

BOARD OF HEALTH
July 9, 2020

On Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 7:35 P.M., the regularly scheduled meeting of the Holland Township Board of Health was held by change of format to teleconference Zoom meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Before the meeting was opened, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Tony Szumski, and the following statement was read at the commencement of the meeting.

Adequate notice of this regular meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, by the Township Clerk on December 12, 2019, by:

1. Posting such notice on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building and on the Holland Township website.
2. Mailing the same to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Express Times.
Notice of change in format was posted on the Holland Township website.

Members present at the meeting: Pearl Hammerstone, Tony Szumski, Donna Lizanich, Audrey Balogh, Lisa Mickey, and Vann Smith

Members Absent: Christopher Balogh

Audrey Balogh made a motion, seconded by Donna Lizanich, to accept the minutes of June 11, 2020. Motion carried.

The following correspondence was given to members present.

1. RUTGERS New Jersey Medical School
Press Release June 2020
HIV Testing and Treatment Remain Vitally Important During Covid-19
2. Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders
Media Release June 30, 2020
Call for Indoor Dining to be Allowed in Northwest Jersey
3. St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center Animal Control Services
3201 US Highway 22E Branchburg, www.sthuberts.org
Detailed Dispatch Summary – Date Generated July 1, 2020 June 1 to June 30, 2020
4. Animal Bite Report 6/12/2020
Township resident was bitten on the back of her hand after picking up a feral cat on her property.
Cat and kittens were picked up by St. Hubert's and confined for 10 days. Resident started rabies treatment.

The above correspondence was discussed and action taken as necessary.

Pearl stated she had spoken to Bob Vaccarella from the County Board of Health and he stated when an animal bite report is issued by the County Board of Health, your animal control official puts the animal in quarantine and takes them out after 10 days. He suggested calling St. Hubert's to see if they issue a monthly report on quarantines and releases. Pearl called St. Hubert's and was told they do not issue such a report. When they check on the animal in ten days and its okay, they release them. If the animal is dead, and presumed to have had rabies, they contact the police department, who usually issue a notice.

Vann questioned whether St. Hubert's has a religious affiliation. He felt we should be getting more information to protect the community on the quarantines and releases of animals due to the bite reports. Vann volunteered to contact St. Hubert's and will get information to report at our next meeting.

(Lisa will e-mail all members the St. Hubert's Contract that the Township has with them as our Animal Control Service.)

Lisa Mickey suggested that, as a Board of Health, we should have an opinion toward the opening of school in the fall. Vann said we owe it to the local youth and community, and we should let our voices be heard. There have been publications as to the importance of younger children needing the interaction with their peers and teachers, physically and mentally.

(Lisa and Donna, with some input from Vann, will draft a document which the Board of Health can offer to the Holland Township School Board before their next meeting with our concerns for the local youth and community on reopening the schools. They will e-mail all members the document they are proposing for our review and comments.)

Vann Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Audrey Balogh. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearl M. Hammerstone

Pearl M. Hammerstone, Secretary