

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

**ZOOM HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES
December 5, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:32p.m. by Ms. O'Leary.

2. ROLL CALL

Commission members Jennifer Amato, Dr. Girz (arrived at 6:06pm) Dr. Stephen Leviss, MJ O'Leary, Dr. Behnam Salari, Mark Toppel, student members Brynn Comes and Keira Lee were in attendance, as well as Board of Health Secretary Cara Fox, Council Liaison Chris Richter and Sagar Patel who was filling in for Health Officer Maya Lordo. Commission Member Dr. Katherine Roberts was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dr. Leviss, second by Mr. Toppel, to approve the Health Commission meeting minutes from September 18, 2023.

5. BOROUGH UPDATE

Ms. Fox reported the following: five employees attended the flu clinic that was held on November 2nd; 24 animals were vaccinated at the Borough's Rabies Clinic held on December 1st; the annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception is being held on December 11th at 7pm at Mountain Lakes High School and everyone is invited to attend. Dr. Leviss will be recognized for five years of service on the Health Commission.

Ms. Fox provided an update on Well Number Four's PFAS issue and advised that the Borough has hired Dewberry Engineering to conduct the necessary evaluation of the Borough's water system and assess alternatives to bring the system into compliance.

6. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Patel reviewed the reports from September through November 2023. The commission asked questions of Mr. Patel and he answered them.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Ms. O'Leary provided an update on the Stigma Free Initiative Project and advised that the subcommittee is working to reschedule the trail walk contest.

The Commission determined that the 2024 meetings will be held at 5:30pm on 2/6, 5/7, 9/10, and 12/3.

The commission discussed canine respiratory illness and recommended including information about it in the Borough email blast. Ms. O'Leary will send Ms. Fox the information to include in the Borough email blast.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, second by Dr. Leviss, to adjourn the meeting at 6:07p.m. with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".


Cara Fox
Board of Health Secretary