



MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION NO. 1

RE-ORGANIZATION/REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

President Giles called the meeting to order at 3:05p.m. He then led the Regional Board of Health in the salute to the flag. President Giles next read the “Open Public Meeting Act Statement”.

ROLL CALL

Allenhurst – Donna Campagna, Brielle – Denise Murphy, Fair Haven – Allyson Cinguegrana, Monmouth Beach – Larry Bolsch, Rumson – Tom Rogers, Sea Bright – Paul Roman, Sea Girt – Diane Anthony, Spring Lake – Bryan Dempsey, Spring Lake Heights – Dr. Len Giles

Upon completion of the roll call, the Secretary reported that 9 members were present.

ABSENT:

Deal - Stephen Carasia, Interlaken – Lori Reibrich, Loch Arbour – Marilyn Simons

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nick DelGaudio Esq (remote), Gail Krzyzczuk, CFO (remote), Dave Kologinsky, Temp HO, Marita Kresge, Commission Secretary/Office Coordinator, Dominick Astino, Interim Supervisor, Peg Huie, Cindy Weaver, Gem Inofinada, Lauren Menkes, resident of Rumson

MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS:

OPEN SESSION – January 24, 2023

Tom Rogers of Rumson made the motion to approve the Open Session minutes of January 24, 2023 seconded by Bryan Dempsey of Spring Lake.

Roll Call Vote:

Allenhurst	Yes	Rumson	Yes
Brielle	Yes	Sea Girt	Yes
Fair Haven	Abstain	Sea Bright	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Spring Lake	Yes
		Spring Lake Hts	Yes

VOTE: 8 Ayes, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain

Approved Minutes of February 28, 2023

RESOLUTION 2023-32

Resolution 2023-32 to enter into Closed Session for Personnel and Contract Negotiations.

At 3:08 pm Allyson Cinquegrana motioned to enter Closed Session for the purpose of Contract Negotiation and Personnel matters, seconded by Diane Anthony of Sea Girt.

Vote: Unanimous

Marita Kresge Commission Secretary exited the room. President Giles placed those not a part of this closed session in the Zoom meeting waiting room.

The motion to exit Closed Session was made by Tom Rogers of Rumson and seconded by Bryan Dempsey of Spring Lake to return to open session at 3:27 pm.

VOTE: Unanimous

RESOLUTIONS- CONSENT AGENDA

ANY MEMBER MAY REMOVE AN ITEM FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.

Approval for Payment of Monthly Bills (January 2023)
Municipibid – Sell 2010 Chevrolet Impala

Resolution 2023-33
Resolution 2023-34

Diane Anthony of Sea Girt made a motion to accept the resolutions of the consent agenda 2023-33 and -2023-34. This motion was then seconded by Bryan Dempsey of Spring Lake.

Roll Call Vote:

Allenhurst	Yes	Rumson	Yes
Brielle	Yes	Sea Bright	Yes
Fair Haven	Yes	Sea Girt	Yes
Monmouth Beach	Yes	Spring Lake	Yes
		Spring Lake Hts	Yes

VOTE: 9 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Tom Rogers reported the Budget and Finance committee met briefly the other day to discuss some items including accreditation, but there is nothing more to report at this time.

CFO REPORT:

No report at this time.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Statement of Accounts was emailed to the members of the commission.

INTERIM SUPERVISOR/COMMUNICATIONS:

Dominick said that he and Cindy attended the Public Health Partnership of Monmouth County meeting held in Freehold, it was also attended by Colts Neck, Long Branch, Monmouth County HD, Freehold and Middletown. The Regional Epidemiologist Eric Adler gave a presentation on communicable disease; Covid 19 is decreasing, drug resistant TB is increasing with the recent Ukrainian immigrant increase in our area. It was a productive meeting with what the area health departments are doing. It’s good to see everyone by meeting in

person again. We will be hosting this meeting in June. Additionally, the CDC will end the Covid 19 emergency May 11, 2023. We don't know how this will affect us, and the state of NJ, I will share information as it comes forward. With Dave K here today, I will turn this over to him for a few words.

Temporary Health Officer Dave K- I have been working on the LHD surveys for MCRHD, this has to be done individually for each town with information on the commissioners and towns themselves. It is all done now so we are in good standing.

Tom Rogers said he wanted to thank Dominick for stepping up and helping out the Health Commission, he has really done a great job in keeping things running smoothly, and he appreciates his help and commitment to the commission. President Giles agreed, that Dominick has done a great job in rising to the need and keeping abreast of everything.

