



MONMOUTH COUNTY REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION NO. 1

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Open Meeting

CALL TO ORDER:

President Giles called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. He then led the Regional Board of Health in the salute to the flag, and read the “Open Public Meeting Act Statement”.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Allenhurst – Donna Campagna, Brielle – Denise Murphy, Fair Haven – Theresa Casagrande, Monmouth Beach -Larry Bolsch, Rumson – Therese Wollman, Sea Bright- Paul Roman, Spring Lake – Mary Anne Donahue, Spring Lake Heights – Dr. Len Giles, Tinton Falls -Doreen Hoffmann

ABSENT:

Deal - Stephen Carasia, Interlaken – Lori Reibrich, Little Silver – Dr. Tim Sullivan, Loch Arbour – Marilyn Simons, Township of Middletown – Rich DeBenedetto, Sea Girt – Diane Anthony, West Long Branch – Stephanie Dollinger

OTHERS PRESENT:

David A. Henry, Health Officer (attending in person), Nick DelGaudio Esq (remote), Marita Kresge, Commission Secretary (attending in person), Bryan Dempsey, Administrator of Spring Lake (remote) Peg Huie (remote), Michaela Novo (remote), Belvin Reed (remote), Kristopher Kirkland (remote)

OPEN SESSION

The meeting was opened by President Giles, who turned it over to Health Officer Dave Henry who requested this meeting. Mr. Henry proposed Resolution 2022-43 would give him the ability to negotiate with our member municipalities, and future municipalities for pricing utilizing our reserved CARES funding.

Fair Haven alternate commissioner Theresa Casagrande said she was concerned that we were discussing this in open session, and Health Officer Henry said this is just a resolution, and not actual contract negotiations. Ms. Casagrande went on to say she would not be in favor of granting the health officer permission to negotiate on behalf of the commission, and that a formula consistent for all towns needs to be followed.

Larry Bolsch of Monmouth Beach asked if we could give Health Officer some leverage to speak with towns and bring that information back to the commissioners via email or zoom meeting for further negotiations, but Theresa Casagrande pointed out that this would be a violation of the open public meeting act, and a special meeting would need to be called, and this would not meet the criteria of Special Meeting guidelines.

Administrator Bryan Dempsey of Spring Lake said if they would see an increase in charges without an increase in services it would force towns like his, Sea Girt, and perhaps Brielle to have to look at other options. He said currently they are trying to be good, supportive members and stay put but if we change the formula they will look elsewhere.

There was further discussion among the commissioners that whatever course the commission decides to take must be tied to formula and contract. President Giles said there is a formula that was proposed last year, which was giving a 4% increase to be spread among all towns in order to keep a larger town from leaving, so that instead of losing \$185,000 we would lose \$20,000 shared among the remaining towns, and this would not have to occur on day one of year one, but would take place on a year four or five with the use of surplus money in our account. Of course, now those numbers have changed, and in light of these recent changes he has asked our CFO Gail to give us some new hard numbers that can be discussed with the Budget and Finance committee, and presented at our next meeting.

Vice President Paul Roman agreed. In support of our remaining towns, we need to tear down our current budget to the day-to-day numbers to operate the commission and keep our towns, and still provide the services we have been.

We have some intense work with the CFO and the Budget & Finance committee to see what we can do.

RESOLUTION 2022-43

Resolution 2022-43 Health Officer as lead representative for negotiation of municipality pricing of current and future members.

President Giles called for someone to make a motion for Resolution 2022-43.

No motion was made, the resolution was rejected.

CLOSED SESSION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. – None

Health Officer Henry said we continue to support our towns, we have hardworking dedicated employees, we meet the individual needs of our communities and we need to continue to be here to support these towns.

VP Roman said he would like to propose and Ordinance at the next meeting to license Vaping sales. Ms. Casagrande said she didn't feel that there would be many towns having many of these facilities, but Mr. Henry says he believes there is 20 stores per town and Mr. Roman feels this is a revenue generator, and could produce \$200,000 a year or more.

Next Regular Meeting of the MCRHC No. 1 Commission will be held (via Zoom) on Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 11:30 A.M. at the regional's headquarters located at American Red Cross building 1540 West Park Avenue – Suite # 1, Tinton Falls, New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT – Having no further business , meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marita Kresge

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COMMISSION SECRETARY

Reviewed by:

David A. Henry

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HEALTH OFFICER