

**CHATHAM BOROUGH  
BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, March 10, 2022**

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

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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 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. Notice of the time change for this meeting was provided to the press on March 7, 2022.

**ROLL CALL**

President Kay Kaiser, R.N. **PRESENT**  
Vice President Robert Weber **PRESENT**  
Andrew Zoltan **ABSENT**  
Lara Freidenfelds **PRESENT**  
Shelliam Lee **PRESENT**  
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. **PRESENT**  
Dr. Susan Scherer, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate **PRESENT**  
Council Liaison Len 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**

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**READING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL RESOLUTION 22-127  
RESOLUTION APPOINTING AND AMENDING A BOARD OF HEALTH  
MEMBER'S TERM *Shelliam Lee, Dr. Susan Scherer***

*President Kay Kaiser administered the oath of office to Shelliam Lee (regular member) and Susan Scherer (1<sup>st</sup> alternate)*

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT:** *Melanie Politi read the notice of public comment time limit.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *NONE*

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**MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES:**

*Lisa DeRosa motioned to approve the February minutes, Lara Freidenfelds seconded the motion. All members in favor of adoption..*

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 read the public nursing report.
    - The Chatham school audits were performed. Some paperwork was missing, the schools were then deemed compliant after the parents provided the information.
    - Bob Weber asked if most instances are paperwork related, or parents not vaccinating. She confirmed most are vaccinated and just missing paperwork.
    - Lisa DeRosa asked if there was more of an uptick of religious exemptions, she said not more than usual.
    - Kay asked if there were any covid vaccination clinics scheduled; Megan added there were some in their other towns, 56% of children 5-11 are fully vaccinated, and 66% of people who are eligible for booster have received.
  2. R.E.H.S. Report: Beau Preston reviewed the REHS report.
    - Beau performed a preoperational inspection and some preapprovals for temporary food vendors for a breakfast at one of the schools.
    - He returned to a local restaurant for a re-inspection; he will continue to follow up for compliance.
    - He responded to a complaint in See Click Fix on dog droppings at an apartment complex.
    - He reviewed a garbage complaint in the post office plaza lot; they were told to clean it up and they complied.
  3. Health Officer Monthly Update: Megan Avallone reviewed the health officer report.
    - We just reached the two-year milestone of the first case of covid-19 in NJ. Westfield had 20,718 cases reported. They have administered 3,287 vaccinations through the end of February. For Chatham Borough 1,626 covid cases throughout the last 24 months. The new map shows moderate levels of infection from the height of omicron. The kids will be taking off their masks in school, per the Governor's orders. They will be focusing on home visits and office visits.
    - Dr. Scherer added that a tight fitting mask is sufficient for kids as opposed to the cloth masks; Megan added that the pediatric surgical masks are good.
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4. Financial Reports

5. Vital Statistics Report

6. Animal Control Report

7. Pest Control Report

**DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

- Dog and Cat Licensing:
  - Bob Weber read the updated statistics.
  - Last month there were dogs licensed 289 & 33 cats licensed.
  - This month after the licensing reminder was sent, we ended with 348 dogs and 36 cats.
  - Lisa said the Mayor's message should include more information about licensing.
- Bob sent a potential poster out and the Board agreed this is good messaging. Lara suggested adding a QR Code.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:15pm.** *Lisa motioned to adjourn; Len seconded the motion.*