

# Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

May 11, 2023

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### Opening

#### 1) Call to Order

The May 11, 2023 regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Chairman, Dr. Apolito, at 6:35 PM. Board members present included: Dr. Steven Lemberger, Lisa Porth, Eileen Allen, Debbie King, and Robin Lemesevski. Absent: Margaret Jahn, Dr. Alene Opatut, Michael Chudkowski, and Anthony Ammiano. Also present: Brett Nance, Epidemiologist and Jennifer McAuley, Recording Secretary.

The following statement was read by Dr. Apolito: "In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, c.231, P.L. 1975, this meeting was announced by posting a notice on the bulletin board reserved for that purpose; by mailing such notice to the office of the official newspapers of the Township and by filing such notice with the Township Clerk."

#### 2) Minutes Approval – January 12, 2023 & February 9, 2023

A motion to approve the January 12, 2023 minutes was made by Lisa Porth, seconded by Eileen Allen, and carried by the Board.

A motion to approve the February 9, 2023 minutes was made by Robin Lemesevski, seconded by Lisa Porth, and carried by the Board.

#### 3) Activity Reports

Jennifer McAuley noted that Ms. Jahn had added the list of food inspections back into the Activity Reports, and the Board reviewed. Brett Nance briefly reviewed the quarterly Communicable Disease report, noting things have remained status quo in terms of reportable communicable diseases and activity remains low.

### New Business

#### 4) Request Waiver for Chickens – 361 East Freehold Rd.



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Kevin Liotta of 361 East Freehold Road came before the board to request chickens on his property. There will be no more than 6 chickens in total, no roosters. They have about .5 acre of property on either side of their house. The fence around the coop will go approximately 12-15 inches below the surface, in addition to a stainless-steel mesh barrier, to prevent predators from invading. Excrement will be used as fertilizer and compost in his garden. Eggs will not be sold. A motion for a favorable Resolution was offered by Dr. Apolito, with all present members in agreement.

The Board members briefly discussed the possibility of following a formal process for residents to request chickens. As in having specific criteria to follow, possibly a pamphlet, and a standard set of rules regarding coops in order to give the residents some guidance. They talked about finding out what Freehold Borough does for their application process.

#### 5) Resolution – Public Health Priority Funding

Brett Nance briefly discussed the Public Health Priority Funding, stating that the funds given to local Health Departments was halted in 2011. There is currently a bill to reinstate this funding in the amount of approximately \$10,000,000. A motion to approve the Resolution was offered by Eileen Allen, seconded by Robin Lemesevski, with the Board voting as follows:

Eileen Allen: Aye

Robin Lemesevski: Aye

Debbie King: Aye

Dr. Steven Lemberger: Aye

Dr. Fabio Apolito: Aye

Lisa Porth: Aye

Anthony Ammiano: Absent

Dr. Alene Opatut: Absent

Michael Chudkowski: Absent

## **Old Business**

#### 6) Resolution FT BH 23-02 – Chicken Waiver- 95 Princess Anne Dr.

The resolution was reviewed by the Board, noting the adoption date needed to be corrected. The revised copy will be given for signature at the next meeting.



## Discussion

### 7) Project First Line

Brett Nance briefly discussed this new initiative, taken on by herself and our new Public Health Nurse, Christa Moor. A mini grant was received by the state which allowed them to undergo a brief training period, and they are now able to go out into long-term care facilities in all five towns to provide on-site infection control training to their staff members. Seven trainings across facilities have taken place so far, totaling 191 staff members. There are 8 more facilities scheduled for the month of June.

## Public Comment

None.

## Closing

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm was made by Robin Lemesevski, seconded by Lisa Porth, and carried by the Board.

Jennifer McAuley

Recording Secretary

