



**Borough of Florham Park
Health Department
November 12, 2025**

MINUTES

Present: Peter Kleban, Stanley Wisnewski, Jay Rosania, Tom Michalowski, Raymond Holmes

Also Present: Tom Cantisano (Pequannock Health Officer), Glen Johnstone (Council Liaison), Lisa Gaeta (Board of Health Secretary)

Absent: David Adinaro, Jennifer Gorelov, Sonya Youngren, Tana LaPlaca

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Peter Kleban took attendance and confirmed the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Wisnewski made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2025 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion and all members of the board were in favor.

Approval of Reports:

Mr. Wisnewski asked about a conditional inspection report for Angelina's restaurant. Mr. Cantisano explained there were a few violations and it has been brought back to satisfactory.

Mr. Wisnewski asked about charging schools for licensing fees. Mr. Cantisano explained most schools hire a private vendor to run the food operations and they get the food license.

Mr. Michalowski made a motion to approve the Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly reports from September and October and the Pequannock Health Department reports from August and September. Mr. Rosania seconded the motion and all members of the board were in favor.

Communications:

Ms. Gaeta reported the town held a free rabies clinic this past Saturday and it was a good turnout. There were 82 animals that got vaccinated. The event was advertised on the Borough website and social media pages.

Report from Pequannock Health Department Staff:

Pequannock health nurses have reached out to issue flu vaccines to emergency responders in the towns that they service.

New Business:

The board nominated Jay Rosania to be the secretary for the board to run the meeting in the President's absence.

Ms. Gaeta reported 2026 dates will be the second Wednesday in January, March, May, & September. The Borough will be closed on November 11th next year. The meeting can be moved to either Nov. 4th or Nov. 18th but it would have to be in the mayor's conference room so it doesn't conflict with another board having their meeting the same day. An email will be sent to Board members to confirm the dates.

Unfinished Business:

There are draft ordinances for massage and smoke/vape & psychoactive substances. Attorneys have been working on how to authorize licensing and suspensions from the board of health departments. These ordinances are best placed with the Borough Council because they have the authority to license any kind of business. The town would defer to the health department to manage the license.

The Borough's board of health ordinances need updating so there were some revisions in the code such as charging a late fee for vendors not getting their food license.

The Health officer and Borough attorney have been working on the ordinances. The Mayor & Council will be kept informed on the revisions. Mr. Cantisano will make himself available to the Council in case anyone has any questions and the board of health can give a letter recommending to pass the legislation. Mr. Cantisano explained there will need to be a first reading and a second reading in order to adopt it. The code revisions though, will be done through a resolution through the health department.

Public Comment:

-Henry Allan stated there is a coyote on Hillside Avenue that looks ill. Residents have tried to report it and nothing gets done. He thinks there may be a coyote den on a portion of the Borough easement. Ms. Gaeta reported she received numerous calls regarding the coyote and animal control does not come out for wild animals, they are allowed to roam. Mr. Cantisano explained unless the wild animal is showing aggression, animal control will not come out and police should be called instead. Mobile wildlife is to not be disturbed, even if residents feel unsettled.

-Maria Quigley asked if the revisions to the ordinances will be provided to the public. Ms. Gaeta responded the ordinances will be published in the Daily Record and the Florham Park Eagle before getting adopted. Mr. Kleban noted the newspapers are also available at the Florham Park library if she doesn't have a subscription. She was also advised she can attend the council meeting as well.

-Ms. Quigley wanted to know if the board was familiar with changes to the NJ Register. She explained there are 320 pages of changes to the sanitary code and communicable diseases. She feels they expanded government control over personal data and took away informed consent. She is concerned about children's vaccine info getting added to a database. She is also concerned about OPRA law denying health records to public access. She thinks there will be a large workload and case follow up without additional funding with these changes. Ms. Quigley stated she makes recommendations at the meetings and she wants the Board to represent the people and to have a voice. Mr. Cantisano explained the local board of health has limited resources and cannot change state and federal health laws, they can only enforce local codes. They aren't in a position to change state laws. Mrs. Quigley expressed the board members are representing the town and should put together a statement to the State of NJ of their opinions on these revisions and she wants the board to feel like they have an interest in protecting the public. Mr. Cantisano explained the board members are volunteer and dedicate their time to the board and work hard to service the residents of the town. The local health department doesn't have a right to interfere with state legislature.

Adjournment:

Mr. Michalowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wisnewski. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Gaeta
Board of Health
Registrar of Vital Statistics