

**CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA - *VIRTUAL*  
April 14, 2022  
5:00PM**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

*The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 5:00pm.*

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**STATEMENT REGARDING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING:**

*Kay Kaiser read the Statement of Adequate Notice.*

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 tonight's meeting was provided to the press on April 11, 2022.

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**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

Shelliam Lee **PRESENT**

Andrew Zoltan **PRESENT**

Lara Freidenfelds **ABSENT**

Robert Weber **PRESENT**

Council Liaison Leonard Resto **PRESENT**

*Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse* **ABSENT**

*Megan Avallone, Health Officer, Westfield Regional Department of Health* **ABSENT**

*Helen Mendes, Senior REHS* **PRESENT**

*Beau Preston, R.E.H.S., Westfield Regional Department of Health* **PRESENT**

Melanie Politi, BOH Secretary

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT:**

*Read by Kay Kaiser.*

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:** *Two attendees; Katherine Abbott said she was here to observe. The other attendee chose not to speak they were asked several times and chose to just listen. “No one in attendance wished to speak.”*

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## **MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES**

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

March 10, 2022

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

**Bob Weber moved to approve; Len Resto seconded the motion.**

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## **REPORTS:**

1. Nursing Report: Helen Mendez read the Nursing Report.
  - Kay said she is glad to see the compliance is up for the school vaccinations.
  - Discussion on school compliance continued
2. R.E.H.S. Report: Beau Preston read his report on the following:
  - He performed a successful reinspection at Bean Curd, which is a lot better.
  - Had a few walk-ins regarding a milk recall at the elementary school. He went to the school as well, just to be sure.
  - He inspected a food truck at the Chatham Middle School and reported they were all in compliance.
  - There was a dog complaint, but the person who has the dogs is no longer in the Borough and has moved.
  - A garbage/property maintenance issue he investigated, as well as a heat complaint which was also handled and rectified.

Len Resto added so many dog waste bags that are left around town; Kiwanis had a cleanup a few weeks ago and collected 18 bags of trash.

Kay asked if there are more receptacles needed for trash/dog waste. Len replied there are trash disposal containers and had suggested adding one on Red Road because there is nothing there now.
3. Vital Statistics Report *No comments*
4. Animal Control Report – *No incidents*
5. Health Officer Monthly Update: *Helen read the monthly report:*
  - Our region is in moderate COVID activity. There were 33 cases in March in the Borough; we continue to watch the BA2 variant which accounts for most cases.

- RT is 1.13, with immunizations averaging 15,000 a day. 79.7% of all NJ residents are vaccinated; 71 vaccinations were administered by the Health Department in the month of March.
- The State showed a daily average of 1,332 last week.
- Kay asked if anyone had any additional questions.

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***President Kay Kaiser again asked if any member of the public had any questions or would like to speak; no one had anything to add.***

**DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

1. Rabies/Animal Licensing:
  - a) Vice president Bob Weber discussed the poster he prepared. Animal Licensing continues to make progress; in March 391 dogs and 37 cats were licensed.
  - b) He added the QR code Melanie Politi provided to the poster, tied in Morris County rabies information, and added that cats are one of the primary spreaders of rabies. Once Megan approves, he will print and share to members to disperse.
  - c) In 2016 there were 513 dogs licensed, we are hoping to continue to increase the number of licensed animals especially with the covid obtained dogs.
  - d) He added that final licensing warning notices should be issued soon; after that the summons part of the equation would be imminent.
  - e) Lisa said the community electric signage board would be key with this information.
2. Kay asked if the Board had reviewed the information she shared regarding the restaurants and businesses adding air filtration that diminishes covid in the air. She again asked if there are any comments from the public. There were none.

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**OLD BUSINESS: none**

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**ADJOURNMENT: 5:40pm Lisa moved to adjourn the meeting. Len seconded the motion.**