TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
January 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Jim Schatzle called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the following statement: "As Chairman and Presiding Officer of this meeting of the Colts Neck Board of Health, I hereby declare that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied by prominently posting on the Township bulletin board a notice of this meeting, and that there has been transmitted by regular mail a notice to the Asbury Park Press and that a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk. I further order that this public announcement be placed in the minutes of this meeting."

ROLL CALL INDICATED:

PRESENT:	Jim Schatzle, Linda Stagliano, Jeff Reisinger, Dr. Boak, Annemarie Delle Donne and Pam Sokoler
ABSENT:	Liz Iacono, Dr. Singh and Valerie Capardi (all excused)
ALSO PRESENT:	Tom Frank, Tara Torchia Buss and Christine Eschert

Reorganization – Tom Frank requested nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Jim Schatzle was unanimously reappointed as Chair and Pam Sokoler unanimously reappointed as Vice Chair. Christine Eschert will continue to be the Secretary for the Board of Health.

Meeting Minutes – Jeff Reisinger made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Jim Schatzle and unanimously carried. The proposed meeting dates for 2024 were also approved.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – There was no new business to discuss except to note that both the Wells Fargo and Becker Hardware buildings are closed, and it is yet to be formally determined what will occur at these sites.

Subway at The Orchards complex is now called Mambo Italiano. Additional new businesses at The Orchards include La Candela Gallega, a Spanish and Mexican cuisine restaurant, and Ant & Andy's ice cream shop.

Discussion:

- **Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)** – As mentioned at previous Bd. of Health meetings, Earle tested numerous water wells for specific PFAS in Colts Neck last April. Two of those wells are located on Colts Neck Township property and their results were found to be under the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) limits.

- The Health Officer has been monitoring lab reports that come across his desk regarding residential water wells that are now required to have their well water tested for specific PFAS as of 12/21/23 (i.e. new homes, sale of a property or rentals).

- Since the new regulation has been in place, the Health Officer has not come across any results that have exceeded the MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level).

- The Health Officer also reached out to the NJDEP's Division of Water Supply & Geoscience Team who supplied their PFAS results for 17 commercial water well locations in Colts Neck. They have been testing for PFAS since November 2016 at these facilities and have accumulated over 450 results from those locations, so far, with no exceedances.

- Shallow wells are probably the most vulnerable to this type of contamination.

- The test is typically measured in *parts per trillion* making the sampling and handling of the well water very critical.

- The U.S. EPA is also looking to reduce the MCL for PFAS in the future.

Health Officer's Report:

- **Senior Flu Shots:** The Health Dept. conducted its annual seniors flu vaccination clinic at the Seniors Club meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at the Colts Neck Inn Restaurant. All 46 seniors were vaccinated with the high dose designed for seniors age 65 and over.

- **Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic:** The clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Colts Neck Firehouse #2 on Conover Road between 9:00am to 10:30am. The clinic has been advertised around town, in The Journal and posted on the township website.

- **Goose Management:** The Health Dept. is looking to put some extra funding in the budget to "HAZE" the adult geese at the Colts Neck Township Municipal Complex and at Bucks Mill Park. Using the services of Goose Control Technology, some possible methods of goose control are pyrotechnics, lasers or a Border Collie approach.

Liaison Report - Ms. Torchia Buss, Liaison, reported that the Township Reorganization Meeting was held on January 6, 2024. She is looking forward to remaining on as Liaison for the Bd. of Health for 2024.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Schatzle at 7:19 p.m. and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Eschert