

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
October 13, 2022 7:00 p.m.

In Chrmn. Kaiser's absence, Vice Chrmn. Bob Weber called this Regular Meeting of the Chatham Board of Health to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Chatham Municipal Building. Vice Chrmn. Weber announced that all legal notices have been posted for this meeting.

Attendance was taken:

Names	Present	Absent
Kay Kaiser, Chrmn.		X
Robert Weber, Vice Chrmn.	X	
Lisa DeRosa	X	
Andrew Zoltan	X	
Lara Friedenfelds	X	
Council Member Len Resto	X	
Shelliam Lee	X	
Bridget Colendenski R.N.		X
Megan Avallone, Health Officer	X	
Beau Preston, R.E.H.S.		X
Melanie Polito, BOH Secretary		X

Public Comment

There was none.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 8, 2022 Board of Health meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports

Nursing Report

Ms. Avallone reported that boosters for flu and Covid for Garden Terrace will arrive in early November. On October 24, 2022, a clinic will be held for Chatham residents and Chatham employees at the Chatham Senior Center, 58 Meyersville Rd., Chatham Township 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Only residents and employees 18 years and older will be vaccinated. A flyer will be available soon on the Borough website, giving more details.

Ms. Avallone reported that Overlook Hospital currently has a large number of pediatric patients with respiratory problems.

Ms. Avallone reported that polio vaccines for adults are now available. Adults traveling to foreign countries are advised to get a polio booster.

Ms. Avallone discussed the recent Ebola outbreak. The CDC will monitor airline travel regarding this situation. Any traveler returning from Uganda will be monitored for 21 days. So far most people arriving from Uganda, have been very cooperative with this necessary monitoring.

Ms. Avallone reported that the Covid activity is moderate at this time in Chatham; however, there may be a severe flu outbreak this coming winter.

Ms. Avallone stated that if Board members were interested, they could come and observe the Clinic on October 24th.

Mrs. DeRosa suggested the Police Department's mobile light-up sign give the details on this Clinic event.

R.E.H.S. Report

The Board had no questions.

Ms. Avallone reported that The Shop has been re-inspected and is now deemed Satisfactory. It now has a new manager. Also, El Ranchero is now deemed Satisfactory.

Financial Report

None was available.

Vital Statistics

Nothing stood out as unusual.

Rabies Clinic

Ms. Avallone announced that this year's Rabies Clinic will be held on November 13th, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The rabies shot is good for 10 months. Ms. Avallone felt the number of dogs could be handled.

Ms. Avallone suggested that notifications to local pet owners should be done in January. A cross-reference could be done with Cheri Morris and her licensing files in the Finance Department. A number of animals could be vaccinated, but not licensed with the town. Vice Chair Weber hoped next year it will be clearer who is responsible for animal licensing and ticketing those pet owners not complying. Enforcement still has to be done with this situation.

Council Member Resto suggested that at the October 24th Council Meeting, a reminder could be given about the importance of rabies control. All it takes is one rabid dog or cat to infect someone and make them extremely ill. It also should be stressed that the rabies clinic is not a money-making operation.

Vice Chrmn. Weber noted that the number of dog licenses has experienced a big drop since Covid.

Mrs. DeRosa suggested asking Cheri Morris for the white sheets from the dog licensing applications. The pet owners on those white sheets could then be sent reminders about the rabies clinic.

At 7:40 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Borough Board of Health Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Substitute Recording Secretary