



MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION NO. 1

Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Open Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

President Giles called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He then led the Regional Health Commission in the salute to the flag, and read the “Open Public Meeting Act Statement”.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Brielle -Denise Murphy, Deal - Stephen Carasia, Fair Haven – Theresa Casagrande, Monmouth Beach – Larry Bolsch, Rumson – Tom Rogers, Sea Girt – Diane Anthony, Spring Lake – Bryan Dempsey, Spring Lake Heights – Dr. Len Giles,

The secretary reported 8 members present at the end of roll call. Paul Roman of Sea Bright joined after roll call to make the attendance 9.

ABSENT:

Allenhurst – Donna Campagna, Interlaken – Lori Reibrich, Loch Arbour – Marilyn Simons,

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nick DelGaudio Esq, Michael Balka HO, Dave Kologinsky, Temporary HO, Gail Krzyzczuk, CFO, Marita Kresge, Commission Secretary, Peg Huie, Belvin Reed

CLOSED SESSION 2023 – 46

A motion for Resolution 2023 -46 was made Bryan Dempsey of Spring Lake, and seconded by Theresa Casagrande of Fair Haven.

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: 9 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approval for Payment of Monthly Bills (January 2023)

Resolution 2023-47

Medical Director Remuneration –

Resolution 2023-48

Bryan Dempsey of Spring Lake made a motion to accept the resolutions of the consent agenda 2023-47 and 2023-48 amended to reflect quarterly payment. This motion was then seconded by Larry Bolsch of Monmouth Beach.

Roll Call Vote:

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

VOTE: 9 Ayes, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Michael Balka shared with the Commissioner's the proposed amounts that will be forthcoming for the grants. Tom Rogers of Rumson asked that Michael send the commissioners a short "cheat sheet" with the name of the grants, amount of the award, time period of the grant, and proposed expenditure of these funds. Michael's report was accepted by unanimous voice vote.

CFO Report – none at this time

TREASURER'S REPORT – emailed to all. Larry said he was in last week, and reviewed the bills, he had nothing more to add today. The Grant money is making us a stronger organization. Theresa Casagrande asked if a 159 procedure was necessary for the insertion of these grant funds into our budget. The CFO said, no, in November our CFO can cancel the salaries that have been budgeted if not spent, and these funds can then be brought into the budget.

Budget and Finance – no report today.

Human Resources. – Diane Anthony introduced Ellie McCreesh our new Health Educator. Ellie McCreesh then spoke to the commissioners to share her upcoming projects, and our new Instagram account, which will promote community events. Ellie is very excited to be working with us.

Personnel Policy Manual is just about finished, and compliant with the most recent versions for MEL/JIF.

OPERATIONS – Diane Anthony said we have briefly discussed our lease, but there are no changes at this time, we are also waiting on estimates for phone system review.

NEW BUSINESS- President Giles said we are going to end our contract with our Temporary Health Officer, Dave Kologinsky at the end of this month, with a two-week extension. Michael seems to be transitioning well into the role of Health Officer, and we are very grateful for Mr. Kologinsky for all his help during this time of transition. Tom Rogers also thanked Mr. Kologinsky for his assistance, and added we'd be happy to return the favor if the need ever presents itself.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. – Paul Roman asked Michael to speak briefly on Xylazine "Tranq", which is an illicit drug that is creating a lot of overdoses. It is a veterinary medicine that is being mixed with Fentanyl. The NJ Health Department has issued a warning through LINCS about this drug, and Michael will share this with the Commissioners.

Also, the Commissioner of Health Judy Persichilli, has appointed Sejal Hathi MD. MBA, a former Senior Whitehouse Advisor, as the NJ Department of Health Deputy Health Commissioner replacing our own Dr. Meg Fisher who has been the Acting Deputy Health Commissioner since September 2022. Dr. Fisher will return to her role as Special Advisor to the Commissioner.

Next Regular Meeting of the MCRHC No. 1 Commission will be held (via Zoom) on Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 11:30 A.M. at the regional's headquarters located at American Red Cross building 1540 West Park Avenue – Suite # 1, Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

Having no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bryan Dempsey of Spring Lake, and seconded by Tom Rogers of Rumson.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved Minutes of June 27, 2023

Marita Kresge

Marita Kresge, Commission Secretary