

Meeting Minutes: Freehold Township Board of Health

November 10, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

Opening

1) Call to Order

The November 10, 2022 regular meeting of the Freehold Township Board of Health was called to order by Vice-Chair, Dr. Fabio Apolito, at 6:36 PM. Board members present included: Eileen Allen, Lisa Porth, Anthony Ammiano, and Dr. Steven Lemberger. Absent: Dr. Alene Opatut, Michael Chudkowski, Robin Lemesevski, and Debbie King. Also present: Margaret Jahn, Health Officer and Jennifer McAuley, Recording Secretary.

The following statement was read by Fabio 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 – October 13, 2022

A motion to approve the October 13, 2022 minutes was offered by Lisa Porth, seconded by Eileen Allen, and carried by the Board.

3) Activity Report

Ms. Jahn briefly discussed the Activity Report, and the Board reviewed.

Old Business

4) Resolution FT 22-02 (Chickens)

A motion to approve the Resolution for chickens at 2 Kennedy St. was offered by Eileen Allen, seconded by Anthony Ammiano, and carried by the Board.



Discussion

5) Needs Assessment Review

The Needs Assessment Review was presented to the Board, as required, for the Strengthening Grant which provides monies for staff to go into the vulnerable populations and do the assessments. Ms. Jahn highlighted the demographics for our towns. Wall Township: 23.6% of the population is senior citizens. Freehold Township: 17.5% of the population is senior citizens. Freehold Borough: 47.4% of the population is Hispanic, and 31.2% of those are foreign-born. Also, 78.2% of the households in Freehold Borough do not have broad-band internet subscriptions, which can pose as a barrier in terms of communication.

Ms. Jahn touched a bit on what the Health Department is doing with this particular grant, such as: Long-Term Care education, overseeing schools and daycares with respect to Covid-19 and Influenza, and managing outbreaks in these facilities. We've participated in on-site infection control assessments of their practices, education and training to the facility directors, offered on-site community vaccination clinics as well as at-home test kit distribution for Covid-19. Our Public Health Nurse has done several outings to homebound citizens to administer Covid-19 and Influenza vaccinations.

Public Comment

Closing

With no further business to discuss and no public comment, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm was made by Anthony Ammiano, seconded by Eileen Allen, and carried by the Board.

Jennifer McAuley

Recording Secretary

