

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF MADISON BOARD OF HEALTH**

**September 17, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Madison was held on the 17th day of September, 2019. Board of Health President, Eric Range called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the main room of the Madison Health Department, 28 Walnut Street, Madison, New Jersey.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The Secretary read the statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act: "In compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Board was provided in the following manner: On January 16, 2019 notice of this meeting was emailed January 16, 2019 notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall and filed with the Municipal Clerk."

**ROLL CALL**

The Board Secretary called the roll and the following acknowledged their presence:

Board Members:

Eric Range  
Debra Coen, Council Liaison  
Constance Stober  
Sandra Lascari Alt #1  
Joann Burke

Absent

Sharon Harris  
Vivian Gil-Botero  
Marianne McConnell  
Dana Bogojevic Alt #2

Also Present:

Joanne Grillo, Board Secretary  
F. Michael Fitzpatrick, Health Officer  
Peter King, Board Attorney  
Marlene Dolan, Public Health Nursing Supervisor

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

Mr. Range gave an overview of the agenda. State that there will be no need for an executive session to discuss contracts. Discussion will be in open session.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2) Regular and Executive August 20, 2019**

Mrs. Stober made a motion to approve and Ms. Coen seconded the recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Ms. Gil-Botero	absent		
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt #1	x		
Dr. Bogojevic Alt #2	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		
Mrs. Stober	x		

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SUPERVISOR:**

Public Health Nursing Supervisor, Marlene Dolan gave an overview of her reports. She spoke of communicable diseases and a specific Hepatitis A case. She advised that Flu clinic dates are scheduled for all our contract towns. CMP blood testing has had a robust response this year. Advertising has been good. It is scheduled for Wednesday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**HEALTH OFFICER:**

Mike Fitzpatrick queried if there would be an interest in an ordinance requiring food service workers immunized for Hep. A. He spoke of a potential grant possibly providing funds for this immunization service.

Mrs. Dolan informed the board of the current requirement for Hep A. There is no universal recommendation for food handlers as per CDC. Mrs. Dolan advised the board of how effective the Hep A vaccine is. Mr. Range feels that it is worth exploring if there is grant money out there, from a health education angle educating the population of the benefits. Mrs. Dolan advised that she has the vaccines as part of the federally funded program that is free.

Mr. Fitzpatrick updated board on current retail food establishment licensing and anticipated openings as well as Bottle Hill Day preparations.

Mr. Fitzpatrick spoke of the current vaping illness crisis. The state has put out information about the subject.

Mr. Fitzpatrick spoke about the upcoming rabies clinics. He then gave the board information about a plastic bag ordinance that Chatham Township has prepared and will introduce. Ms. Coen advised that Madison, Chatham and Morristown will be

collaborating on an ordinance regarding this issue. Ms. Coen spoke of the idea that the enforcement may be expected to come from the Health Department. Mr. Fitzpatrick advised that he doesn't have issue with the food inspection aspect, but will not be able to enforce outside the purview of a typical food inspection and non-food establishments that may be in violation.

**ORDINANCES FOR HEARING:** None

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No one came forward to speak.

**RESOLUTIONS: BH 2019-20 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MADISON BOARD OF HEALTH AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE SENIOR REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST RESIGNATION**

Ms. Coen made a motion to approve and Mrs. Stober seconded, the recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Mrs. Gil-Botero	absent		
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt#1	x		
Dr. Bogojevic Alt #2	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		
Mrs. Stober	x		

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mr. Fitzpatrick gave the board the numbers for the cost of a Hep A. vaccine. There was also discussion about Food Safety and ServSafe courses that should incorporate education about the Hep A.

**BILLS PAYABLE**

Mrs. Stober made a motion to accept and Mrs. Coen seconded, the recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Mrs. Gil-Botero	absent		
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt#1	x		
Dr. Bogojevic Alt #2	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		

**NEW BUSINESS:**

At this time Mr. Range informed the members of the following: Regarding health service contracts for 2020, the updates are that there is a late notice revised offer from the County. This offer was still higher than the proposal from Bloomfield. The administration has reviewed. The negotiations with Bloomfield continue, but the council should be able to approve next Mayor and Council meeting. The board feels that the contract with Bloomfield will be renewed, keeping team intact and moving forward with the services. The big changes are that REHS services will be provided by Bloomfield. Bloomfield will also supply Health Officer, Health Education as well as ancillary services, such as social work or other specialists. Madison will maintain full time staff as Madison employees.

Starting in 2020, Madison will not be offering services to Springfield and Cranford. As part of this agreement, non-compete clause will be removed so Bloomfield can negotiate directly with them. The plan is to continue through 2020 servicing Chatham Twp. until conclusion of their contract. Going forward, the focus will be on Madison Health Department needs, as well as net savings. The details financially are in the hands of the administration. This is the only offer on the table.

Mr. King advised that the board should vote authorizing the Mayor and Council to contract with Bloomfield Township Health Department.

**RESOLUTION 2019-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH BLOOMFIELD HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Ms. Burke made a motion to accept and Mrs. Stober seconded. The recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Mrs. Gil-Botero	absent		
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt#1	x		
Dr. Bogojevic Alt #2	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		

Mrs. Stober queried if Council in agreement, and Ms. Coen stated that the feeling is to maintain services and full time employees. The plan is to update the Mayor and Council about the newest County offer but the resolution should be introduced next meeting authorizing contracting with Bloomfield as the Board of Health has supported this.

Ms. Coen made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Burke seconded, All present voted in favor

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:15p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Grillo, Secretary