TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
April 4, 2023 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:

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

Meeting Minutes – Jim Schatzle made a motion to approve the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Dr. Boak and unanimously carried.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – There was no new business to discuss.

Discussion – PER and POLY-FLUORO-ALKYL Substances (PFAS) in drinking water

- The Health Officer distributed a hand out on PFAS to the board members to inform them of the potential health risks that these man-made substances may cause. PFAS have been used for various important industrial and commercial uses for decades, including non-stick pans, packaging material, water and stain proof coatings, as well as fire fighting foams. Earle Naval Base in Colts Neck was utilizing some of these firefighting foams during their exercises on the base. Since becoming aware of the potential health risks of these substances, Earle has been monitoring the ground water for these chemicals and has found some traces during sampling at some on site monitoring wells. Given their findings, Earle has initiated reaching out to residents within a certain geographic area of their monitoring wells to invite them to have their water tested by Earle, free of charge. An Open House was conducted by Earle in Freehold on February 23, 2023 regarding this matter.
  Colts Neck Township is part of this sampling because there are two wells located on the Public Works property which are within a mile radius of the affected monitoring wells on the Earle base.

Health Officer's Report:

- The Health Department continues to work with the NJDEP Water Allocations Team to install in-line water meters on all Township property owned wells to measure water usage, on a monthly basis. Colts Neck Twp. currently has 12 wells on its properties. An initial site visit was conducted by a NJDEP rep last month to verify the location of all 12 wells.

- There is a proposed ice cream store for The Orchards at Colts Neck shopping center. The septic system for the location is under a state permit with the DEP. The Health Officer has expressed his concerns with both the NJDEP and the owner of the complex regarding the nature of milk fat in ice cream and its potential impact on the septic system. He will be keeping a close eye for any signs of problems with the system.

- Landmark store Becker Hardware is closing after 50+ years in Colts Neck. No word yet on what any new owner plans to do at the site at this time.

- There is currently no update on Adelaide Hanna Realty's holding tank application sent in to the DEP a few months ago. The Health Officer will update the Board as further status is provided.

- Since our last meeting, both COVID-19 and Flu activity throughout the State went from high activity levels to now low levels recently. That is a good sign but there is always a need to be vigilant for any new strains that could develop.

- Our annual rabies clinic was conducted on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at C.N. Firehouse #2 on Conover Rd. A total of 31 dogs and 5 cats were vaccinated.

- Goose Control Technology will be starting the addling process at both Bucks Mill and Town Hall Parks.

- Right to Know (RTK) Chemical Surveys at our public buildings will be conducted on April 5th by our consulting company. The Health Officer will be working with them to ensure that all the required RTK information is distributed to each appropriate building.

Liaison Report - Ms. Torchia Buss, Liaison, mentioned that the Township has received a temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the new municipal building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Boak at 7:53 p.m. and seconded by Jim Schatzle and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Eschert