

Township of Hanover
Board of Health Meeting
Via ZOOM
March 9, 2022

MINUTES

7:30pm President Zaborowski calls the meeting to order.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey for Wednesday, March 9, is now in session.

PRESENT: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli
ABSENT:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

STATEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER:

"Adequate notice of this meeting was provided on March 3rd in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act by posting written notice and agenda of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, 1000 Rt. 10 Whippany, N J. and by emailing same to the following newspapers:

HANOVER EAGLE
MORRIS COUNTY DAILY RECORD and by filing same with the Township Clerk".

Approval of minutes from the meeting of February 9:

Motion to approve by Member Weger seconded by Vice President Intili
Roll Call Vote: AYES: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli
NAYS: EXCUSED:

Health Department Reports:

- Public Health Nurse Report– See attached
- Health Officer Monthly Report– See attached
- Health Department Monthly Activity Report – See attached

Approval of Health Department Reports: Motion to approve by Vice President Intili seconded by Member Peterson

Roll Call Vote: AYES: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli
NAYS: EXCUSED:

Approval of the Vital Statistics Report: Motion to approve by Member Tort seconded by Member Peterson

Roll Call Vote: AYES: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli
NAYS: EXCUSED:

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGES:

Resident in Hanover Twsp.	1
Resident out of Hanover Twsp.	4
Non-resident in Hanover Twsp.	0

DEATHS:

Resident in Hanover Twsp.	5
Resident out of Hanover Twsp.	1
Non-resident in Hanover Twsp.	0

DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO:

1. Acute hypoxic Respiratory failure
2. Metastatic urothelial carcinoma
3. Pending studies
4. Cardiopulmonary compromise
5. Multiple myeloma
6. Atherosclerotic coronary vascular disease

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF SALARIES: Motion to approve by Member Peterson seconded by Member Tort

Roll Call Vote:	AYES: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli	NAYS:	EXCUSED:
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Diane Hertzig	\$ 5,298.78
Racquel Housen	\$ 4,756.10
Julia Lee Piscitelli	\$ 8,047.50
Kathryn Whitehead	<u>\$ 7,812.76</u>
Total	\$25,915.06

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to approve by Member Raimo seconded by Member Peterson

Roll Call Vote:	AYES: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli	NAYS:	EXCUSED:
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WB Mason (supplies)	\$160.76
RR Donnelley (safety paper)	<u>\$ 73.50</u>
Total	\$ 234.26

APPROVAL OF LICENSES: Motion to approve by Member Weger seconded by Member Raimo

Roll call vote:	AYES: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli	NAYS:	EXCUSED:
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President Zaborowski opens the meeting to the public for discussion of public health matters pertaining to the Township.

Comments: None

Motion to close the meeting to the public made by Member Weger seconded by Member Tort

Roll Call Vote:	AYES: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli	NAYS:	EXCUSED:
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Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Vice President Intili seconded by Member Peterson

Roll Call Vote:	AYES: President Zaborowski, Vice President Intili, Members Peterson, Tort, Weger, Raimo and Francioli	NAYS:	EXCUSED:
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The meeting was closed at 8:30p.m.

2/28/2022

Township of Hanover

Payment Detail Report

Bus. Type=ALL Lic. Type=ALL Inspector=ALL FROM 02/01/2022 TO 02/28/2022

Bus Name	Bus. Type	Lic. Type	Lic #	Exp. Date	Lic Fee	Late Fee	Misc Fee	Permit Fee	Lic. Yr	Pay date	Cash	Check	Other	Total	Chk#	Receipt#	Begin Date
HOUSE OF CUPCAKES	TEMPORARY	FOOD ETEMPORARY	6245	5/20/2022	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2/24/2022	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	1030		5/20/2022

Total: 1

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Hanover Township Health Department

February 2022

The 3 LTC facilities continue to have their outbreaks. They have slowed down. One ended with only one resident testing positive throughout the outbreak and a handful of staff. A second facility is working on closure over the next few days. This is an area where having someone to cover me would be helpful. Once a facility can close the outbreak, they want it done as soon as possible because they are listed on a public dashboard for outbreaks. <https://www.nj.gov/health/ltc/>. All facilities continue to do a great job reporting. NJ DOH has good resources to assist with Infection Control. There has been 2 joint meetings with Infection Control NJDOH, me and the LTC facility to review infection control practices, as well as other outbreak measures that should be in place. Both facilities found the information helpful.

