

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

REGULAR MEETING

6:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 4, 2023

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 600 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE

Via the internet, please click the link below to join the meeting:

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Local Health Board. The public meeting notice along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information was published in the NOVEMBER 8, 2023 Star Ledger. Said notice and the meeting agenda was also posted in the Municipal Building, and sent the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. The agenda for this meeting can be viewed online at www.veronanj.org/councilmeetings. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda and instructions on how to comment will be provided at the appropriate time.

B. ROLL CALL

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. April 17, 2023

E. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Local Health Department Discussion Amy Monaco, Director, Health Officer,
Montclair Department of Health & Human
Services

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

G. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Verona Board of Health on Monday, April, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 600 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, New Jersey and via Zoom video conferencing platform.

Call to Order:

The Health Board Secretary reads the notice of Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:

Mayor Alex Roman, Deputy Mayor Christine McGrath, Councilman Jack McEvoy, Councilwoman Cynthia Holland and Councilman Tamburro are present. Township Attorney Brian Aloia, Township Manager Joseph D'Arco and Health Board Secretary, (Municipal Clerk(Jennifer Kiernan are also present along with Amy Monaco, Director, Health Officer, Montclair Department of Health & Human Services.

Amy Monaco gives an overview of the Local Health Department and its roles and responsibilities.

She presents the quarterly report consisting of retail food establishment inspections, re-inspections, environmental inspections and complaint investigations, retail food establishments and pet shops.

A public health nursing report is submitted that contains distribution of NJDOH guidance several times throughout the year to the schools and childcare centers and the Township, as well as data of audits, outbreaks (location and type/ disease) and communicable disease reports, vaccination distributions and other programs.

RESOLUTION No. 2023-01-H

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor McGrath; seconded by Councilman McEvoy that the following resolution be adopted:

**SUPPORTING LEGISLATION REINSTATING PUBLIC HEALTH
PRIORITY FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Verona Board of Health provides public health services to the Town of Verona, and;

WHEREAS, the Verona Board of Health has held and continues to hold a position in support of providing increased sustained funding to local public health, and;

WHEREAS, Public Health Priority Funding, although statutorily required, has not been provided to local public health departments since 2011, and;

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2022 the Senate referred Bill No. 2413 requiring minimum annual State appropriation of \$10 million for Public Health Priority Funding to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee for consideration, and;

WHEREAS, on June 2, 2022 the Assembly referred Bill No. 4115 to the Assembly Health Committee for consideration, and;

WHEREAS, the Trust for America's Health recognizes that public health has been chronically underfunded¹, and;

WHEREAS, emergency funding is not sufficient to address system weaknesses created by chronic underfunding, and;

WHEREAS, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation reports that 71% of the public supports increased funding to public health², and;

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association states that every 10% increase in funding for public health programs has the potential to reduce deaths due to largely preventable causes by up to 7%³, and;

WHEREAS, it is estimated by America’s Health Rankings that there is a savings of \$5.60 for every \$1 invested in public health⁴, and;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of local public health departments in New Jersey are funded almost entirely by local funds, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Verona Board of Health, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, fully supports the proposed legislation and urges the legislature to pass the bills promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage by the New Jersey State Legislature that the Verona Board of Health urges the Governor to sign the bill into law promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the State Legislators representing the Town of Verona, the Speaker of the New Jersey General Assembly, the President of the New Jersey State Senate, the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee, the Assembly Health Committee, and the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health.

¹ The Trust for America’s Health Report www.tfah.org/report-details/funding-report-2022/

² Robert Wood Johnson Poll www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/2021/05/poll-public-supports-substantial-increase-in-spending-on-us-public-health-programs.html

³ American Public Health Association funding analysis www.apha.org/-/media/files/pdf/topics/aca/apha_prevfundbrief_june2012.ashx

⁴ America’s Health Rankings www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/annual/measure/PH_funding/state/ALL

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, Tamburro, McEvoy, McGrath, Roman

NAYS:

Public Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

A motion is made by Councilman Tamburro; seconded by Councilman McEvoy to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 pm. Vote: 5 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Kiernan, Board Secretary (Pro-Tempore)



Alex Roman, Board President

APPROVED: December 4, 2023