

**WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2022 – 7:00 pm
ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Call to Order: The regular public meeting of the Warren Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:04 pm.

The Opening Statement: Adequate notice of this meeting was given on January 06, 2022 by posting a copy on the Township Bulletin Board, sending a copy to the Township Clerk and the Courier News as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. We plan to adjourn no later than 10:00 pm.

Roll Call:

Mr. Plager – present
Mr. Morlino – present
Dr. Sarraf – present
Mr. Lazo – absent
Mr. Riley – present

Mr. Rosenman - present
Dr. Mandal - present
Ms. Valerio (Alternate #1) – present
Dr. Singh (Alternate #2) – present

Mr. Sumner informed the Board of the new appointments from the Clerk.

The Township Committee concurs and recommends the following appointments to the Board of Health:

Mr. Malcom Plager
Dr. Soma Mandal

Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2024
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Alternate #1

Ms. Angela Valerio

Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2023

Mayor's Appointment

George Lazo

Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2022

Order of Business:

Mr. Sumner read the Order of Business for the 2022 Organizational Meeting as outlined in the agenda.

Election of Officers:

Election of President – Nomination was made by Mr. Morlino and seconded by Mr. Riley to elect Mr. Plager as the President of the Warren Township Board of Health. There being no further nominations from the floor, motion was made by Mr. Rosenman, seconded by Ms. Valerio to close nominations.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Election of Vice President – Nomination was made by Mr. Plager and seconded by Dr. Sarraf to elect Mr. Morlino as the Vice-President of the Warren Township Board of Health. There being

no further nominations from the floor, motion was made by Mr. Rosenman, seconded by Mr. Riley to close nominations.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Election of Secretary/Treasurer – Nomination was made by Mr. Plager and seconded by Mr. Morlino to elect Dr. Sarraf as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Warren Township Board of Health. There being no further nominations from the floor, motion was made by Mr. Rosenman and seconded by Mr. Riley to close nominations.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Mr. Sumner read Resolution 2022-1 – Authorizing Use of Consent Agenda at Warren Township Board of Health Meetings.

Motion was made by Mr. Plager and seconded by Mr. Morlino to authorize the use of the consent agenda.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Sumner read Resolution Nos. 2022-2 through 2022-08 by Title. Resolutions were submitted to the Board of Health for review and may be adopted by one motion. These resolutions are listed on the agenda for review and a complete copy made available in the Warren Township Board of Health. Mr. Riley opposed the approval of Resolution Nos. 2022-2, 2022-3, 2022-4, 2022-7 and 2022-8. Mr. Riley made his opposition known to Mr. Sumner and Mr. Plager via an earlier e-mail and during discussion at reorganizational meeting. Further, Mr. Riley proposes the discontinuation of approving Resolutions 2022-2, 2022-3, 2022-4, 2022-7 and 2022-8 from annual reorganization meeting, as he feels said resolutions are exactly the same every year.

Resolution 2022-2 – Health Officer

Resolution 2022-3 – Appointment of Employees

Resolution 2022-4 – Business and Correspondence

Resolution 2022-5 – Middlebrook Regional Health Commission

Resolution 2022-6 – Schedule of Meetings

Resolution 2022-7 – Rules of order

Resolution 2022-8 – New Business

Motion made by Mr. Riley to withdraw proposed Resolution Nos. 2022-2, 2022-3, 2022-4, 2022-7 and 2022-8 from the agenda, due to redundancy and repetitive nature. Mr. Morlino seconded the motion. Mr. Rosenman asked for clarification on Resolution No. 2022-8 before

motion passes. Mr. Sumner explained in detail what Resolution No. 2022-8 entails. There being no further discussion, motion is passed.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Mr. Riley, Mr. Morlino, Mr. Rosenman, Dr. Sarraf, Dr. Mandal, Ms. Valerio

Opposed: None

Abstain: Mr. Plager

Motion is made by Mr. Plager to pass consent agenda of Resolution 2022-5 – Authorizing Agreement with Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission for Public Health Services and Resolution 2022- 6- Schedule of Meetings. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosenman. There being no further discussion, motion is passed.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

New Business:

Mr. Sumner read Resolution 2022-9 – Appointments of Representatives and Alternates to Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission. Mr. Plager recommends Mr. Riley and Ms. Valerio to be appointed as Representatives to the Commission. Mr. Plager agreed to be the Alternate. Motion moved by Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Rosenman. There being no further discussion, motion is passed.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Old Business: None.

