

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

**HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES
January 26, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER; OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m. by Ms. O'Leary.

2. ROLL CALL

Commission members Dr. Barbara Girz, Dr. Stephen Leviss, MJ O'Leary, Katherine Roberts, Deb Shertzer, and Mark Toppel were in attendance, as well as Health Officer Mike Fitzpatrick, Board of Health Secretary Cara Fox and Council Liaison Lauren Barnett. Commission Member Dr. Behnam Salari was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

With consent of the Commission, Ms. O'Leary, opened the meeting for public comment. There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Commission.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Ms. Fox called for nominations for Chairperson. Motion by Ms. Shertzer, second by Dr. Leviss nominating Ms. O'Leary as Chairperson. With no other nominations, Ms. Fox closed the nominations. The Commission unanimously elected MJ O'Leary to the office of Chairperson with all members in favor signifying by "aye".

Chairperson O'Leary called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Motion by Ms. O'Leary, second by Ms. Shertzer, nominating Dr. Leviss as Vice-Chairperson. With no other nominations, Ms. O'Leary closed the nominations. The Commission unanimously elected Dr. Leviss to the office of Vice-Chairperson with all members in favor signifying by "aye".

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ms. Shertzer, second by Dr. Leviss, to approve the Health Commission meeting minutes from December 1, 2021.

6. BOROUGH UPDATE

Ms. Fox reported that 111 animals were vaccinated at the Borough's Rabies Clinic held on Saturday, December 12, 2020. More animals were vaccinated at this year's clinic because there was a decrease in clinics being held due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ms. Fox advised that January is pet licensing month, and all dogs and cats must be licensed by January 31st.

7. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Fitzpatrick reviewed his reports from December 2020.

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

The commission discussed goals for 2021 and agreed that they would continue to focus on the Stigma-Free Initiative as a goal. The commission decided that the Stigma-Free subcommittee will consist of commission members Ms. O'Leary, Ms. Roberts, Ms. Shertzer and Mr. Toppel. The commission discussed a proposed joint Covid-19 testing site with the Town of Boonton. The commission supports the program as long as there is not a financial cost to the Borough. The commission discussed partnering with the Mountain Lakes League of Women Voters to hold a "Covid in Our Community" Zoom event. The commission was in favor of the event and would contact the Borough Manager for approval.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dr. Girz, second by Ms. Shertzer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".



Cara Fox
Board of Health Secretary