

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order at 6:15 P.M. via conference call by President Carter. The Secretary/Health Officer called the roll as follows:

<b>Jackie Carter, Pres.</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Yvette Gibbons, Esq.</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Teresa Palencia</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Ellyn Smith</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Mary Lynn Williams</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Michele Antley</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>William Strazza, BOH Attorney</b>	<b>"</b>

President Carter opened the meeting by stating this is a regular meeting of the Board of Health via conference call due to Governors order on Social Distancing.

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2020 were approved following a motion by Board Member Smith and second by Vice President Porter. Board Member Erwin, Esq, and Board Member Gibbons abstained.

The December reports of the Health Officer, 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 Erwin, Esq. and second by Board Member Palencia. All aye.

Under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer provided township and regionalized Covid-19 updates and statistics for comparison purposes. Conducted a brief Q & A session regarding new Covid strain; increase of positive cases in the township primarily due to indoor gatherings; school updates; influenza reporting, etc. At this time, the Secretary/Health Officer explained States vaccination levels of priorities, and registration protocols. It was also mentioned that Walgreens are conducting vaccinations at senior housing.

In continuance under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer informed the Board of the next saliva test clinic to be held on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon at same location. Also, at the last meeting the Secretary/Health Officer had proposed for home base saliva testing to CDBG grantee for consideration. (A brief summary was given to newly appointed Board Alternate Antley for her information.) In the meantime, Board Attorney Strazza informed the Board of a drafted Resolution relating to home based testing to mimic previous saliva testing Resolution, the difference would be to reflect "home based testing"; said Resolution to be presented to the Township Committee at their regular meeting on 1/26/2021. President Carter requested a motion to approve the Resolution discussed. A motion was then made by Board Member Erwin, Esq and second by Board Member Palencia to accept the Resolution as presented by Board Attorney Strazza. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<b><i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i></b>	<b><i>Aye</i></b>
<b><i>Yvette Gibbons, Esq.</i></b>	<b><i>"</i></b>
<b><i>Teresa Palencia</i></b>	<b><i>"</i></b>

<b>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Ellyn Smith</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Mary Lynn Williams</b>	<b>"</b>
<b>Jackie Carter, Pres.</b>	<b>"</b>

Under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer presented and briefly discussed 2021 contracts as follows: Garden State Laboratories (3% increase); Animal Control Solutions (2 yr renewal with no increase); lastly NJMS Global TB institute reflects (\$1,620.32 decrease). A motion was then made by Board Member Smith, and second by Board Member Williams to accept 2021 contracts as presented. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

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

Under correspondence, none at this time.

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

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

At this time, Board of Health Attorney Strazza administered the Oath of Offices for re-appointed Board Members Palencia and smith and newly appointed Alternate Antley.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM on motion by Board Member Smith and second by Board Member Erwin, Esq. All aye.

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