Ongoing support for COVID Employees, working with HR Specialist Mary Sue D'Amore. The mask policy has been updated within the municipal building, and masks are optional now. The building is open to the public, but staff can continue to meet the public in the lobby if they can not safely distance in the office, such as the health department. The health department is not set up to meet with the public, the REHS and Registrar will most likely continue to meet in the conference room. This will allow for social distancing and safe meeting.

Ongoing support for the Contact Tracers – the case numbers are done greatly.

Support to 4 residents with mix ups with their immunization profiles on NJIIS, NJ's immunization reporting system which affects the residents' ability to access their immunization records. I am able to correct the records, and the resident can then access their immunization record on the Docket App which is the app that NJ uses for the Covid Vaccine on your phone.

Childcare support continues. New guidance again came out on 2/8/22 which offer recommendations for children age 2 and above can return to child care early on day 6 if symptoms have resolved, with a well fitted mask, eat lunch separated from other children by 6 feet and nap separated from children by 6 feet. I am unclear who at the NJDOH thought this was a good idea. Many of the childcare if not all of them do not have staff with health background, some did not even thoroughly read the entire document and missed the part that the early return was not for children under 2. I recommended that this guidance should only be used if the center had staff to safely do it. I have sent frequent emails with short pieces of information making sure everyone understands the limitations of the guidelines. The most recent guidelines for children without masks came out with similar plans. I think that childcare will feel less of an impact because those children do not wear masks well and when doing contact tracing that is how we look at it, so there will not be much change with no mask. The numbers for the very young kids has been very low, hopefully it will stay there. Some parents are frustrated with the lack of shortened quarantine but when we explain the poor mask use, they understand.

Dr. Perez and I met with Mr. Wasko to discuss the NJ DOH guidance. Mr. Wasko informed us his BOE will be going with the CHOP guidance. As we discussed the situation, we were aware that the NJ DOH was preparing guidance for when the schools will reopen on Monday March 7, with masks optional. Unfortunately, many believe that a lot of the guidelines would change but they will become stronger, because the protection of masks will not be there. The health department can not support any other guidance but NJ DOH guidance and Dr. Perez informed Mr. Wasko of this.

Referred a family to VNA of Northern NJ for a home visit for a Covid Vaccine. They have a grant with NJ DOH to provide home visits for Covid -19 vaccinations.

Notify schools and childcares who were missing their NJ Immunizations status reports. Request childcares prepare their information for Immunization Audits.

The Covid Clinic was held at the Hanover Township Community Center on February 23, 2022, from 9 -1 PM. At least 5 employees from Hanover Township came and got either a vaccination or a booster. The clinic was very smooth and even Eyewitness News, Channel 7 was there doing a Community Interest Story.

Continue investigation and report of other communicable diseases.

This concludes my report for January. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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**Monthly Report of Activities Performed for the
Township of Hanover Health Department**

Month of February 2022

Public Health Services Staff

Carlos Perez, Jr., Health Officer
Stephanie Gorman, Asst. Health Officer
Cindie Bella, Public Health Nurse Supervisor
Kathleen Basile, Public Health Nurse
Margaret Corbett, Public Health Nurse PT
Imge Uludogan, Health Education Field Representative
Kristina Favo, Health Education Field Representative
Bonnie Smith, Health Education Field Representative
Jessica Freer, Senior PREHS
Carol Zurlo, REHS
Ryan Russo, SREHS PT
Estefania Arango, REHS Trainee
Michael DiArchangel, REHS Trainee
Patrick Herrera, REHS Trainee
Carolina Oliveros, REHS Trainee
Sue Yavuz, REHS Trainee
Michael Flora, Solid Waste Investigator
Joseph Schmidt, Solid Waste Investigator

SECTION I. PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (HEALTH OFFICER) SERVICES

