

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by President Carter. The Secretary/Health Officer called the roll as follows:

Jackie Carter, Pres.	Present
Yvette Gibbons, Esq.	"
Teresa Palencia	"
Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.	"
Ellyn Smith	"
Mary Lynn Williams	"
Michele Antley, Alt	Excused
William Strazza, BOH Attorney	Present

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 February 9, 2022 were approved following a motion by Board Member Smith and second by Board Member Palencia. Board Member Gibbons abstain.

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 Board Member Palencia, and second by Board Member Smith. All aye.

Under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer provided Covid-19 updates as follows: explained increase of Covid cases due to delayed data entry; provided weekly average cases; continued working with the Board of Education; mask wearing lifted, March 7; vaccination rates are steady; ongoing homebound vaccination; continued monthly testing and vaccination clinics at the Vauxhall Meeting Center. Announced upcoming County vaccination program in conjunction with the State DOH and the YMYWHA on March 13th from 10am to 3pm, posting on social media.

Under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer presented and requested approval from the Board for the 2022 NJ Medical School Global TB Inst Agreement renewal. A motion was made by Vice President Porter and second by Board Member Smith to approval the 2022 Agreement as discussed. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

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

In continuance under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer announced our annual Rabies Clinic to be held on Saturday, April 2nd from 11am to 2pm, across from the Boys & Girls Club on Jeanette Ave.

President Carter requested an Animal Control Program and Shelter update. Board Clerk Rodriguez provided animal statistics, personnel updates, and shelter maintenance progress.

The Secretary/Health Officer informed the Board of Stefan Erwin, Esq resignation as Board Member. Township Committee transitioned Alternate Board Member Antley to fulfill Stefan Erwin, Esq. term.

At this time, Board Attorney Strazza further explained Board Member Stefan Erwin resignation.

Under correspondence, none listed.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM on motion by Board Member Palencia, and second by Board Member Smith. All aye.

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