

TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order by President Porter. The Secretary/Health Officer called the roll as follows:

<i>Michele Antley</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Daryn Martin</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Pres.</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Michelle Schulz</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Nadina Thomas</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>James Frazier, Alt</i>	<i>Absent</i>
<i>William Strazza, Esq.</i>	<i>Present</i>

President Porter 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 February 8, 2023 were approved following a motion by Vice President Palencia and second by Board Member Schulz. Board Member Smith, Board Member Antley, and Board Member Thomas abstained.

The February 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 Vice President Palencia, and second by Board Member Schulz. All aye.

Under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer provided Covid updates as follows: State of NJ stopped providing hot spot data, only CDC reporting; continue to provide boosters to homebound; next vaccination/rapid testing kits distribution clinic to be held on Saturday, March 25th at the VMC from 10am to 12pm.

The Secretary/Health Officer informed the Board of another awarded grant managed by the NJ Health Association. The objective of the grant is to develop a workforce (staffing/technology, digitizing files) within Health Departments with the intent to offer more services to the community.

The Secretary/Health Officer also informed the Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Marcus Robe resignation. Currently in the process of interviewing for position.

Rabies clinic date announcement as follows: Saturday, April 15th, public hours from 11am to 1pm, to be held across from the Boys & Girls Club, 1050 Jeanette Ave.

Under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer discussed upcoming Salary Ordinance amendment. The amendment will consist of higher salary ranges for Health Inspection staff due to competitive salary offers within the State. A proposed draft to be presented at the next meeting.

Under correspondence, animal shelter donation of \$5k from the Estate of Gertrude Abramowitz.

At this time, President Porter provided an update of the proposed a memoir plaque for former President, Jackie Carter.

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

<i>Michele Antley</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Daryn Martin</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Pres.</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Michelle Schulz</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>“</i>
<i>Nadina Thomas</i>	<i>“</i>

President Porter opened the meeting to the public for comments. None present.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM on motion by Board Member Smith, and second by Board Member Martin. All aye.

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

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