

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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

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 February 8, 2021.

ROLL CALL

Micki Chaput *PRESENT*

Lisa DeRosa, R.N. *PRESENT*

Kay Kaiser, R.N. *PRESENT*

Shelliam Lee *PRESENT*

Andrew Zoltan *PRESENT*

Lara Friedenfelds *PRESENT – JOINED AT 5PM*

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*

Melanie Politi, BOH Secretary *PRESENT*

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

Robert Weber was administered the oath by Melanie Politi, Board Secretary.

RESOLUTION #21-03 CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, at its 2021 Reorganization Meeting, the Chatham Borough Board of Health did hold an election for officers; and

WHEREAS, the elected members agreed to accept and hold such offices.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Chatham Borough Board of Health, that as the result of the elections, the following offices will be held by the indicated members for the year 2021 and until

replaced by a subsequent election:

President: KAY KAISER

Vice President: ROBERT WEBER

Resolution 21-03 was read by Lisa DeRosa who moved to adopt; the motion was seconded by Len Resto.

**RESOLUTION 21-04 OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF CHATHAM
IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPOINTING COUNSEL FOR THE
BOARD FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Health of the Borough of Chatham, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, as follows:

1. Matthew J. Giacobbe, Esq. of Cleary, Giacobbe, Afieri, Jacobs LLC is hereby appointed to serve as the attorney for the Board of Health during the calendar year 2021.
2. The total compensation for service shall be included within the Borough Contract. The abovementioned appointment is made without competitive bidding as professional services under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a) (I), and notice thereof shall be published as required by law.

Council Liaison Len Resto read Resolution 21-04 and moved to adopt; Board President, Kay Kaiser seconded.

Certified copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Board of Health to the Board Attorney and to the Borough Treasurer.

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:

January 14, 2020

Len Resto Motioned to approve the minutes; Kay Kaiser seconded the motion.
Approved minutes shall be filed as a permanent record in the Borough Clerk's office.

REPORTS

1. Nursing Report: Public Health Nurse Bridget Colendenski, RN *Discussion on church attendance, upcoming holiday visits to churches and protocols for contact tracing. Bridget has been speaking to the schools and school nurses daily along with Megan.*
2. R.E.H.S. Report: *Beau Preston, REHS said a restaurant with previous issue had rectified and is now in compliance. There was a noise complaint regarding a dumpster behind a store which he was able to confirm and discussed with store personnel the issue. He had nothing further to report.*
3. Financial Reports - *reviewed*
4. Vital Statistics Report – *reviewed*
5. Animal Control Report – *Animal bite on dog owner was reviewed and discussed.*
6. Pest Control Report - *none*
7. Health Officer Monthly Update: *Health Officer, Megan Avallone read her report.*
 - Chatham CVS will be administering vaccines; 19,000 vaccines have been shipped to CVS throughout the state.
 - The state is no longer considered in the high range, however Morris County is still in that category.
 - Bad weather may be keeping people from getting tested recently but there was a significant increase in December and January, approximately 70%.
 - Half of those interviewed do not know how they contracted it.
 - When the vaccine is more readily available, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be easier to administer to homebound residents as the temperature during transport will be easier to maintain.
 - A Zoom call in conjunction with the Library was introduced, also including the Township's Health Officer Michael Fitzpatrick in the vaccine information discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Coronavirus update: *Increase in CB resident infection; middle age group had highest number of infections. Options were discussed for effective messaging to this group.*
2. Flu activity update: *Lower flu infection most likely due to coronavirus precautions being implemented*

3. Vaccine Information: *Assisting Seniors in their registration process and working with the Senior Center to help register if needed. Accessibility will increase as vaccine availability occurs.*
4. Dog & Cat License Renewals, and Yearly Health Department License Renewals: *New online renewals and fee ordinance which just passed with the council were reviewed. New payments are available online as well. Bob Weber presented a summary (attached) of the history and timeline for previous dog and cat licensing fees and ordinance changes.*
5. BOH Goals & Objectives for 2021: *will revisit next meeting.*

OLD BUSINESS: *None*

ADJOURNMENT: *5:45pm*