

**MINUTES OF THE  
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**April 5, 2021**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Cranbury was held on April 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm by remote access videoconferencing in response to COVID-19 and the updated Open Public Meeting Act guidelines.

**CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum present, Dr. Laura Zurfluh, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and Jean Golisano acted as Recording Secretary of the meeting and announced the meeting was being recorded.

**STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6) was provided on January 8, 2021 of this meeting's date, time and place, and the agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Roop Grewal, Wes Markham, and Laura Zurfluh were present. Maureen Rafferty joined at 7:33, and Gene McDermott was absent.

**NON-MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Barbara Rogers, Township Committee Liaison  
Ms. Joann Charwin, Municipal Alliance Chair  
Natalie Bujalski, Middlesex County Health Official

**MINUTES**

The Minutes were reviewed and an edit was made. Upon a motion by Dr. Zurfluh, seconded by Mr. Markham, with all members present in agreement, the motion to adopt the amended March 1, 2021 minutes was passed.

**HEALTH REPORTS**

The members reviewed the March 1, 2021 Middlesex County Board of Health Reports. Ms. Bujalski reported she conducted food inspections at Cranbury Pizza, Gil and Bert's and Cranbury School. All received satisfactory ratings. She also addressed a complaint that employees at the 7-Eleven were not wearing masks; however, all employees were wearing masks when she visited.

Ms. Bujalski reported approximately 35 first summonses for unlicensed pets were written in March.

Hampton Inn applied for a pool license, and Ms. Bujalski explained to members that, per Executive Order, all recreational bathing facilities, including indoor and outdoor pools, camps and water parks, must submit a COVID-19 Pool Plan to the Health Department in order to be open during COVID. Social distancing restrictions must also be enforced.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS**

The members reviewed the February 2021 Environmental Reports. Ms. Bujalski explained to members that the Middlesex County Environmental Team performs the septic inspections; however, should the Board ever have questions concerning the reports, she will follow up with the Environmental Team.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Update on Shadow Oaks Geese Issue – Dr. Zurfluh reported the Board of Health has no purview over the goose droppings issue in Shadow Oaks. It was determined that there is not a conservation easement behind the properties so the cleared property where the geese are landing cannot be addressed. While the problem is unsightly and unpleasant, Dr. Zurfluh stated it is not a significant transmitter of any of the pathogens considered in the following review article: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/pmc5443079/>.

Licensing Update – Ms. Golisano reported as of April 5th, there were 453 dogs and 71 cats licensed for 2021. There are currently four dogs with expired licenses, and second summonses will be issued in the near future.

Mayors Wellness Campaign – Dr. Zurfluh reported the second Wellness Informational Session, “The Feldenkrais Method – Less is More: Enjoy Easier Movement with Awareness,” was well attended. Dr. Zurfluh reported approximately 30 people attended each of the first two sessions. The next presentations will be:

**April 21 – Chair Yoga for Computer Users** - (Nancy Sheehan and Rachel Weiss) – All level stretch and relax upper body muscles that are fatigued or achy from the computer. Please have a sturdy chair and towel or yoga strap. We'll feel good in our bodies as we move in the world.

Cranbury Therapeutic Massage promotes lasting improvements in health, balance and awareness.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82149887832?pwd=aC9VRUgrazl1RHVQVHBOK2V3bU8wZz09>

**May 19 - Jazzercise**

Scheduled Wellness Dates: June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Reducing Social Isolation Program – Dr. Zurfluh, Ms. Eman El-Badawi and Ms. Joann Charwin will meet to discuss possibly introducing a program, Reducing Social Isolation, to Cranbury. The pilot program, introduced in Passaic, pairs a volunteer with a person at risk with social isolation. This program would be beneficial especially during and after the pandemic. Volunteers could include students for community service hours as well as members of churches and senior clubs.

Board Members Participating at Wellness Sessions - There was discussion about the number of board members who could attend a Wellness Session. Ms. Golisano stated the rule was that a quorum of members could not attend or it would constitute a meeting; however, she stated she would reach out to the Township Attorney to verify that.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Joanne Charwin, Chair of the Municipal Alliance, offered to run a yoga class for the Wellness Campaign and stated she enjoyed the virtual classes.

Ms. Charwin initiated discussion about recreational cannabis and inquired if the Board of Health members had discussed it. Dr. Zurfluh stated the Board has not discussed the topic, and was not sure if the Board was allowed to have a position. Members were receptive to receiving more information on cannabis and offered that the Board of Health would be the appropriate party to take a position on the health issue. There was additional information on the six different licenses and the opt-in and opt-out options being offered. The Township Committee is in a listening and learning phase before deciding how to proceed with the cannabis ordinances.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned at 7:34 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Markham and seconded by Dr. Grewal. All present were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of the Cranbury Township Board of Health, and that this document, consisting of three (3) pages, constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the monthly meeting held on April 5, 2021. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

*Jean Golisano*  
Board of Health Secretary