

Board of Health Minutes Remote Special Meeting December 16, 2021

THE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE OR MODIFICATION AT THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING.

FLAG SALUTE Led by Chairman Dave Hansen at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL Board of Health Members – **Present:** Timothy Berkheiser, Terry Cassidy, Chairman Dave Hansen, Ed Hayes, Sue Rude, Nancie Walker. **Absent:** Barbara Horan

Also Present: Diana Juarez, Board of Health Secretary

STATEMENT: Chairman D. Hansen stated that this remote special meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of P.L. 1975, Ch. 231, 4 & 13 of the Sunshine Law, both adequate and electronic notice of the meeting was published in the New Jersey Herald on December 12, 2021, as to the time, date, and format and is posted in the usual location of posted notices in the Municipal Building and on the Hampton Township Website. This Special Meeting is being held to approve the BARKS Animal Shelter License contingent upon Satisfactory inspection from The Sussex County Health Department.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the application for animal shelter license from BARKS.

Chairman D. Hansen stated all members received a copy of the Resolution from Hampton Township Board of Adjustment that was memorialized on October 7, 2021. Chairman D. Hansen stated the Byram Animal Rescue Kindness Squad, known as BARKS, applied for a use variance relief for the unit in Hampton Mall, 27 Hampton House Road. The unit will be located between Firestone Tire and US Wine Traders. The building is about 750 sq ft. and includes 29 enclosed cages, 24 for cats and the remainder for dogs less than 40lbs. There will be 5 enclosed cages behind a separation wall for quarantining new animal until they are checked by a vet. Chairman D. Hansen stated BARKS also testified in the Resolution from Hampton Township Board of Adjustment that they have a 7x7 ft. shed in the back of the building with a fence around for security. The shed will be used for housing of transportation crates. Chairman D. Hansen summarized from the Resolution that BARKS is placing security cameras behind the building that will be recording in case of vandalism. Chairman D. Hansen stated the BARKS testimony in the Resolution suggested 90% of animals are adopted through Pet Smart. The physical BARKS building is not open to public and if the public wanted to come in privately, it is done by appointment only. Employees for BARKS are based on volunteerism. Chairman D. Hansen stated the Board of Health has to approve a license for the BARKS Animal shelter so they can

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obtain annual health inspection by the Sussex County Health Department. The Sussex County Health Department did inspect BARKS today at 11:00 A.M. and everything was in order. We do not need to make an approval upon contingency of inspection.

N. Walker asked where the dogs would be walked. Chairman D. Hansen indicated they would be walked in the grass at the edge of parking lot and the fenced in enclosure outside would be used as an exercise area.

A MOTION was made by S. Rude and seconded by N. Walker, with all members in favor, to approve the BARKS Animal Shelter License contingent upon animals being adopted through Pet Smart and if done privately, by appointment only.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION was made by N. Walker and seconded by S. Rude, with all members in favor, to adjourn the meetings at 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diana Juarez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diana Juarez
Board of Health Secretary