GRANTS

Cindy said Covid is pretty much done, the uptake of covid vaccines has really slowed down, but to meet reportables we are still hosting covid clinics in house with our PH nurse and with Peg Huie so that they can still be here doing normal day to day activities, some clinics have only had one or two people, some haven't had any. We still haven't heard anything about the ELPH Grant application we initially had some update we had to supply to them but we're waiting on Final approval. Trevor and I have been working closely to get some grant revisions done and budgeting since there have been some things budget wise that we weren't privy to, so thanks Gail for helping us out.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Diane Anthony says she does not have a report for today.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Larry Bolsch- No report at this time.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Giles thanked the Budget and Finance committee members, and the Human Resources Committee members for all of their hard work in helping to work through the budget and in review of candidates for the Health Officer position. We may need to have a special meeting before our next regularly scheduled meeting, if so, what would be the best time? Our commissioners said they would be happy to meet at any time, and it was agreed upon that 3:00 PM would be best. Date to be determined.

ORDINANCES:

No Pending Readings, Introductions or Adoptions

OLD BUSINESS

Accreditation

President Giles began the discussion by acknowledging we received accreditation in June of 2022, and thanking Paul Roman for his enthusiasm and dedication to this project, as well as all the employees of

MCRHC to make this happen. It helped to with our core communities and building better relationship with our community partners, other health departments, and business. However, the end result wasn't what we thought it would be. While it is a feather in our cap as one of the few accredited health departments in the state, it has not helped us financially to secure federal or local grants, and now we are at a crossroad with different demographics, and a different place financially. Cindy shared with me that it would take 90% of her time to continue the work to be done for PHAB, and would cost us approximately \$75-90 thousand dollars in man hours to continue this effort with other staff involved, this is in addition to the \$5600 yearly fee to PHAB, and the \$1000 Performance Maintenance fee for reporting this work. I feel this money could be spent better directly in our communities, or not spend the money in order to just keep PHAB satisfied.

Cindy Weaver said she felt this is something we should pursue, and the costs could be covered by current grant money, and does not have to come out of the commission's pocket.

Larry Bolsch asked for clarification on whether these funds can come from grant, and thought maybe we should try to go forward for one more year, but President Giles added that if we don't have any grants this would in fact come out of the commission's pocket, so this needs to be considered.

At this point we need to look at what we need to do for the towns we serve, said Tom Rogers, and get back to the basics. What we envisioned this could do for us really hasn't. Accreditation has not lived up to what we envisioned, it has not brought us more funding, or helped us keep towns. What I'd like to see is more service and time spent on our communities in order to keep the Commission together a little longer. Tom asked for input from other commissioners, and Bryan Dempsey agreed with Tom, the accreditation has provided anything for us, so I don't see spending this money. If we didn't have a grant paying for this would we be doing this? Tom said it seems like a paper exercise for the company that provides the accreditation. Donna said she doesn't think it has been beneficial, it doesn't help inspect our restaurants and swim clubs. Cindy said she feels that Accreditation helps us be accountable, provides quality improvement, and she feels it's good for us. Diane Anthony said the HR committee had an opportunity to look at accountability of hours from time sheets and work responsibilities that were requested at the last meeting, and she believes the new Health Officer will have the capability to take on the responsibility to motivate the staff to work to their potential, accreditation does not promote or prevent our workers from going out to our communities, and there really hasn't been any tangible benefit.

Paul Roman made an impassioned plea to continue the work on accreditation, as he is very proud of what we have accomplished, he would like to contact PHAB and see where we stand if we don't move forward by filing this year. Additionally, he says there is 56 thousand in discretionary funds in the ELPH Grant that we can use toward this project. He'd like us to wait a week or two so he can get an answer from PHAB. Bryan Dempsey said if we didn't have a grant paying for this it wouldn't be worth it, and a number of commissioners agreed that it is not benefiting their towns, we need to get back to basics and focus on servicing our towns.

Tom Rogers of Rumson made a motion to call for a vote on continuing with accreditation, this was seconded by Bryan Dempsey of Spring Lake.

Roll Call Vote:

Allenhurst	Yes	Rumson	Yes
Brielle	Yes	Sea Bright	No
Fair Haven	Yes	Sea Girt	Yes
Monmouth Beach	No	Spring Lake	Yes
		Spring Lake Hts	Yes

VOTE: 7 Ayes, 2 Nay, 0 Abstain

NEW BUSINESS

Paul – I attended the Advocacy day in Trenton at the State House with 20 members of the various 6 PHACE associations, and I as president of the LBH Association, and Chris Merkel as the President of the NJACCHO, we put up a display trying to get members to sign on to the sponsored Bill S2413 to restore PHPR on a permanent basis. Senator Gopal was there since he sponsored this bill. It has taken a long time to get our legislature to recognize this bill and the companion bill A 4115. This is the money that will continue to float the health department. Any grants that have to do with covid will end May 11, so this is especially important to support these bills. We are out here pushing at the state level. Diane Anthony thanked Paul for all his efforts on this campaign.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Lauren Menkes Savage was happy to join in on our meeting, and looks forward to talking with Dominick tomorrow.

There being no further business, Pres. Giles thanked all Commissioners for their attendance.

Next Regular Meeting of the MCRHC No. 1 Commission will be held (via Zoom) on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 11:30 P.M. at the regional's headquarters located at American Red Cross building 1540 West Park Avenue – Suite # 1, Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Marita Kresge

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COMMISSION SECRETARY