Privilege of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: November 10, 2021

Motion made Mr. Riley to approve minutes from November 10, 2021 meeting and seconded by Mr. Plager.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Correspondence File: None.

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission Report:

Mr. Riley updated the Board on the Commission's last meeting of December 5, 2021; Commission budget for following year (2022) was adopted, discussion on Covid, schools and grant status occurred. Mr. Riley circulated an article on organized religions around the world and their positions on vaccines. Since the meeting, a new grant funded position consisting of a Covid Generalist has been filled.

Reports of Employees/Health Officer’s Report:

Mr. Sumner reported a new covid generalist position has been filled thru a state grant; her name is Megan Romanivich and she will be focusing on school’s outbreaks, communicable diseases and long-term care and assisted living facilities. Mr. Sumner provided the Board with the latest Covid-19 cases which have increased and have peaked at the highest since February/March of 2020. Increase in deaths and hospitalizations are not as high as in the prior peaks. Omicron variant is clearly not instilling severity of illness as the prior variant did however, the transmissibility is much higher.

Mr. Sumner reported the CDC updated school guidelines to quarantining and isolating, which has created challenges for schools. Dr. Mandal asked Mr. Sumner if the State is sequencing every person who has tested for covid-19 to define if variant is omicron. Mr. Sumner believes that not all persons tested are being sequenced, as many are doing at home testing and not following up with PCR antigen specific testing. Mr. Riley asked for clarification on the mandate from the State in relation to healthcare workers. Mr. Sumner stated that NJ still has an active executive order mandating all healthcare providers be either fully vaccinated or have weekly testing. Mr. Sumner in conjunction with Dr. Frank and schools, continue to collaborate to offer vaccine clinics. Several have been taking place and have been well attended and demand is still high.

Financial Reports: November and December 2021

November 2021- Receipts	
Receipts for Registrar	\$ 828.00
Health	\$ 175.00
Application Fees	
Septic and Well	\$ 300.00
Total Health	\$ 1,303.00

November 2021 - Animal Control Receipts	
Dog	\$ 249.00
Cats	\$ -
Total Animal	\$ 249.00

Total Receipts - November 2021	\$ 1,552.00
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November 2021 - Health Disbursements	
Middlebrook Regional Health Com - 4 Q 2021	\$ 35,002.75

Office Supplies- Paper/Cannon Calculator	\$ 53.08
Clothing Allowance-Donna Ostman, REHS	\$ 198.69
Martins, Patricia NJLM Conference Miles/Tolls/Parking	\$150.80
Total Health Disbursement	\$ 35,405.32

November 2021 - Animal Control Disbursements	
November 2021 Animal Control Contract	\$ 2,000.00
2021 State Dog License Fee - November	\$ 13.20
Total Animal Control Disbursements	\$ 2,013.20

Total Disbursements - November 2021 **\$ 37,418.52**

December 2021- Receipts	
Receipts for Registrar	\$ 456.00
Health	\$ 8,250.00
Application Fees	\$ 175.00
Septic and Well	\$ 590.00
Total Health	\$ 9,471.00

December 2021 - Animal Control Receipts	
Dog	\$ 3,071.00
Cats	\$ 200.00
Total Animal	\$ 3,271.00

Total Receipts - December 2021 **\$12,742.00**

December 2021 - Health Disbursements	
Marriage License Fee - 4th Quarter	\$ 600.00

Office Supplies- pet licensing paper	\$ 8.89
Total Health Disbursement	\$ 608.89

December 2021 - Animal Control Disbursements	
December 2021 Animal Control Sol.	\$ 2,000.00
8/3/2021- 7-day hold stray found Mt. Bethel Rd Invoice # 3463	\$ 315.00
2021 State Dog License Fee - December	\$ 246.60
Total Animal Control Disbursements	\$ 2,561.60

Total Disbursements - December 2021	\$ 3,170.49
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Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Rosenman to approve November and December 2021 Financial Report as read.

Voice Vote:
All in Favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

Adjournment:
 Mr. Riley happily informed the Board that he has become a grandfather for the second time; baby girl Wren Lou Reed arrived on December 27. Dr. Sarraf also announced the arrival of a new grandbaby into the Sarraf family. Congratulations and well wishes were forthcoming by all the members.

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Dr. Sarraf to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Voice Vote:
All in Favor: Unanimous
Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted,
 Patricia Martins
 Administrative Secretary
 Warren Township Board of Health