Date	Activity
2/1/2022 – 2/28/2022	<p>During the month of February 2022, the Health Officer continued efforts on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Health Officer corresponded with the Public Health Nurse Supervisor throughout the month of February 2022 regarding individual cases among residents, school guidance, and other matters.</p> <p>During the month of February 2022, the Health Officer maintained communication with the NJDOH regarding COVID-19 case investigations, testing, and vaccination activities. The Health Officer participated on conference calls hosted by the NJDOH regarding school-based immunization clinics.</p> <p>Throughout the month of February 2022, the Health Officer reviewed epidemiological data pertaining to COVID-19 transmission and vaccination. In addition, the Health Officer reviewed updates regarding the omicron variant.</p> <p>The Health Officer performed required Township Health Department administrative tasks.</p> <p>The Health Officer attended February 2022 Board of Health (BOH) meeting.</p> <p>During the month of February 2022, the Health Officer corresponded with Hanover Schools’ Superintendent via telephone as required.</p>
1/23/2022	<p>The Health Officer visited the Township Health Department and met with staff.</p>

SECTION II. PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (ASST. HEALTH OFFICER) SERVICES

Date	Activity
1/1/2022 – 1/31/2022	<p>The Asst. Health Officer assisted the PHN Supervisor with COVID-19 activities throughout the month of February 2022 and provided supervision of staff as needed.</p>

SECTION III. HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICES

Date	Activity
2/17/2022 Kristina Favo	The Health Education Field Representative distributed Hanover Township's COVID-19 vaccination clinic flyer.
2/10/2022 Imge Uludogan	The Health Education Field Representative attended the Overdose Fatality Review Team subcommittee meetings for Anti-Stigma, Harm Reduction, and the Resource Guide.
2/16/2022 Imge Uludogan	The Health Education Field Representative created a flyer to be distributed for the 2022 Food Handlers courses.

**Township of Hanover Health Department
Monthly Activity Report**

February 2022

Inspections

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Inspection Date</u>	<u>Inspection Sequence</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>REHS</u>
Ferguson Life Chiropractic Ctr.	2/1/2022	initial	satisfactory	LP
Hyatt House	2/2/2022	initial	satisfactory	RH
Sterling Spice	2/7/2022	pre-op	satisfactory	LP
Zagursky's Bar	2/8/2022	initial	satisfactory	LP
Little Genius Academy	2/8/2022	initial	satisfactory	RH
Retro Fitness	2/10/2022	initial	satisfactory	RH
My Special Spot	2/15/2022	initial	satisfactory	RH
Guckenhiemer @ Barclay's 100	2/16/2022	initial	satisfactory	LP
Town Café	2/17/2022	initial	satisfactory	RH

Establishments (new) approved to open: Sterling Spice

Establishments Out of Business: none

Temporary Retail License: Hanover Twp. Little League, House of Cupcakes,

Investigations

Hunan Wok – retail food complaint (LP)

Complainant reported becoming ill after eating at Hunan Wok. A food history and description of symptoms were provided. She did not see a doctor. An on-site investigation at Hunan Wok was conducted. The owner was advised of the complaint. Receipts were reviewed – 290 meals were ordered on day in question: 180 w/chix, 200 w/ egg rolls and 250 combos w/ pork fried rice. Food handling practices were observed satisfactory; walk-in box storage was satisfactory, cold storage/bain maire - satisfactory. Current temperature of cooked chix in the wok reached above 225F. Egg rolls are deep fried to 200F. No illness w/ staff. No additional complaints have been received at this time. Complaint not confirmed at this time.

40 Knollwood Rd. – septic abandonment & follow-up (LP)

Contractor called & requested HD witness closure of previous abandoned septic system

On-site: observed metal septic tank, which had previously collapsed. Tank was approx. 6ft. deep x 4ft diameter. Seepage pit was cinder block 15ft deep x 6ft diameter. Ground water at bottom. Filled w/ medium/small concrete debris and gravel. Follow-up on-site: observed area filled to grade. Decommission of previously abandoned system complete.

1 McNab Ave. – sewage complaint & follow-ups (LP)

Mike Wynne/HSA called to advise of a sewer line break at 1 McNab Ave. with sewage flowing on the ground. MW stated that the peep site cap was broken causing blockage and overflow.

On-site investigation confirmed the sewage discharge: site was in the grassy area between the sidewalk & Ridgedale Ave. Sewage was flowing onto the sidewalk, grass & into the road - making its way into the storm sewer on the corner of Ridgedale & McNab. Property was determined to be a rental with no one answering the numerous attempts to make contact. An NOV was placed on a parked car in the driveway. Advised that owner must contact the HD immediately and abatement required asap. Report was made to the DEP hot line. Chief Looock was advised of incident and was requested to contact inspector if owner/tenant called PD.

