

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

Thursday, January 13, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

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 3, 2022 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.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84722334735>

ROLL CALL

Kay Kaiser, R.N. *Present*
Andrew Zoltan *Present*
Lara Freidenfelds *Present*
Shelliam Lee, 1st Alternate *Present*
Robert Weber *Present*
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. *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*
Council Liaison Len Resto *Present*

***READING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL - RESOLUTION 22-05
RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING AND AMENDING A BOARD OF HEALTH
MEMBER'S TERM (Robert Weber)***

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE:

Kay Kaiser read the Oath to Robert Weber.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

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.

**Dr. Susan Scherer joined the meeting as an observer and prospective member.*

MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES

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

December 9, 2021

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

Lisa DeRosa moved to approve the minutes; Lara Freidenfelds seconded the motion.

**RESOLUTION 22-01 CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR
2022.**

Lisa DeRosa motioned to approve, Bob Weber seconded the motion, and reminded Ms. Politi to notify the press of the time changes when necessary.

RESOLUTION	YES	NO	SECOND	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kay Kaiser	X				
Robert Weber	X				
Lisa DeRosa	X				
Len Resto	X				
Lara Freidenfelds	X				
Shell Lee	X				
Andrew Zoltan	X				

**RESOLUTION 22-02 CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH ELECTION OF
OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2022.**

Len Resto nominated Kay Kaiser for President; Lisa DeRosa seconded the motion.

Lisa nominated Bob Weber; Len seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION 22-02 ROLL CALL

MEMBER	YES	NO	SECOND	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kay Kaiser	X				
Robert Weber	X				
Lisa DeRosa	X				
Lara Freidenfelds	X				
Shell Lee	X				
Len Resto	X				
Andrew Zoltan	X				

RESOLUTION 22-03 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 2022.

Len Resto motioned to approve. Lisa DeRosa seconded the motion.

Andrew Zoltan opposed the vote, based upon recent interaction with the firm. He reviewed the firm’s website and saw that they have a cannabis practice; he asked whether this is the right firm to represent the Board of Health. Lisa suggested asking the Attorney, Steve Kleinman to attend the next meeting. The discussion concluded with a delayed vote for this resolution until the next meeting. Lisa added that Kay, Andrew, and Bob should meet with Steve Williams prior to the next meeting to discuss.

The vote was unanimous to table the Resolution #22-03. The vote was vacated; the resolution was tabled until next month.

Lisa motioned to Table the resolution; Bob Weber seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION 22-04 OF THE CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH DESIGNATING OFFICAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES FOR THE YEAR 2022.

Len Resto motioned to approve Resolution 22-04. Lisa DeRosa seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION 22-04 ROLL CALL

MEMBER	YES	NO	SECOND	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kay Kaiser	X				
Robert Weber	X				
Lisa DeRosa	X				
Lara Freidenfelds	X				
Shell Lee	X				
Len Resto					
Andrew Zoltan	X				

REPORTS

1. Nursing Report

Megan Avallone reported on the following items:

- December was all about positive covid cases; the numbers had been increasing rapidly. She deferred to the Board for any additional questions about the current statistics.
- Atlantic Health reported cases are leveling off and we should expect a rapid decline after this weekend.

- Reported cases are very inaccurate. Providers have been so overwhelmed they also have not been reporting directly into the system, paired with the non-reporting pop-up clinics and at home testing, the numbers are likely much higher than the 20,000 reported yesterday.
- Kay asked about the flu season; Megan answered there is also high activity for flu cases.

2. R.E.H.S. Report

- Beau performed a pre-operational inspection on a new pizza and sandwich shop in town. He closed out the recent poison ivy report due to the winter months.
- Lisa asked if the restaurants are looking to him for guidance on masking; he said he tells them to just follow state guidance. Some are frustrated and some are just tired but they are all trying to do what they can.

3. Animal Control Report

- Licensing has begun for the year; the board would like statistics of renewal for the next meeting.
- Len mentioned small bags of dog excrement are left all over and residents not taking care of the bags.
- Kay said she will make a few calls to DPW to see what can be done.

4. Health Officer Monthly Update

- Westfield will be organizing additional vaccination clinics. In Chatham, residents have a reported 58% booster rate. Cases are beginning to plateau in the Borough; 208 have been reported this month in total.
- Lara added that she and some parents would be hesitant to give their teens the booster so close to when they have had the infection. Megan said they should contact their pediatrician for individual guidance.
- Lisa asked Dr. Scherer about her thoughts on antibody testing for children. She said she feels it is safe to take the booster ten days after the infection.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- COVID
- Review of 2021 Goals & Objectives
 - a) Kay and Megan discussed the possibility of moving to meeting every other month. Kay would like to continue with the Board's monthly meetings even in the absence of Westfield HD. Chatham is the only town that Westfield serves that meets monthly. Most towns meet every other month or quarterly; in the absence of a meeting, they take on projects and break into smaller working groups. Each group is less than three members, and during the actual meeting dates they update the entire group on their progress. Kay suggested the group would like the group to discuss in detail next month;
 - b) Kay reviewed some of the objectives the Board had made for 2021 and their outcomes, including their successful work with the Environmental Commission.

Lara stated she was concerned about fumes at the Body Shop on North Passaic Avenue; she had a conversation with Dr. Neil Collins about the smell. She said the fumes sometimes give her headaches on her walks. Megan and Lisa explained the history of the investigation from the DEP and Morris County CEHA, the hazmat division who each investigated over the years. Lara feels the smell is strong and that it is unfortunate; Lisa suggested Lara ask Administrator, Steve Williams for the report. Megan said this was a very high-level investigation over time to determine whether or not the fumes were harmful. The investigation found all emissions to be within the acceptable State guidelines (wording is weird, not sure if this is true to what was said, but an idea to rephrase nonetheless!)

- Rabies Clinic: due to lack of attendance the clinics were not held in 2019 - 2021. Kay added the wellness van had been successful several years ago. Discussion on the possibility of a November 2022 clinic is discussed, including the wellness van.

ADJOURNMENT 5:59pm
