

**MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2019 at 7:30pm**

Members Present

Mr. Charles Perry
Ms. Betty Bowers
Dr. Steven Marcus
Brielle Cook
Dr. Sunil Shah

Members Absent:

Dr. Arnold Pallay
Dr. Sachin Shah

Others Present:

Aimee Puluso, Health Officer
David Pennella, Attorney
Kim Horiguchi, BOH Secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call

With a quorum present, Mr. Charles Perry called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., and took a roll call of members present. As required by the Open Public Meetings Act (a.k.a. "Sunshine Law"), adequate notice of this meeting was provided. The notice specified the meeting was to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Montville Township Municipal Building, 195 Changebridge Road. The meeting notice was posted on the public bulletin board in the Montville Township Municipal Building, sent to the Daily Record newspaper, and was filed with the Montville Township Clerk.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Charles Perry, to approve the minutes of the Board of Health meeting held on September 9, 2019. Seconded by Dr. Sunil Shah, all in favor.

Public Comments

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Charles Perry, seconded by Ms. Betty Bowers, all in favor, to open the meeting to public comments for any citizen wishing to speak before the Montville Township Board of Health as to items on the agenda, and items not on the agenda. There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

Signed contract between the Montville Board of Health and the Morris County Office of Local Health Management for the county to provide health education services to the Montville Health Department from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.

Reports

Health Officer Aimee Puluso presented, and the Board reviewed, the Health Department's Monthly Activity Reports for October and November, 2019.

Ms. Cook noted that the predominant communicable illness of concern was Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. She wanted to know what is being done about it. Ms. Puluso stated that the public health nurses had conducted several educational programs for both children and adults, arranged with the county to have their mosquito/tick prevention display at Town Hall at the beginning of the summer season, and has a lot of educational materials on hand at the Health Department year-round. Ms. Cook asked whether the Township sprayed for ticks. Ms. Puluso noted that the Township does request the county to spray for mosquitoes prior to special events, but that the Township does not spray for ticks, except that the Township pays an extermination company to spray the Dog Park for ticks quarterly. She will check to see if the county sprays for ticks as well as mosquitoes, or if the Township would consider contracting a company to do so. Ms. Puluso also noted that the Health Department had signs that the DPW installed at Township parks and trails. Ms. Cook stated she had not seen any tick signs at any park except at Pyramid Mountain, which is run by the county. Ms. Puluso gave the signs to the DPW to install, she will follow up with DPW. Ms. Bowers mentioned that grass is very high in areas where high-tension wires. Mr. Perry asked about the Health Department conducting titers for residents to see if Lyme disease is present. Ms. Cook said it was extremely expensive, the results are not always accurate, and some samples are not tested for any other tick-borne disease infections.

Ms. Bowers asked about the fliers to be hung up in stores about vaping. Ms. Puluso had sent potential fliers to the Board of Health members, and distributed copies of them to the Board members for their consideration. After discussion, the Board chose two fliers that they thought would get the attention of children/teens. Dr. Marcus noted that they should be bigger. The Health Department will ask local businesses that sell e-cigarettes and associated products to display them. Dr. Marcus asked the Township liaison Dr. Kayne what the Township was doing about it. Dr. Kayne responded that the Township had gone as far as they could, based on advice of the Township attorney, and that further action would be up to the State. Ms. Bowers asked if the high school could do a poster contest or other educational activity. Ms. Puluso will contact the Board of Education. Ms. Cook asked if the Board could team up with the Drug Awareness Council (D.A.C.) to conduct an education night for parents. Ms. Puluso asked Dr. Marcus, who is also on the D.A.C., if they conduct any anti-tobacco or anti-vaping activities. He did not know, but would ask at the next meeting and report back to the Board. Mr. Perry suggested reaching out to the Board of Education to see what activities they have conducted, and if they haven't conducted any and aren't planning any, the Board may be able to partner with them on an educational program for both students and their parents.

Adjournment

MOTION: There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Charles Perry, seconded by Ms. Betty Bowers, all in favor, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.