

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2020
5:00pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Lisa DeRosa at 5:00 p.m.

BOH Zoom Information – Thursday, November 12th at 5pm

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STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE: *Read by Lisa DeRosa*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by including same in the Annual Notice, copies of which were posted on the official bulletin board on the main floor of Borough Hall, emailed to the Daily Record, the Star-Ledger, the Chatham Courier, the Chatham Patch, and TAPinto Chatham and was filed with the Borough Clerk, all on January 08, 2020.

Pursuant to the requirements of R.S. 10:4-10, adequate notice of the *change in time* of tonight's virtual meeting was provided to the press on November 10, 2020, a copy of which was posted on the Borough website, including the front and side entrance of Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa DeRosa, R.N. PRESENT

Kay Kaiser, R.N. PRESENT

Micki Chaput, R.N. PRESENT

Andrew Zoltan PRESENT

Lara Freidenfelds PRESENT

Shelliam Lee, 1st Alternate PRESENT

Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse PRESENT

Megan Avallone, Health Officer, Westfield Regional Department of Health PRESENT

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT:

Hearing of citizens during the Public Comment section of the Agenda is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues which are/are not topics scheduled for Public Hearing tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to a reasonable length of time.

MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES

MOTION to approve, as prepared, the following meeting minutes: *Minutes approved.*

September 10, 2020

Approved minutes shall be filed as a permanent record in the Borough Clerk's office.

REPORTS

1. Nursing Report
2. R.E.H.S. Report
3. Financial Reports
4. Vital Statistics Report
5. Animal Control Report
6. Pest Control Report
7. Health Officer Monthly Update

All Reports reviewed by the Board.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

COVID-19 safety measures, winter months, and need for effective messaging to our residents.

- Discussion covered the club model sports and the problem of COVID spreading through the clubs. Positivity rate is growing in the age group as it is high risk.

- Health Officer Megan Avallone commented on the fact that all Boards are having issues trying to get the message out to follow guidelines. She said Chatham is at an advantage because the homes are likely to have enough rooms to quarantine separately. She added that most people also have the advantage of using sick time if they aren't feeling well. The Department of Health has provided a grant to the Westfield Health Department that will allow hiring a Vulnerable Population Coordinator for those communities most at risk.
- Lisa spoke about the Helping Hands of Chatham, and the Chatham Community Food Distribution that assists those in the community who need social services. There is also Chatham Cares about Schools group she has joined on Facebook. She said there are things we can do to engage other elements of the community.
- Lara suggested parents check extra with those children in club sports and communicate with the coaches and organizations.
- Lisa suggested a TapInto editorial based on our discussion tonight. Board Secretary Melanie Politi suggested an email newsletter through Constant Contact.
- Bob Weber suggested doing as much dissemination of information in as many ways possible to get the message out.
- A dashboard was suggested to show the community where infections are thriving in all of the schools and throughout the Borough.
- Megan asked what they would like to see in a dashboard; she also said we don't know where people are really getting it unless they are at an event where it became a super spread. She read down the list for the week.
- Andrew suggested how we could break our announcements down into more of a table.
- Lisa suggested Borough Administrator Steve Williams partner with the Township on sharing COVID information. He added that our COVID Ambassadors are handing out information along with a mask to residents around town.
- Melanie said she will add the information shared this week directly on our website homepage.
- Bob said we should just put out what events in the community are creating the uptick in the numbers, whether it's club sports, a party, or something at school.
- Lara suggested a mask fashion show at the schools. Lisa explained that the fashion shows are professionally produced; Andrew said they make their own clothes for the fashion show. Masks with Teams, College Commitments, and the possibility of having that available for students was suggested.
- Kay asked about triple ply masks going into the fall and winter as better protection.

Lisa concluded the meeting adding the possibility of working with the Township on sharing information.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJORNMENT: Kay Kaiser moved for adjournment.