

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order at 6:37 P.M. at the Municipal Building in the Bonnell Room by President Carter. The Secretary/Health Officer called the roll as follows:

Jackie Carter, Pres.	Present
Stefan Erwin, Esq.	“
Yvette Gibbons, Esq.	“
Teresa Palencia	“
Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.	“
Ellyn Smith	“
Mary Lynn Williams	“
Jay Spinelli, Alternate	“
William Strazza, BOH Attorney	“

President Carter opened the meeting by stating that this is a regular meeting of the Board of Health. Public notice of this meeting has been given as required by the “Open Public Meeting Law.”

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2019 were approved following a motion by Vice President Porter and second by Board Member Palencia. All aye.

The December reports of the Health Officer, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Registered Environmental Health Specialists, Union/Kenilworth Animal Control, Financial, and Holy Redeemer Home care were unanimously approved based on a motion by Board Member Palencia and second by Board Member Erwin, Esq. All aye.

Under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer re-introduced proposed Vaping Ordinance for Board discussion utilizing Morristown Model Ordinance as an example. Board Attorney Strazza briefly explained his conversations with the Morris County Assistant Health Officer and Morristown Attorney. Board Attorney Strazza further explained anticipated challenges, and therefore, recommended to the Board of Education and Township Administration to form a Committee to further explore the option of creating a Vaping Ordinance. In the meantime, the Secretary and Health Officer will be forwarding more information along with health impacts on Vaping and E-Cigarettes. Board Member Erwin, Esq then stated that he would like to participate of said Committee. Board of Health Strazza suggested to table for further research on the matter for next month. All aye.

The Secretary/Health Officer added an agenda item under new business to discuss the receipt of Holy Redeemers Nursing contract for 2020. The Secretary/Health Officer briefly explained the intent of services along with no projected increases for the calendar year. A motion was made by Vice President Porter and second by Board Member Palencia for the approval of Nursing Contracts for CY 2020 reflecting zero increase. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

Jackie Carter, Pres.	Aye
Stefan Erwin, Esq.	“
Yvette Gibbons, Esq.	“
Teresa Palencia	“
Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.	“
Ellyn Smith	“
Mary Lynn Williams	“

In continuance under new business, Vice President Porter inquired on the progress of the anticipated repairs of the Animal Shelter. The Secretary/Health Officer explained conversations with Administration and due to the costly repairs it doesn't seem feasible at the time. Board Member Erwin, Esq questioned if dog runs were repaired, the Secretary/Health Officer stated not at this time.

Under correspondence, none listed.

President Carter requested a motion for payment of bills. A motion was made by Board Member Smith and second by Board Member Williams. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

Jackie Carter, Pres.	Present
Stefan Erwin, Esq.	"
Yvette Gibbons, Esq.	"
Teresa Palencia	"
Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.	"
Ellyn Smith	"
Mary Lynn Williams	"

President Carter opened the meeting to the public, none present.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57PM on motion by Board Member Palencia, and second by Board Member Erwin, Esq. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marconi A. Gapas
Board Secretary/Health Officer

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