

**CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 12, 2023
7pm**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kay Kaiser.

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 11, 2023, 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.

ROLL CALL

Kay Kaiser, R.N. **PRESENT**
Andrew Zoltan **PRESENT**
Lara Freidenfelds **ABSENT**
Shelliam Lee **PRESENT**
Robert Weber **PRESENT**
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. **PRESENT**
Dr. Susan Scherer **ABSENT**
1st Alternate Bob Penn **PRESENT**
Council Liaison Irene Treloar **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**

**READING OF MAYOR & COUNCIL - RESOLUTION 22-07
RESOLUTIONS RE-APPOINTING A BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBER'S TERM**

Robert Weber Regular Member 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2025
Lisa DeRosa Regular Member 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2025
Andrew Zoltan Regular Member 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2025
Dr. Susan Scherer 1st Alternate 1 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2024
Bob Penn 2nd Alternate 2 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE: *Melanie Politi Administered the Oath of Office.*

READING OF BOH REORGANIZATION RESOLUTIONS 22-01 – 22-05

Name	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Kay Kaiser			X			
Robert Weber	X					
Andrew Zoltan			X			
Lisa DeRosa		X				
Dr. Scherer			X			
Shell Lee			X			
Lara Freidenfelds			X			
Robert Penn			X			

PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

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.

MOTION TO ADOPT MEETING MINUTES:

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

November 10, 2022

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

REPORTS:

- 1) Nursing Report – ***Public Health Nurse Bridget Colendenski read the nursing report.***

Test kits have been redistributed; some of the test had been expiring, but they will be receiving a new batch.

- 2) R.E.H.S. Report – ***Beau Preston*** read the list of completed inspections, including several reported food-borne illnesses at Chatham restaurants, as well as a reinspection that was completed on a local chicken restaurant. The staff had issues with hot holding, sauce temperatures, and handwashing. They were rated conditional and were found to be compliant upon reinspection.
- 3) Animal Control Report: The Board reviewed the “year in review” report provided by Animal Control Solutions.
- 4) Health Officer Monthly Update: Megan Avallone provided her update:

- a) Norovirus transmission is high.
 - b) There is another uptick in covid; 75% of cases are the XBB 1.5 variant strain. The bivalent vaccine is considered highly effective.
 - c) Megan offered to host a booster clinic for ages 65+
 - d) There has been a marked increase in hospitalizations, ventilator use, and unfortunately deaths.
 - e) It is difficult to detect what strains, but historically 3-5% are subtyped.
 - f) Those in the community who died in December were not boosted with the most recent bivalent booster.
 - g) Children in Chatham have low vaccination rates: 4 and under (pee wee) just came out six months ago. Only 15% of Borough children 6months – 2years have been vaccinated & boosted; for 3-4year olds only 43% have completed their full series.
 - h) It is possible most children did have covid and are waiting the 90-day period for their boosters.
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DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- Review of 2022 Goals & Objectives
 - Licensing: reasonable time allowed for license renewal.
 - a) There are 180 licenses processed as of today.
 - Increased late fees passed by council.
 - a) There was a fee increase by the Mayor & Council for unlicensed dogs to \$50.
 - b) There are many people unaware of the importance of licensing their pet.
 - c) Dog canvassing is discussed again.
 - Wellness van in June
 - a) Megan said the question is the company may not still be doing the van, she will check.
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NEW BUSINESS:

Board Secretary Melanie Politi asked if Vice President Bob Weber to read Resolutions 23-01 – 23-04 by title.

All Resolutions were moved and approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Lisa DeRosa motioned to adjourn at 8:30pm; Bob Weber seconded the motion.