Follow-up inspection on Monday. Break still active. Contact was made with a tenant. Tenant stated NOV had been texted to property owner the previous Friday and provided contact information. NOV issued & mailed to Mr. Da Qing Han. A voice message was also left for Mr. Han. Continued follow-up confirmed still not abated. A rock had been placed on top of the broken pipe. Sewage still discharging onto ground. Summons issued. Property owner called and advised of abatement. Follow-up inspection confirmed abatement.

Wegmans – retail food complaint (LP)

Complainant, DB, called HD to report finding 2 “hard spear like objects” inside goat cheese that he had purchased from Wegmans. Cheese - Le Chevrefeuille Tome Cranberry Goat . He stated he had taken a bite and felt something sharp in his mouth. He reported calling Poison Control & Wegmans. He stated he felt that someone had placed the objects in the cheese. DB stated he was coming to Hanover to make a police report. I asked if the product packaging was intact when he purchased the item – “yes”. He stated he was not satisfied w/ Wegmans response to his complaint. I contacted Wegmans and spoke w/ the store manager: Tim Lockwood. I advised of the complaint and he stated that the product would be pulled from the case and corporate would handle the complaint as per standard SOP.

HD inspectors and Officer Gallagher met with DB. The cheese was in a plastic container: clear cover w/ black base. Cover snapped securely onto base. DB stated he broke the label while opening the product. The container was turned over and the bottom base was examined: observed one of the corners had been broken off. Further examined the “spear like objects” DB had kept in a pill bottle. These two small black plastic pieces fit together to form the missing corner of the black plastic base. It was suggested that they had been broken while opening the product. DB felt certain of product tampering. It was suggested that the pieces had co-mingled with the dark green garnish on top of the cheese and he may have not seen the plastic pieces as he spread the cheese. Officer Gallagher agreed with HD conclusion. DB was advised that our

office had contacted Wegmans with this complaint and the remaining cheese products were going to be removed. DB was advised to follow-up with Wegmans.

Plan Reviews

Recreational bathing plan review continued for proposed pool & whirlpool at River Park. Additional information provided. Reviewed and approved. All parties notified. (LP)

Plan review initiated for the proposed Jersey Mikes Sub's. (RH)

OPRA Requests (LP)

5 Salem Dr., Whippany, Block 4603 Lot 23
70 Rt. 10 West, Whippany, Block 6601 Lots 2,3,4,5 & 6
94 Rt. 10 West, Whippany, Block 6601 Lot 13.02
262 Rt. 10 West, Whippany, Block 7301 Lot 9.01, 13 & 14

Site Plan Exemption Committee (LP)

Carmelo Anthony's Barber Lounge, LLC, 16 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Whippany, Block 4201 Lot 3
Davidson Heating & Cooling LLC, 9 Handzel Rd., Whippany, Block 3901 Lot 20
2/M Electric LLC, 9 Whippany Rd., Units 5 & 6, Whippany, Block 5901 Lot 21
Powertech Electrical Contractors, 60 S. Jefferson Rd., Whippany, Block 2602 Lot 7
P.C. Richard & Son, 243 Rt. 10, Whippany, Block 6001 Lot 3.02
CASA, 222 Ridgedale Ave, Unit 300, Cedar Knolls, Block 1702 Lot 10
Cube Smart, 1175 Rt. 10, Whippany, Block 2802 Lot 2

Site Plan Reviews (LP)

International Great Brands LLC, 941 Rt. 10, Whippany, Block 3901 Lot 19.01, PB# 21-7-6

Animal Incident Reports

None

Unsatisfactory Microbiological Results – Public Swimming Pools/Whirlpools Water

<u>Establishment</u>	<u>Date</u>	
YMCA	2/9/22	pool failed for coliform 2/14 - abated

Points of Interest

Court date for Da Qing (Walter) Han – March 7. (LP)

Court date for Smokey Bear Smoke Shop – April 4. (LP)

Recreational Bathing license renewals and letters were emailed to all year- round facilities.
Current licenses expire March 31st. (LP)