

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order at 6:114 P.M. 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	“
Michele Antley	“
William Strazza, BOH Attorney	“

President Carter opened the meeting by stating 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 8, 2021 were approved following a motion by Board Member Erwin, Esq., and second by Board Member Palencia. President Carter, Board Member Gibbons, Esq., and Board Member Smith, abstain.

The December reports of the Registrar of Vital Statistics, Registered Environmental Health Specialists, Union/Kenilworth Animal Control, Financial, and Holy Redeemer 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 provided Covid-19 statistics on case reporting, deaths and recoveries within the Township. The Secretary/Health Officer along with Superintendent and essential staff continues monitoring Covid-19 cases of students, and staff in private and public schools to establish quarantine protocols utilizing CDC guidelines. Conducted brief Q & A with Board Members regarding schools Covid-19 cases, quarantine guidelines, and decision making relative to virtual learning.

Under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer presented and briefly discussed 2022 contracts as follows: Holy Redeemer nursing (1 yr renewal with no increase); Garden State Laboratories (3% increase); Kenilworth Health Officer and Animal Control services (3% increase). A motion was then made by Board Member Smith, and second by Board Member Gibbons, Esq., to accept 2022 contracts as presented. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Yvette Gibbons, Esq.</i>	<i>“</i>

<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	“
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	”
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	“
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	”
<i>Jackie Carter, Pres.</i>	”

Under correspondence, UTCAO thank you letter. The Secretary/Health Officer briefly explained UTCAO, Director Frye seeking assistance with saliva testing services for children, and staff.

The Secretary/Health Officer announced the next free saliva testing to be held at the Vauxhall Meeting Center (VMC), on Jan. 22, 2022 from 10am to noon, and Vaccination booster clinic to be held at the Municipal Bldg, on Jan. 26, 2022 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

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

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

At this time, President Carter wanted to thank the Board for their prayers and thoughts during her difficult times.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM on motion by Board Member Smith, and second by Board Member Gibbons, Esq. All aye.

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