

**BOROUGH OF MOUNTAIN LAKES
COUNTY OF MORRIS, NJ**

**HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES
May 7, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:33p.m. by Ms. O'Leary.

2. ROLL CALL

Commission members Jennifer Amato, Dr. Stephen Leviss, MJ O'Leary, Dr. Katherine Roberts, Mark Toppel were in attendance, as well as Board of Health Secretary Cara Fox and Sagar Patel who was filling in for Health Officer Maya Lordo. Commission Members Dr. Girz, Dr. Behnam Salari, student members Brynn Comes and Keira Lee and Council liaison Chris Cannon were absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson O'Leary opened the meeting for public comment. There were no members of the public present who wished to address the Commission.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Dr. Roberts, second by Ms. O'Leary to approve the Health Commission meeting minutes from February 6, 2024.

5. BOROUGH UPDATE

Ms. Fox advised that the Borough was supposed to be finalizing a shared services agreement with the Town of Dover to provide health services. However, Dover's Mayor / Administration became non-communicative and officially backed out of the agreement on May 3rd. The Borough is currently in discussion with two other Morris County communities.

Ms. Fox advised that the Borough's Volunteer Recognition event will be held on December 9th at 7pm.

6. HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Patel reviewed the reports from January through April 2024 . The commission asked questions of Mr. Patel and he answered them.

7. COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Ms. O'Leary provided an update on the Trails Project and advised that the trail walk contest will launch on May 17th and run for a month. The contest entails taking a picture on one of the Borough trails and posting it on Instagram with the hashtag MLTrails24. Pictures will be entered to win a prize such as a restaurant gift certificate. Complete contest information will be advertised via the Borough email blast, website, Twitter, and Facebook platforms.

Ms. O'Leary thanked the members of the Health Commission for completing an online training to help the Borough Green Team obtain their Sustainable New Jersey silver status.

The commission discussed the Morris Regional Public Health Partnership Health Needs Assessment Survey and decided that they were not in favor of distributing the survey to residents because the focus of the survey didn't align well with Mountain Lakes.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. O'Leary, second by Dr. Leviss, to adjourn the meeting at 6:01p.m. with all members in favor signifying by "Aye".


Cara Fox
Board of Health Secretary