

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF MADISON BOARD OF HEALTH  
MAY 15, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Madison was held on the 15th day of May 2019. Board of Health President, Eric Range, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the main room of the Madison Health Department, 28 Walnut Street, Madison, New Jersey.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The Secretary read the statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act: "In compliance with the Open Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Board was provided in the following manner: On April 18, 2019 notice of this meeting was emailed April 18, 2019 notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall and filed with the Municipal Clerk."

**ROLL CALL**

The Board Secretary called the roll and the following acknowledged their presence:

Board Members:

Eric Range  
Debra Coen, Council Liaison  
Joann Burke  
Vivian Gil-Botero  
Constance Stober

Absent

Dana Bogojevic Alt #2  
Sharon Harris  
Marianne McConnell  
Sandra Lascari Alt #1

Also Present:

Joanne Grillo, Board Secretary  
F. Michael Fitzpatrick, Health Officer  
Lisa Thompson, for Peter King, Board Attorney  
Marlene Dolan, Public Health Nursing Supervisor

**AGENDA REVIEW:**

Mr. Range gave an overview of the agenda. The ordinance and salary resolutions were mentioned. In New Business, an article brought in by Mrs. Stober regarding Cannabis and Depression will be discussed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Coen made a motion to accept Ms. Burke seconded: The recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Ms. Gil-Botero			x
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt#1	absent		
Dr. Bogojevic	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		
Mrs. Stober			x

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SUPERVISOR**

Mrs. Dolan summarized points from her report. She reported on Flu activity, lead testing and Immunization Audits. She gave updates on communicable disease monitoring and reporting. Specifically mentioned were Measles and Legionellosis. Mrs. Dolan also pointed out that tick surveillance has increased by the NJDOH who are working directly with mosquito commissions in each county to identify and treat breeding sources. Mr. Fitzpatrick spoke at this time regarding the Influenza Honor Roll recognition of the Madison Health Department with top honors for their flu immunization initiative flu season 2018-19.

**HEALTH OFFICER:**

Mr. Fitzpatrick advised the board of the progress of Ossinio’s Market on Main Street which is looking to open in 5-6 days and feels they have been more than accommodating regarding his requirements and suggestions. As far as Atlantic Health Care, they will be turning from construction to management in mid June. All pre ops done so far. Mr. Fitzpatrick referred to the current concern in Madison regarding foxes/coyotes. He will ask inspectors to go into the area and observe for attractive nuisances that may be attracting these animals.

**ORDINANCES FOR HEARING: NONE**

**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Range opened the meeting to the public and the following spoke to the board.

Stephanie Earl, Bridgewater, NJ on behalf of Furrylicious Pet Boutique. She is taking every opportunity to educate the board regarding the pending ordinance scheduled for

adoption by the Mayor and Council amending Chapter 59 prohibiting the sale of dogs and cats in the borough. She feels there is misinformation out there about pet stores. The “adopt don’t shop” mentality. She spoke about rescues many unregulated. She showed the USDA guideline requirement booklet. The USDA is making improvements to animal welfare act. She mentioned unregistered breeders. Rescues and shelters are exempt from USDA requirements. Puppies from puppy stores are protected by the pet purchase protection act, but rescues and shelters are exempt. Pet store bans are a trend right now. Not a single puppy mill has been put out of business.

Cynthia Knowles, Tewksbury, NJ, Morristown did not pass ordinance after researching. There are problem with shelters and rescues. She spoke of diseased dogs and that a broker was forging veterinary certificates. She states retail rescues are the biggest buyers at puppy mill auctions. It is all unregulated with no oversight. She owns an animal hospital in Long Valley/Whitehouse Station. She sighted an example of a rescue that had adopted out sick animals. Rescues are out of control in NJ. Her place is the only place regulated to safely get a family pet. She feels that if the issue is going to be addressed in our town, more information must be looked into.

**ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION: BH 2019-1 Ordinance amending Chapter 225-2 SALARIES:**

Mrs. Coen made a motion to approve first reading and Mrs. Stober seconded, The recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Ms. Gil-Botero	x		
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt#1	absent		
Dr. Bogojevic	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		
Mrs. Stober	x		

**BH2019-14 Resolution approving salary increase 2%**

Mrs. Coen made a motion to approve and Mrs. Stober seconded The recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Mrs. Gil-Botero	x		
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt#1	absent		
Dr. Bogojevic	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		
Mrs. Stober	x		

**BH2019-15 Resolution approving \$1000 salary increase**

Ms. Coen made a motion to accept and Mrs. Gil-Botero seconded: the recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Mrs. Gil-Botero	x		
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt#1	absent		
Dr. Bogojevic	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		
Mrs. Stober	x		

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Flu clinic proposal update**

Mrs. Dolan advised the board that after fact finding, interviews and careful deliberation, it was decided to continue to provide flu immunizations for Madison and contract communities as has been the practice in the past. The board was appreciative of her efforts taking an introspective look at the possible alternatives and ultimately her decision to remain status quo for this coming season.

Mr. Range queried regarding the progress with the public schools and the tobacco and vaping concerns. Mr. Fitzpatrick will report back to the board once he has more information.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS PAYABLE:**

Mrs. Stober made a motion to accept and Ms. Burke seconded, the recorded vote was as follows:

	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Nayes</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Mr. Range	x		
Ms. McConnell	absent		
Mrs. Gil-Botero	x		
Ms. Burke	x		
Mrs. Harris	absent		
Ms. Lascari Alt#1	absent		
Dr. Bogojevic	absent		
Ms. Coen	x		
Mrs. Stober	x		

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion of the distributed article, **Teen cannabis used may lead to depression, suicidality later.**

Ms. Coen spoke of her attendance at the recent MAASA meeting and advised that the Municipal Alliance of the Chathams is putting together a town hall regarding cannabis. There was talk of a collaboration with them or perhaps having our own town hall type meeting. Mrs. Coen will be talking with Lindsay regarding our own presentation. Mrs. Coen feels a large event might not be ideal. She will follow up on this for next meeting.

***ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.***

Motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Coen and seconded by Ms. Burke  
All present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Grillo, Secretary