

**CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2022
In person 7pm**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: *President Kay Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7pm*

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.

Kay Kaiser read the adequate notice of meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Kay Kaiser, R.N. *Present*
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. *Present*
Robert Weber *Present*
Shelliam Lee *Present via phone*
Andrew Zoltan *Present*
Lara Freidenfelds *Present*
Council Liaison Leonard Resto *Present*
Dr. Susan Scherer *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*
Melanie Politi, BOH Secretary

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.

Kay Kaiser read the public comment time limit.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES:

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

April 14, 2022

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

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

REPORTS:

1. Nursing Report –
 - a. Megan spoke about the upcoming Clinics and Len asked about the fourth shot and appropriate timing.
 - b. Vaccine home visits continue; Westfield Health Department will update on the actual number of visits when we meet next month.
 - c. Westfield continues to schedule child health clinics, information on dates and times on their website.
2. R.E.H.S. Report -
 - a. April had one conditional inspection report at a local restaurant.
 - b. The manager was reminded to repair their handwashing sink; they did not seem aware of how to wash equipment in the three-bay sink, and a significant pest problem.
 - c. Beau went back for reinspection, and it looks much better.
 - d. He received a noise complaint for an air conditioner unit, he will return for noise measurements.
3. Animal Control Report – None
 - a. Bob Weber discussed animal licensing and was concerned residents are not licensing their pets.
 - b. Lisa pointed out an unlicensed German Shepherd – animal control indicated that the owner should receive a letter. He would like to move to the next stage for final warnings prior to issuing summonses.
4. Health Officer Monthly Update -
 - a. There has been an uptick in cases and transmission levels are in high activity, including in the Borough. There have been outbreaks in all the schools and daycare centers, and the Department is suggesting people test even if they think it's allergies. Mask up if you are exposed.
 - b. The State is looking for another universal mask policy and masks are encouraged, especially when social distancing is difficult.
 - c. The parents are frustrated due to younger children unable to vaccinate need to quarantine.

- d. Lara asked how the borough is communicating to residents how they can obtain free covid tests. Megan added that free tests were in limited supply and that supply has since been exhausted. They are hoping covid funding will assist with obtaining test kits when it is dispersed; they did receive a small, limited supply of test kits to provide to childcare centers for teachers and caregivers.
 - e. Westfield may not be approved for another shipment, as they are still expecting a fall resurgence and may find
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DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- Posters – Bob Weber has printed posters ready for distribution to local businesses and veterinarian offices. Discussion on an appropriate location to post; Kay suggested providing something to the school nurses on the importance of rabies and children approaching stray cats as we approach summer.
 - Board Attorney Steve Kleinman offered a brief discussion regarding a local business and odor emission complaint from some neighbors; the residents/business owners have been referred to the DEP.
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OLD BUSINESS: *none*

ADJOURNMENT: *8:00pm.*