

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
7pm

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: *President Kay Kaiser called the meeting to order at 7:05pm*

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. **ABSENT**
1st Alternate Dr. Susan Scherer **PRESENT**
2nd Alternate Bob Penn **ABSENT**
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**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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:

June 8, 2023

Vice President Bob Weber motioned to approve the minutes; Andrew Zoltan seconded.

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

REPORTS:

Nursing Report: Bridget Colendenski reviewed the June, July, & August reports

- She shared the many clinics, events, and webinars attended by the Public Health Nurses
- The Child Health Clinic had one Borough Resident attend.
- They distributed 360 covid kits in July.
- The department is extremely busy with immunizations, administering 212 in August, largely due to school starting in September.
- Webinars on Lead prevention & tick-borne disease were attended.
- Clinics are on hold until new vaccines are received.
- Flu will only be administered to those who have no health insurance; the exemption is home bound adults.
- Megan added there will be a 12-part series with Latimore Clinic hosted by Westfield HD in the Spring regarding the influx of TB in children. Children are arriving from Central and South America; they can test to see if they have been exposed via a PPD under the skin test. This series will help train School Nurses to read the PPD test.

R.E.H.S. Report: Beau Preston read June, July, & August reports

- Applications were reviewed and inspections were completed on the vendors at the Fishawack Festival & Farmer's Market
- There were 2 conditionals in June; Noah's Bagels and The Shop
- The Shop has been conditional twice this year, and it is suggested to have the owners come to a Board of Health meeting in October.
- They have contracted a pest control service and have been making corrections: discussion on the reinspection fees and having the owners of The Shop called in continued.
- Megan added that this is not punitive but to give incentive and direction.
- Beau spoke also about other restaurants who have had incidents of being out of temperature with their sauces. There were two temporary vendor applications that were denied; one at the Market and one for an event.
- There was a noise complaint determined to be something mechanical at Bristol Meyers.

Animal Control Report: the report was reviewed.

- Beau reviewed the reports on several rat complaints and the procedure for homeowners and contacting pest control.
- There was a dog bite incident at the apartments on Main Street with an unlicensed dog.

Health Officer Monthly Update: Megan Avallone read the monthly report.

- There will be a new variation of covid vaccine available, a monovalent for those five and older.
- The XVB variant is the more prevalent in our area currently but transitioning to the EG strain; now that the vaccine has been privatized you will need to visit your healthcare provider for the shot.

- Children under three must be vaccinated by their pediatrician, not at a Walgreens or CVS. They have purchased 230 doses of the vaccine at the Westfield HD anticipating distribution for all.
 - They provided a lot of education over the Summer; they are still receiving test kits and distributing.
 - Masks are encouraged for those who are sick but not required; outbreak is now 5 cases in a classroom, previously it was 3.
 - They are beginning the RSV education and elder adults will be able to receive a vaccine.
 - Mosquito season and mosquito illnesses (Vector borne) have been high over the summer; they have increased education on prevention. They work closely with the mosquito commission on keeping these areas of pooling water clear.
 - Bob Weber asked about the rabies clinic; November 12 is the date the vet is available, it was decided to proceed with that date for the rabies clinic.
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DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- Animal license application availability was discussed; they are online and at Borough Hall.
 - It was decided there will be no meeting in December 2023, and February 2024.
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ADJOURNMENT: 8:21pm