

**CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 9, 2023
7pm**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: *The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.*

STATEMENT REGARDING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING: *President Kay Kaiser read the statement.*

In compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing a copy of the Reorganization and Regular Meeting notice in the Chatham Courier, the Daily Record, and the Alternative Press on January 11, 2023, a copy of which was posted on the official bulletin board on the main floor of Borough Hall and was filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Kay Kaiser, R.N. **PRESENT**
Andrew Zoltan **ABSENT**
Lara Freidenfelds **PRESENT**
Shelliam Lee **PRESENT** – (7:20pm)
Robert Weber **PRESENT**
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. **PRESENT**
1st Alternate Dr. Susan Scherer **PRESENT**
2nd Alternate Bob Penn **PRESENT**
Council Liaison Irene Treloar **PRESENT**
Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse **PRESENT**
Megan Avallone, Health Officer, Westfield Regional Department of Health **PRESENT**
Beau Preston, R.E.H.S., Westfield Regional Department of Health **PRESENT**

PUBLIC COMMENT: *President Kay Kaiser read the notice; there were no members of the public present.*

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:

January 12, 2023

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

Bob Weber motioned to approve the minutes as presented; Lisa DeRosa seconded the motion.

REPORTS:

- **Nursing Report:**
 - a. Public Health Nurse Bridget Colendenski reviewed the report, including the completed and upcoming vaccine clinics for the under-insured.
 - b. School audits were performed.
 - c. There was a covid outbreak at the Sprout House back in January.
 - d. Kay Kaiser asked about the Take Control of Your Health Series at the Library April 11. There is a preregistration. Lisa DeRosa added some options for getting more interest based on discussion at the MACC meeting.
- **R.E.H.S. Report:**
 - a. Beau Preston reviewed his report. He received a few complaints, including a no heat complaint that was found to be unfounded. There was one reinspection of a chicken restaurant which passed.
 - b. There was a noise complaint at a music school; he requested the complainant to let him know a time when he should investigate. It is difficult to verify a noise complaint because the conditions cannot be too cold, windy, or rainy. The fact that it is on Main Street must be taken into consideration as well.
 - c. He performed additional inspections, including a restaurant with excessive mouse droppings. They also had sanitizing issues without following proper cooling procedures. He shut them down for the day; he reopened them on the same date with a conditional rating. He returned a few times; it's better but not what it should be. If they get one more conditional rating, they will receive a summons.
 - d. He also reinspected another restaurant that has continually performed below standards. He has reviewed the procedures many times with staff; he does feel that the staff there is helpful and will correct some of the problems.
 - e. There is a new restaurant opening that will have toast and smoothies, but they will not have a full kitchen. There is another new restaurant coming to Main Street that will have bagels, donuts, and pizza.
- **Animal Control Report:**
 - a. Just a few incidents in January, including an injured bird. There were no issues in February.
- **Health Officer Monthly Update:** Megan Avallone reviewed the report.
 - a. There is a new flyer to circulate from the Health Department about dog waste and the importance of leashing & licensing your dogs.
 - b. There is a new position in Westfield for a spanish speaking translator to help communicate in restaurants and during clinics that will be paid for by some grant funding.
 - c. May 11 is the official federal end of the covid pandemic has ended; insurance coverage of testing, free vaccines/testing will end also. They are providing free vaccinations for

any uninsured adults and children.

- d. Megan shared the yearly recap for the activities performed by the Westfield Health Department in 2022.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- Bob Weber discussed the Borough Water Report location on the website; the website has been updated with the Lead Service Line Identification and Replacement Program from the DEP.
- Mental health resources in Borough schools were discussed, as well as the lawsuit which was filed by the School District of the Chathams against social media companies for damaging student's health.
- Pet licensing found Dogs 385 – Cats 43; Kay added that she spoke with Cheri in the Utilities Department, and she said it is going very slowly.
- Kay attended an exercise with the Community Emergency Council; the next one will be what preparations will be required during a tornado.
- The new editor for the Courier was interested in doing a short information series on the Board of Health. They will further discuss at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: *None*

ADJOURNMENT: *The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.*