

**WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2021 – 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 7:00 pm.

Flag Salute-All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.

The Opening Statement: Adequate notice of this meeting was given on January 12, 2021 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. Rosenman - present
Mr. Morlino – absent	Dr. Mandal - present
Dr. Sarraf – absent (arrived 7:10 p.m.)	Ms. Valerio (Alternate #1) – present
Mr. Lazo – present	Dr. Singh (Alternate #2) – present
Mr. Riley – 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:

Dr. Mohammed Sarraf	Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2023
Mr. Gregory Riley	Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2023
Dr. Soma Mandal	Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2021

Alternate #1

Ms. Angela Valerio	Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2021
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Alternate #2

Dr. Anita Singh	Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2022
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Mayor’s Appointment

George Lazo	Appointment Expiration Date – December 31, 2021
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Order of Business:

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

Motion was made by Mr. Plager and seconded by Mr. Riley to adopt the Order of Business for the Organizational Meeting as read.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Election of Officers:

Election of President – Nomination was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Rosenman 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. Riley and seconded by Mr. Plager to close nominations.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Election of Vice President – Nomination was made by Mr. Plager and seconded by Mr. Rosenman 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. Riley and seconded by Ms. Valerio 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. Rosenman to elect Dr. Sarraf as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Warren Township Board of Health. There being no further nominations from the floor, nominations were closed.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Resolution 2021-1 – Authorizing Use of Consent Agenda at Warren Township Board of Health Meetings

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Lazo to authorize the use of the consent agenda.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Consent Agenda:

Resolution Nos. 2021-2 through 2021-7 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.

Resolution 2021-2 – Health Officer

Resolution 2021-3 – Appointment of Employees

Resolution 2021-4 – Business and Correspondence

Resolution 2021-6 – Schedule of Meetings

Resolution 2021-7 – Rules of order

Motion was made by Mr. Plager and seconded by Mr. Rosenman to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Resolution 2021-5 pulled for further discussion. Vote will be for passing Resolutions Nos. 2021-2, 2021-3, 2021-4, 2021-6 and 2021-7.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Resolution 2021-5 – Authorizing Agreement with Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission for Public Health Services

Discussion: Mr. Riley would like the opportunity to further revise and discuss Resolution 2021-5 with Mr. Sumner to amend verbiage. Mr. Plager and Mr. Lazo agree with Mr. Riley's proposal to review Resolution 2021-5. Approval of amended version to be discussed at the next Board of Health meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Plager to approve Warren Township will continue to be part of the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission in 2021.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

New Business:

Resolution 2021-8 – Review of Applications

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Lazo to approve Resolution 2021-8 Review of Applications.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Resolution 2021-9 – Appointments of Representatives and Alternates to Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission

Mr. Riley and Mr. Plager were appointed as Representatives to the Commission and Ms. Valerio was appointed as Alternate Representative to the Commission.

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Rosenman to approve Resolution 2021-9 Appointments of Representatives and Alternates to Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Discussion: Mr. Plager brought up his concern with the Board not having an attorney representing the Board of Health since Ms. Pearlmutter's retirement. Mr. Sumner asked Board Members to come forth with recommendations and further explained the steps he has been taking to recruit an attorney that will have all the skills necessary for the position.

Old Business:

Mr. Sumner presented a spreadsheet highlighting Covid-19 cases in Warren. The data suggests that currently the age range being impacted the most by positive COVID-19 cases is the middle-aged group of 25-65. This is likely due to factors such as being part of the active workforce and that they are most active in the community at this stage of the pandemic. Mr. Sumner feels that sports is one of the bigger contributors to outbreaks while schools are maintaining low numbers of in-school transmission and most cases seen in schools are occurring outside the school setting and being brought in. Mr. Lazo advised the Board that he and Committeeman Sordillo have been keeping the community updated on all the latest Covid-19 news via recorded video that is released to the public every Friday.

Mr. Sumner discussed the State's expansion of the Covid-19 vaccination and is concerned about this expansion since there is still unavailability or very low availability of vaccine at the State level. Mr. Sumner announced that Raritan Valley Community College has been chosen as the Somerset County designated Covid-19 vaccination center and will be open three days a week for vaccinations and one day a week for testing, both by appointment only.

Privilege of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: December 09, 2020.

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Dr. Sarraf to approve the December 09, 2020 meeting minutes.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Correspondence File: Mr. Sumner referenced a "thank you" card sent to the Board of Health by Ms. Fredi Pearlmutter, who retired last month after fourteen years serving the Board.

Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission Report:

Mr. Sumner updated the Board about Bridgewater Township's decision to do an extended agreement thru March 31, 2021, until elected officials make a final decision whether they will hire a full time Health Officer or join the Commission as a member.

Reports of Employees/Health Officer's Report:

Mr. Sumner reported on Covid-19 during old business discussions.

Financial Report: December, 2020.

December 2020 - Receipts	
Receipts for Registrar	\$ 412.00
Health	\$ 5,600.00
Application Fees	\$ 550.00
Septic and Well	\$ 155.00
Total Health	\$ 6,717.00

December 2020 - Animal Control Receipts	
Dog	\$ 1,155.00
Cats	\$ 50.00
Total Animal	\$ 1,205.00

Total Receipts - December 2020 **\$ 7,922.00**

December 2020 - Health Disbursements	
Marriage License Fee - 4th Quarter	\$ 375.00
Legal Advertising-BOH Legal Notice 12/9/2021	\$ 15.05
December Legal Bill -Pearlmutter	\$ 513.00
Total Health Disbursement	\$ 903.05

December 2020 - Animal Control Disbursements	
December 2020 Animal Control Sol.	\$ 2,000.00
ACS Inv #2909-Disposal Animal- King George Rd.	\$ 50.00
ACS Inv #2909-Euthanasia/rabies prep of bat- 19A Rockage Rd.	\$ 165.00
2020 State Dog License Fee - December	\$ 96.60
Total Animal Control Disbursements	\$ 2,311.60

Total Disbursements - December 2020 **\$ 3,214.65**

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Rosenman to approve the December 2020 Financial Report as read.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Adjournment:

Ms. Martins presented Board Members with a Holiday Season gift, given to all Township employees and members by the Township Committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Dr. Sarraf to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Voice Vote:

All in Favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

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