

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order at 6:06 P.M. via conference call by Vice President Porter. The Secretary/Health Officer called the roll as follows:

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

Vice President Porter 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 April 14th were approved following a motion by Board Member Palencia, and second by Alt Board Member Antley. All aye.

The April 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 and second by Board Member Palencia. All aye.

Under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer provided local Covid-19 updates as follows: local statistics, moved onto yellow zone, schools to continue hybrid, Johnson & Johnson vaccine released hold on April 23rd. Received 200 doses of J&J vaccine and will move forward on conducting clinics and vaccinate homebound. Vauxhall civic group to be contacted about vaccine availability. Saliva testing continues at the Vauxhall meeting center, numbers declining. Next clinic to be held May 25th from 10am to noon. The Secretary/Health Officer at this time wanted to recognize Ashley Rodriguez, Animal Attendant on a successful Adoption and Fundraising event held on Saturday, May 1st with over 530 attendees, \$332 monetary donations collected, animal adoption, etc. Special thanks to Rescue Organizations, Animal Shelter volunteers, ACO Mike Nasakolnakhon and Nancy Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant for their participation. Vice President Porter stated that he also attended the Adoption/Fundraising event, and wanted to recognize Ashley Rodriguez, for her diligence, and efforts on a successful event.

Under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer presented the Table of Organization for CY 2021 for review and approval. A motion was made by Board Member Erwin, Esq and seconded by Board Member Palencia to approve the TOA for CY 2021 as presented. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Michele Antley, Alt</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Yvette Gibbons, Esq.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>

In continuance under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer presented and briefly discussed two (2) applications for indoor air act exemptions as follows: 1) Smokers Delight seeking approval for Cigar Lounge application for CY 2021 as presented. A motion was made by Board Member Palencia, and seconded by Board Member Gibbons, Esq. 2) Barrister Cigars seeking approval for Tobacco Retail Establishment application for CY 2021 as presented. A motion was made by Board Members Erwin, Esq, and seconded by Board Member Palencia. Motions carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Michele Antley, Alt</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Yvette Gibbons, Esq.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>

Lastly, the Secretary/Health Officer requested Board approval for STD Contract services provided by the City of Elizabeth to Union residents for CY 2021. A motion was then made by Board Member Erwin, Esq., and seconded by Board Member Palencia on approval of the STD contract as discussed. The motion carried a roll call vote as follows:

<i>Michele Antley, Alt</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Yvette Gibbons, Esq.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>

Under correspondence, 2021 Table of Organization.

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

<i>Michele Antley, Alt</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Yvette Gibbons, Esq.</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM on motion by Board Member Gibbons, Esq and second by Board Member Palencia. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marconi A. Gapas

Board Secretary/Health Officer