

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
of the
SUMMIT BOARD OF HEALTH
Monday Evening – May 19, 2025
7:00 P.M.
Summit City Hall
Large Conference Room, 2nd Floor**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dr. Jill Rathyen, President.

Ms. Mauro read the following Meeting Notice: “Adequate notice of this Meeting has been provided by the Secretary of the Board of Health by the preparation of the Annual Notice of Meeting Dates which set forth the date, time and place of this Meeting and by properly posting such notice and forwarding the notice to those designated newspapers and the persons requesting Meeting notices.”

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL: Ms. Laura Lameo; Dr. Jill Rathyen; Ms. Amitha Kumar; Ms. Dorrie Gagnon; Ms. Milissa Aronson; Mr. David Silk; and Ms. Hermelinda Robinson.

ALSO PRESENT: Megan Avallone, Health Officer; N. Gayle Mauro, Registrar/Board Secretary; George Kornias, Sr. REHS; Bridget Colendenski, PHN; Michelle Kalmanson, Liaison

ABSENT ON ROLL CALL: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—January 27, 2025—Ms. Aronson made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Ms. Lameo, and unanimously approved by all members present.

REVIEW OF BILLS—May 2025—Mr. Silk made a motion to approve the bill list totaling \$28,328.92, seconded by Ms. Aronson. Roll call vote taken: Ms. Lameo—Aye; Dr. Rathyen—Aye; Ms. Kumar—Aye; Ms. Gagnon—Aye; Ms. Aronson—Aye; Mr. Silk—Aye; and Ms. Robinson—Aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REPORTS—Report reviewed by George Kornias, REHS.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE’S REPORT—Report reviewed by Bridget Colendenski, PHN.

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT: Ms. Avallone informed the Board there have been quite a few people identified as being exposed to Measles, mostly on international flights. If proof of immunity cannot be provided, the Health Department must monitor them for 21 days.

Federal Funding Cuts—The Westfield Regional Health Department lost approximately \$230,000.00 worth of federal funding, but none of the core programs under the contract were affected. Some cuts include the Long-Term Care Liaison, and the Vulnerable Populations Coordinator.

The Board discussed planning accordingly for next year’s budget due to the loss of funding.

Ms. Avallone advised the Board we are still without a TB/STD contract, but the cases are still being worked on.

All Boards of Health Meeting Recap—Ms. Gagnon and President Rathyen attended the meeting and found it to be beneficial, meeting other Board Members and discussing the commonalities.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT—The January through April 2025 reports from Animal Control Solutions were provided to the Board.

Ms. Avallone gave an update on the pit bulls running at large.

Mayor Fagan advised the Board that the Council is working on creating a local ordinance that will deal with this issue.

OLD BUSINESS—None.

NEW BUSINESS

Oak Knoll Pool—Ms. Avallone provided a letter that was sent to Oak Knoll regarding their summer camp pool. The letter addressed safety concerns and the areas of non-compliance. Oak Knoll is working on addressing the issues.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business a motion by Mr. Silk was made at 7:56 P.M., seconded by Ms. Aronson, and unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,


N. Gayle Mauro, Board Secretary