

Borough of Florham Park Health Department September 10, 2025

MINUTES

Present: Peter Kleban, Tana LaPlaca, Stanley Wisnewski, Sonya Youngren, Jay Rosania

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

Absent: David Adinaro, Jennifer Gorelov, Tom Michalowski, Raymond Holmes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2025 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Rosania seconded the motion and all members of the board were in favor.

Approval of Reports:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to approve the Registrar of Vital Statistics monthly reports from May, June, July & August and the Pequannock Health Department reports from April, May, June & July. Ms. Youngren seconded the motion. All members of the board were in favor.

Communications:

- -Board of Health secretary, Lisa Gaeta let the Board of Health staff know the Borough is hosting a free rabies clinic on November 8th from 9-11am. A local vet will be administering the rabies shot.
- -There were twenty-three tickets that were mailed out at the end of July for residents who failed to pay for their 2025 pet licenses. There are about five people who still have not paid. The court ticket was dismissed if they came in to pay the \$15 late fee in addition to the yearly fee.
- -The Health Department received numerous calls at the end of August from parents and students regarding a cockroach infestation at St. Elizabeth University. Pequannock Health Department was notified and they sent out inspectors to the location.

Report from Pequannock Health Department Staff:

-Tom Cantisano sent an email stating he is now working directly with Borough Attorney Joe Bell to finalize the drafts and the proposed ordinances and he will have it ready for the Board to review at the next meeting.

New Business:

- -Stan Wisnewski asked about the 1 COVID case that was reported in June and wanted a clearer report of the COVID cases.
- -From the last meeting, Mr. Wisnewski asked about charging schools food licensing fees. Ms. Gaeta responded that there is nothing in our code stating schools are exempt from these fees. Mr. Wisnewski wants to know if any of the other towns that Pequannock serves charges schools the food licensing fees.
- -Mr. Wisnewski wants to know who on the Board of Health will fill in for the President if he cannot attend the meeting. Members will discuss at the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- The proposed ordinances will be reviewed at next months meeting.

Public Comment:

- -Mr. Johnstone stated residents have been complaining of people smoking cigarettes, cigars, vaping & marijuana use while sitting outside at the Trader Joes shopping mall at night, near the Dunkin Donuts. State statues say there shouldn't be smoking within a certain amount of feet from a building, citing NJSA26:3D-55, NJ Smoke Free Act.
- -Mr. Johnstone also commented on the advertisement of cigarettes and vapes at the Exxon gas station. He thought the State had regulations on how they can advertise these products. Mr. Wisnewski mentioned this is the type of thing that if left unnoticed or if there is no action taken, it will grow worse.

Adjournment:

Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wisnewski.

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