

**MINUTES**  
**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**  
**of the**  
**SUMMIT BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**Monday Evening – January 23, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**Summit City Hall**  
**Large Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Ms. Mauro, Board Secretary

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:** Dr. Jill Rathyen; Ms. Melissa Aronson; Mr. David Silk; and Ms. Hermelinda Robinson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Megan Avallone, Health Officer; N. Gayle Mauro, Registrar/Board Secretary; George Kornias, REHS; Bridget Colendenski, PHN; and Dr. Jaime Levine, Liaison.

**ABSENT ON ROLL CALL:** Mr. John Staunton; and Dr. Richard Berardi.

Ms. Mauro asked for nominations for President. Dr. Rathyen made a motion to nominate Dr. Richard Berardi, seconded by Ms. Aronson. All members present were in favor of the nomination and Dr. Berardi was unanimously elected President of the Board of Health for 2023.

Ms. Mauro asked for nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Silk made a motion to nominate Dr. Jill Rathyen, seconded by Ms. Aronson. All members present were in favor of the nomination and Dr. Rathyen was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Board of Health for 2023.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—November 28, 2022—Ms. Aronson made a motion to approve the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Silk, and unanimously approved by all members present.

**REVIEW OF BILLS January 2023**—Ms. Robinson made a motion to approve the bill list totaling \$11,572.69, seconded by Ms. Aronson. Roll call vote taken: Dr. Rathyen—Aye; Ms. Aronson—Aye; Mr. Silk—Aye; and Ms. Robinson—Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**— None.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST REPORTS**— Report reviewed by George Kornias, REHS. An update on Yang’s Hot Dog Cart was given. Heat complaints and lead paint remediation was also discussed.

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

**HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT**—

**Infectious disease update**—Ms. Avallone reported approximately 80% of COVID cases in NJ are the XBB1.5 strain, and the most transmissible to date. A review of the current COVID numbers was given. COVID and Flu vaccines are being encouraged and given. Flu activity is moderate statewide, but Union County is in high activity. The Ebola outbreak in Uganda, which was confined to Uganda, is over. Lastly, Ms. Avallone emailed a notification that they are hiring Spanish speaking translators to assist in their child health clinics.

**Codification update**—Ms. Avallone received notification that the template is almost ready. Review and changes will be made, and a draft will be provided to the Board at the spring meeting. The Board can introduce the code at the spring meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

**Free Rabies Clinic**—Ms. Avallone is looking into the possibility of having the Associated Humane van come to Summit to hold a free rabies clinic.

**NEW BUSINESS**—Dr. Levine thanked everyone for their incredible work and offered any support needed. Dr. Levine asked if anyone has a recommendation to fill the vacancy on the Board to let her know.

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business a motion by Ms. Aronson was made at 7:57 P.M., seconded by Mr. Silk, and unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

  
N. Gayle Mauro, Board Secretary