TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
BOARD OF HEALTH
January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Jim Schatzle called the Colts Neck Board of Health meeting to order at 5:00 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:	Annemarie Delle Donne, Dr. Boak, Jeff Reisinger, Jim Schatzle, Linda Stagliano, Dr. Singh, and Valerie Capardi
ABSENT:	Elizabeth Iacono (excused) and Pam Sokoler (excused)
ALSO PRESENT:	Tom Frank, Tara Torchia Buss and Christine Eschert

Meeting Minutes – Jim Schatzle made a motion to approve the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes and this was seconded by Jeffrey Reisinger and unanimously carried.

Old Business – There was no old business to discuss.

New Business – Reorganization: Jim Schatzle was unanimously reappointed as Chair and Pam Sokoler unanimously reappointed as Vice Chair. New alternate members, Dr. Rohini Singh and Valerie Capardi, welcomed.

Local business, Adelaide Hanna Realty, located at 452 Route 34, owned by Adelaide Hanna is looking to sell (transfer) the property in the near future. However, the current septic system consists of an existing cesspool. The State septic system code (NJAC 7:9A) requires that as part of a real property transfer a cesspool shall be abandoned and replaced with a system in conformance of the code. Due to the limited size of the property and numerous other restraints the owner hired a licensed professional engineer, Gregg Barkley, who is proposing a holding tank, which would require New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) approval via a Treatment Works Approval (TWA). Gregg Barkley attended the BOH meeting, representing his client, Adelaide Hanna, and briefed the Board regarding the various restraints on the property. Mr. Barkley in his professional opinion believes it is impractical to construct a subsurface sewage disposal system on the property and that a holding tank is the best solution. The engineer is requesting the Board's consent, as a required part of the NJDEP application, to a holding tank in order to move forward with his clients NJDEP -TWA application. The Board unanimously agreed to provide their consent for the property owner to pursue a NJDEP permit through the TWA process, although the Board was clear they are not approving the design of the proposed system.

Discussion – COVID-19 activity is high throughout all counties in the State with a transmission rate of 1.09 as of 1/5/23. The CDC and State Health Dept. are recommending getting vaccinated with the latest boosters aimed at the omicron variants. The State is particularly concerned about long-term care facilities and stressing the need to have both residents and staff up to date with their boosters. The flu is also high throughout the state, posing potential concerns for schools and daycare facilities, as well.

The State Health Dept. has been distributing COVID-19 test kits to all local health departments. The C.N. Health Dept. distributed kits to Seniors Club members back in October. The C.N. Health Dept. plans on getting another supply of test kits soon.

Health Officers Report – Mr. Frank stated that we are now out of the draughty conditions that most of the State had been experiencing a few months ago but, there is always the need to keep an eye on the state website for any changing conditions that may develop.

The C.N. Health Dept. has been working with the NJDEP Water Allocations Team, which is now requiring the township to monitor water usage of all township wells.

The Colts Neck Pub is now open. The Health Officer conducted both a preopening and operational food inspection.

All 32 brick and mortar retail food establishments received at least one sanitation/food safety inspection in 2022.

Thirty one temporary food vendors were also inspected in 2022.

Mr. Frank was advised that the old Thai Restaurant, now Via Sposito, is going to be actively moving forward to open the restaurant in 2023.

A senior's flu clinic was conducted on October 5, 2022 at their monthly Senior's Club meeting, which was held at the Colts Neck Inn Restaurant. Forty seven people were vaccinated with the assistance of the C.N. Pharmacy who supplied and administered the shots.

Our annual rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, January 21, 2023 at C.N. Firehouse #2 on Conover Rd. from 9:00am to 10:30am.

Mr. Frank advised that the Colts Neck Inn is getting closer to upgrading their septic system package plant and that he received a closure plan for the old system, which was approved by the NJDEP.

Mr. Frank reported that there are now licensed operators onboard for both the septic system and water well for the new municipal building, as required by the NJDEP.

The Health Officer is currently working on the 2023 Budget for the Health Dept. and for Animal Control.

Ms. Torchia Buss, Liaison, had nothing to report.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Schatzle at 6:10 p.m. and seconded by Dr. Boak and unanimously carried. The next scheduled meeting is February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Eschert