

**CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2022
7:00PM**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

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 Statement of Adequate Notice.

ROLL CALL:

Kay Kaiser, R.N. ***PRESENT***
Robert Weber ***PRESENT***
Shelliam Lee ***PRESENT***
Andrew Zoltan ***PRESENT***
Lara Freidenfelds ***ABSENT***
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. ***PRESENT***
Dr. Susan Scherer ***PRESENT***
Council Liaison Leonard Resto ***PRESENT***
Melanie Politi, BOH (Board of Health) Secretary ***PRESENT***

Health Officer Megan Avallone ***PRESENT***

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: *NONE*

MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES

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

October 13, 2022

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

Robert Weber Motioned to Adopt the Minutes: Lisa DeRosa seconded.

REPORTS:

1. Nursing Report

- The current recommendation is for those who have been infected with COVID to wait 90 days until they receive the booster.
- If you are receiving one brand of vaccine you may want to stick with the brand you have been receiving, but it is a personal choice.
- They had a successful flu clinic at the Senior Center of the Chatham's.
- Dr. Scherer said there is a walk-in clinic at the South Street site in Morristown for adults and children to receive vaccines/boosters.

2. R.E.H.S. Report

- A Borough pizzeria was deemed conditionally satisfactory.

3. Animal Control Report

- An updated fine for unlicensed pets was discussed.
- Bob Weber led the discussion on increases to late fee fines, rabies clinic paperwork, and adding information to the flyer we have for animal licensing. He also posted rabies information on a laminated flyer at Sheppard Kollack Park.

4. Health Officer Monthly Update

- Megan Avallone reviewed the current Westfield contract previously approved including a 3% total increase. The current contract does not expire until the end of 2023. Megan reviewed all current services and staff members included in the current contract with the Board.
- Megan Avallone spoke about State Funding, and how they receive very specific direction as to how to spend that funding, even though each health department has different needs.
- Andrew Zoltan asked if the money could be used creatively or if they could redirect the funds; Megan said they have a vaccination grant, and they asked if they could use that for monkeypox and were told no. The burnout is real: frustration at just wanting to help people but they are stuck in the bureaucracy.

- Next week is the NJSLM (New Jersey State League of Municipalities) convention; the goal is to meet with legislatures and try to get some of the funding reinstated.
 - Megan asked to have a vote on the acceptance of the contract: Kay motioned to approve the contract; Lisa seconded the motion.
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| Name | Motion | Second | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Kay Kaiser | | | X | | | |
| Robert Weber | | | X | | | |
| Andrew Zoltan | | | X | | | |
| Lisa DeRosa | | | X | | | |
| Dr. Scherer | | | X | | | |
| Shell Lee | | | X | | | |
| Lara Freidenfeld | | | | | | X |

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- High Flu rates will continue with covid and flu infections throughout the minutes.
 - The Board has decided to cancel the December meeting and have no meeting in February for a winter recess.
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ADJOURNMENT: 8pm

Len Resto motioned to adjourn the meeting. Robert Weber seconded the motion.