10, 2021

The Board reviewed the borough events list

11. Old Business

None

12. Public Comments

None

13. Board Comments

Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis announced she will be resigning her position as the Mount Arlington Board of Health President effective immediately. She will also step down from her position on the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association. Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis said it was a privilege working with the board members over the past ten years. Board members thanked Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis for all she has done for the MTA Board of Health.

Mayor Stanzilis thanked Mrs. O'Reilly-Stanzilis for her many years of dedicated service to the Board of Health. He went on to thank all board members, including Mr. Webb, Mr. Weigle, and Mrs. Giles for their continued community support. Mayor Stanzilis thanked Mrs. Studint for the work she is doing with the Board of Education trying to get the schools open.

14. Motion to Adjourn

Mrs. Studint moved to adjourn

Second: Mrs. Tuorinsky
All in Favor: Aye
None Opposed

Motion Approved

Beth Dwyer

Board of Health Administrator

CC: website