

**TOWNSHIP OF UNION
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health, Township of Union, New Jersey was called to order at 6:02 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.	Excused
Teresa Palencia	Present
Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.	"
Ellyn Smith	"
Mary Lynn Williams	Late
Michele Antley	Excused
William Strazza, BOH Attorney	Present

Vice President Porter wanted to extend his prayers and best wishes to our Board of Health President.


Vice 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 June 9th were approved following a motion by Board Member Palencia, and second by Board Member Smith. All aye.

The June and July 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 Smith and second by Board Member Palencia. All aye.

Under old business, the Secretary/Health Officer provided Covid-19 updates as follows: local statistics, explained matrix relative to zones. Provided vaccination statistics from seniors to young adults. Awaiting State approval on administration of boosters. Currently conducting Covid-19 vaccinations at the Vauxhall Meeting Center and Town Hall on a monthly basis providing Janseen and Moderna vaccines only, homebound services available by appointment. Monthly saliva testing continues at the Vauxhall meeting center.

Under new business, Vice President Porter requested a motion in order to enter into Executive session. A motion was made by Board Member Palencia and second by Board Member Smith to close the meeting to the public. All aye.

. A motion was made by Board Member Smith and second by Board Member Palencia to close Executive session and resume to public meeting. All aye.

In continuance under new business, the Secretary/Health Officer informed the Board as per Civil Service requirements a letter of interest was received from Nancy Rodriguez regarding her promotional title of Administrative Assistant 3 that was unanimously approved by the Board on Oct. 11, 2017. The Board read and unanimously approved Ms. Rodriguez letter of interest.

The Secretary/Health Officer then presented and briefly discussed two grants that were awarded by the State to be utilized specifically for Covid related programs. First grant, (Strengthening LPH Capacity Program) primarily utilized for contractual title specific positions. Second grant (C-19 Vaccination Supplemental Funding) primarily focused on C-19 vaccination clinics.

The Secretary/Health Officer informed the Board of upcoming flu clinic being held at Ehrhardt & Schaeffer Gardens on Sept. 23rd.

At this time, the Secretary/Health Officer provided a pre introduction on proposed ordinance amendments as follows: Farmers Market increase fee, and Chapter 551 adoption and surrender increase fees. These proposed amendments will be formerly introduced as first reading and further discussion at our next scheduled meeting in October.

Board of Health Attorney informed the Board on the upcoming Vault Contract renewal. Awaiting Township Committee approval appointing Marconi Gapas as the Liaison, Resolution to follow.

Under correspondence, Ms. Rodriguez letter of interest.

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

<i>Stefan Erwin, Esq.</i>	<i>Aye</i>
<i>Teresa Palencia</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Ellyn Smith</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Mary Lynn Williams</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Andrew Porter, Vice Pres.</i>	<i>"</i>

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM on motion by Board Member Smith and second by Board Member Williams. All aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marconi A. Gapas

Board Secretary/Health Officer