

**BOROUGH OF MADISON BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 6, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

A Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Madison was held on the 6th day of February 2023. Board President, Dr. Joseph Balwierczak, called the meeting to order at 7:33pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Dr. Balwierczak read the statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

ROLL CALL:

Attendance was recorded in person:

Board Member:	Present	Absent
Dr. Joseph Balwierczak	x	
Mr. Thomas Haralampoudis	x	
Mr. Mitchell Horn	x	
Mr. Kevin McCarthy	x	
Ms. Marianne McConnell		x
Ms. Cassandra Sledge	x	
Ms. Kathy McGrath (Alternate #1)	x	
Alternate #2 (vacant)		

Also Present:

Mr. Peter King, Board Attorney

Ms. Sarah Perramant, Assistant Health Officer

OATH OF OFFICE:

Mr. King, Board Attorney administered the Oath of Office to Ms. McGrath, Alternate Member #1.

REGULAR MEETING ITEMS:

AGENDA REVIEW:

Dr. Balwierczak provided an agenda overview; no need for executive session was determined.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Haralampoudis and seconded by Ms. McGrath, the meeting minutes for January 10th, 2023 were unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON:

Mr. Haralampoudis provided an update, including that the Council was planning a \$21k expenditure related to a CPR device.

HEALTH OFFICER:

Ms. Perramant, gave the health officer's report, including updates concerning the following items:

- Ms. Perramant described efforts to be undertaken by the Bloomfield Health Department to submit grant applications for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 years for funding from the New Jersey State Department of Health. Allowable funding areas include infrastructure improvements, staff hiring, technology, and data collection. A discussion ensued and the Board questioned whether the \$21k expenditure noted by Mr. Haralampoudis could be included in the 2023/24 application as it would be an allowed expenditure. Also discussed was whether CPR dummies that are needed for the ambulance squad could be included in the grant. The Board requested that other potential Madison expenditures be identified for submission for the next Board Meeting. A review of the impact of the end of the national emergency declaration on Madison activities was also requested for the April Board Meeting.
- COVID-19 case activity results and distribution of test kits. The Biden Administration announced plans to end the COVID-19 national emergency declaration in May 2023.
- An animal census will be performed in Madison this summer.
- Varied COVID-19 vaccination initiatives remain in effect to increase booster coverage. Audits of school-aged children immunization status are being performed. Other municipal health initiatives were in addition discussed.
- Free BP screenings are being provided on several Fridays in February and March.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD: None

ORDINANCES FOR HEARING: No ordinances were scheduled for hearing.

INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public comment period was opened. Seeing no members of the public wishing to be heard, Dr. Balwierczak closed the public comment period.

BILLS PAYABLE: No Bills Payable

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION: None

OLD BUSINESS: Sarah reviewed the flyer on the essential services of a public health department. Sarah discussed the board members passing the certification exam of the NJ Local Board of Health Association.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Perramant noted that Amy Monaco, the Madison Health Officer, would be resigning her position effective March 3rd, 2023. A replacement will be announced prior to that date.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board, on a motion by Ms. McGrath, seconded by Mr. Haralampoudis, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin McCarthy