

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2023
7pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: *The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.*

STATEMENT REGARDING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING: *Board 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 **PRESENT**
Lara Freidenfelds **PRESENT**
Shelliam Lee **PRESENT**
Robert Weber **PRESENT**
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. **ABSENT**
1st Alternate Dr. Susan Scherer **PRESENT**
2nd Alternate Bob Penn **PRESENT**
Council Liaison Irene Treloar **PRESENT**
Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse **ABSENT**
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:

September 14, 2023

Bob Weber motioned to move the minutes; Bob Penn seconded the motion.

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

REPORTS:

Nursing Report: *Megan Avallone read the Nursing Report in Bridget Colendenski's absence.*

- COVID vaccines have now been privatized and pharmacies are receiving in dribs and drabs. Westfield has put \$30,000 aside for vaccines for children 3 and under which resulted in 250 doses: they have only received 30 so far.
- They have started clinics for the underinsured and uninsured. They have also been providing vaccines to high-risk pediatric patients 3 and under that are known to the Nursing team.
- They are doing home visits, but in limited supply. They have applied and been approved for state funded vaccines. They have not yet been told how many, what brand, or when they will arrive.

R.E.H.S. Report: *Beau Preston reviewed the REHS report for September.*

- There were several conditional ratings in September: Mexican Spice, Arminio's, El Ranchero, and Chianti. Many of the restaurants are having the same issues: food at incorrect temperatures, sinks being blocked, improper handwashing, and rodents. Beau has provided them with educational materials to correct their processes.
- Reinspection's have been performed and/or scheduled for each establishment.
- Education of the food handlers and potential next steps are discussed.
- The Shop will be asked to attend a hearing at the next Board meeting; Beau said the inspection he completed this week was better than previous inspections, but they should still be asked to come in.

Animal Control Report:

- Megan Avallone commented on the service options received from the provider; it is actually the only provider currently in our area.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

Rabies Clinics:

- The Rabies clinic will be held on November 12th 9am – 10am with the same Veterinarian; Shell Lee will be there to open the firehouse.
- Two members of the Westfield team will be there to assist.
- There is a call for Board Members to volunteer.

Discussion: NJ Cares policy/Narcan availability for residents. If a resident needs to access NJ Cares they should go on their website <https://www.njoag.gov/programs/nj-cares/>.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:50pm