

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

**ZOOM HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
September 18, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commission members Dr. Stephen Leviss, MJ O'Leary, Dr. Katherine Roberts and Mark Toppel 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 Members Dr. Barbara Girz and Dr. Benham Salari were 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 Dr. Roberts, to approve the Health Commission meeting minutes from May 2, 2023.

**5. BOROUGH UPDATE**

Ms. Fox reported that the Township of Bloomfield has decided to terminate their agreement with the Borough to provide health services effective June 30, 2024. The Borough Manager is working on finding another vendor to provide health services.

Ms. Fox advised that the flu clinic will be scheduled after the Borough receives the vaccine, which will likely be in the beginning of October.

**6. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**

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

**7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Ms. O'Leary advised that the commission received four applications for the two student member positions, and she will be setting up interviews with the candidates.

Ms. O'Leary provided an update on the Stigma Free Initiative Project and advised that the trail walk contest originally scheduled in June was postponed due to the Tourne Park being shut down for reports of aggressive bears. The subcommittee is working to reschedule the contest sometime this fall.

The commission discussed the shutdown of Borough Well #4 for its non-compliant NJDEP level for Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The commission will be looking into whether there is anything they can do to assist the Borough with this issue.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, second by Dr. Leviss, to adjourn the meeting at 6:12p.m. with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".

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**Cara Fox  
Board of Health Secretary**