

**CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2020  
4:30pm**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

The meeting will be called to order via Zoom at 4:30pm.

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**STATEMENT REGARDING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING**

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 8, 2021 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.

\*Notice of the time change for tonight's meeting was provided to the press on March 8, 2021.

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**ROLL CALL**

Micki Chaput **PRESENT**

Lisa DeRosa, R.N. **PRESENT**

Kay Kaiser, R.N. **PRESENT**

Shelliam Lee **ABSENT**

Andrew Zoltan **ABSENT**

Lara Friedenfelds **PRESENT**

Robert Weber **PRESENT**

Council Liaison Leonard Resto **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**

**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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *No members of the public present.*

**MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES**

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

February 11, 2021

*Micki Chaput moved to approve the minutes. Bob Weber seconded the motion with the suggestion to indicate in the February 11 minutes there was no one from the public to comment at the meeting.*

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

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**REPORTS**

1. Nursing Report- Bridget Colendenski

- Bridget has been working with the schools, daycares, and the public regarding exposures and continues to work closely with all the school nurses.
- Westfield Health Department has been fielding questions about testing and where to sign up for vaccines.
- They have received many questions about children and exposure. Micki Chaput asked about homebound residents and if they have received requests for vaccinations; Bridget said they have a spreadsheet with names of each requestor.
- Kay said she has six names of Borough residents she will send over to Bridget; Bob Weber asked if there were Borough residents reaching out for help and Bridget replied yes.

2. R.E.H.S. Report *None*

3. Financial Reports

There was a \$916.00 expenditure that was not explained: Kay stated she will reach out to the CFO regarding that line item.

4. Vital Statistics Report *No questions.*

5. Animal Control Report *No calls for Animal Control.*

6. Pest Control Report *None*

7. **Health Officer's Report**

- The state currently has the second highest infection rate in the country.
- There is currently not enough vaccine available for distribution; Megan provided a Twitter account for vaccine availability notifications which may be helpful.
- The new pattern of infections at the local level has been highest through team sports, opposing teams infecting the other. This has resulted in large groups of children under quarantine.
- Lara added that maybe the Board could let the public know there are risks associated with these activities, maybe a letter to the editor from another Board member.
- There are new strains of the virus which are of concern: Kay added this is something we can present to the public regarding compliance and being cautious.
- Lisa added maybe a 3minute video coming from the Health Officer.
- Micki Chaput commented that parents are very much aware of the risks and are making a personal choice regarding team sports. She also noticed a letter from the principal in a local school where there was an outbreak related to a team celebration.
- Lara suggested maybe now that Grandparents are vaccinated maybe people are feeling more confident in taking risks.
- Len read a proclamation at the Council Meeting about Poison Control Week: Kay added we should suggest people add the contact to their cell phone. Melanie Politi said she would edit the communication in previous website and social media posts to add this additional information.
- Megan switched to a non-covid topic and informed the Board that Union County has a community acquired Legionnaires' outbreak; there have been 15 cases and 1 fatality although they have been unable to identify the source.
- There has also been a new Ebola outbreak in Guinea and the Republic of Congo; outbreaks have spread so rapidly that they have gone back to Ebola monitoring travelers from Newark and JFK who have visited these regions.

**DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

Kay asked Beau about discussion items re: pools, farmers market and Fishawack (currently not scheduled)

- No decision has been made by the Borough yet regarding the pools. Beau has just started to receive applications for the farmer's market which will be held on Saturdays.
- Fishawack will not occur in June but may be rescheduled for September, according to Len Resto.
- Bob Weber asked about the renewals and the status of delinquent restaurant's yearly applications; Beau said everyone is now up to date.
- Kay suggested perhaps placing a seal or placard in the windows that says they are doing what is required during covid to reassure the community.

- Lara is concerned about providing reassurances by the Board of Health that is not warranted since eating indoors with friends increases the risk of spread. She suggested that reassurances should perhaps come from the Economic Advisory Committee.
- Beau added that if they have a Satisfactory placard from the Health Department that already shows they are compliant with current standards.
- Lisa suggested several members of the Board could visit local eateries in the fall and say thank you for providing essential services.
- Megan added the Governor put out a press release regarding COVID-19 Heroes essential workers (minus public health) and added that maybe we can put something out thanking the food workers and all essential workers who risked their health to do their jobs.
- Kay asked the Board to think of some Goals for the coming year and we can review at the next meeting.
- Kay had discussed with Janice Piccolo (Community Services) permanent signage boards for the town to send out messages. They will propose to the council their request.
- Lara asked if there was something that would be charming and fit in with the town's décor.
- Lisa suggested maybe joining with the Township for a common message board with "the Chathams."
- Bob added there is a lot that is not in common and may create confusion.
- Lisa replied this is just a thought to join the towns in common communication.
- Kay asked if there were any new issues for discussion.
- Lisa said the marijuana legislation; the town has to decide if they are going to prepare any new ordinances.
- Bob Weber added he is unaware of any new discussion since the law passed; the topic will probably end up on the goals and objectives list and the question remains how much the Board will be involved. Will the Board wait for the Council or will they involve themselves in this instance.
- Meeting times will remain at 4:30pm if all members are available at this time.

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**OLD BUSINESS: None**

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**ADJOURNMENT: *Lisa DeRosa motioned to adjourn. Bob Weber seconded the motion at 5:50pm.***