

**CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 9, 2022  
7pm Virtual**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** *President Kay Kaiser called the meeting to order.*

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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.

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**ROLL CALL:**

Kay Kaiser, R.N. **PRESENT**  
Robert Weber **PRESENT**  
Shelliam Lee **ABSENT**  
Andrew Zoltan **PRESENT**  
Lara Freidenfelds **PRESENT**  
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. **ABSENT**  
Dr. Susan Scherer **ABSENT**  
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**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** *None.*

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT TIME LIMIT:** *President Kay Kaiser read the Notice.*

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.

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**MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES**

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

May 12, 2022

***Lara motioned to approve the minutes. Bob Weber seconded the motion.***

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

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## **REPORTS:**

- Nursing Report: *Bridget reviewed the Nursing Report including recommendations and guidelines for preschools and public schools. They also provided second boosters to the Garden Terrace Nursing Home residents.*
  
- R.E.H.S. Report:
  - a) A local restaurant was determined to be conditional after inspection; they had a significant mouse issue as well as not maintaining proper handwashing and cleanliness at the bar.
  - b) There was an investigation of a potential foodborne illness, which was determined to be unfounded. There was a rat complaint, a poison ivy complaint, and a new Mexican restaurant will be opening on Main Street.
  - c) A dumpster complaint has been continual, but the property owner has been compliant. Pools were approved to open, Fishawack is this weekend and the Farmer's Market vendors are approved.
  
- Animal Control Report – None
  
- Health Officer Monthly Update:
  - a) There has been a decline in infection rate: 174 reported cases for May, since June 1 we have had 13 reported so on the decline.
  - b) Pee Wee shots will be received the week of June 20; Moderna will have a vaccine 6mo to 5yrs. Pfizer will be 6mo to 4yrs with 3 shot injection.
  - c) Still providing boosters and walk in visits, and during August they will begin clinic for the Pee Wees.
  - d) The National Association of County and City Health Officials has invited Megan and their vulnerable population coordinator, Dr. Shelly to attend their conference in Atlanta in July.
  - e) The CDC asked Westfield to write up a blurb about the success of their vaccination program and some of the goals that they reached.
  - f) The Quality Healthcare Institute approached them about their collaboration with Summit Medical Group and Overlook for their child health clinic and work Chatham Family Medicine. Dr. Reedy and Megan wrote an op-ed about the pandemic response and the benefit of partnerships.

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## **DISCUSSION ITEM(S)**

- Rabies Clinic Date – They will reach out to Murray Hill Vet in New Providence
  - November at the Firehouse is proposed (date TBD)
  - Bob Weber and others hung up 85 posters in local stores to remind the public about rabies vaccination and licensing their pets.
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**OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

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**ADJOURNMENT:** *6:45pm*