

**BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
May 14, 2020 5:00pm***

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Board of Health will participate in a virtual meeting on May 14, 2020 to ensure the safety of all. The public may participate by dialing in to make a public comment.

The Meeting was held via Zoom Conference.

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 May 13, 2020, 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.

Adequate notice of the change in time and format of the May 14 meeting was provided to the press on May 13, 2020, a copy of which was posted on the Borough website, as well as the front and side entrance of Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL: ALL PRESENT

Lisa DeRosa, R.N.
Kay Kaiser, R.N.
Micki Chaput, R.N.
Lisbeth Bringgaard, R.N.
Andrew Zoltan
Lara Freidenfelds
Shelliam Lee, 1st Alternate
Council Member Robert Weber, Sr.

Thad Kobylarz, Mayor
Steve Williams, Borough Administrator

Megan Avallone, Health Officer, Westfield Regional Department of Health

Beau Preston, R.E.H.S., Westfield Regional Department of Health (via phone)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Residents Pat Suteropoulous: prefers to observe, has no comment at this time.

Suzanne Perkins: prefers to observe, has no comment at this time.

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:

April 21, 2020 (Special Meeting Summary)

Lisa DeRosa Motioned to approve; Kay Kaiser seconded the motion.

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

REPORTS:

1. Animal Control Report

Mr. Weber questioned the return of a possible poisonous snake to where it was found. Megan Avallone explained that certain snakes such as the Copperhead snake is a protected species.

2. BOH Vital Statistics Report was reviewed.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

1. Coronavirus update

- Megan Avallone spoke to the current statistics and gave a brief overview regarding COVID-19 and testing. Cases are on the decline, at 14% positivity compared to 60% at the height of the pandemic.
- She discussed the reopening of the Borough and the State as a whole following the CDC Guidelines. Pools have been instructed to prepare, so that if they get the go ahead they can move ahead quickly.
- She explained how there are several levels of illness, it not either you recover or pass away; there is an issue of complications of being sick for weeks including permanent organ damage.
- Contact Tracing; the Westfield HD has been connecting people to social services in addition to working extensively on contact tracing.
- Shell Lee and Lara Freidenfelds stated they have both signed up to become contact tracers through the state. Lara said they will keep in touch regarding the program.

- Lisa DeRosa mentioned that she has noticed many kids gathering at local parks and on Main Street; Mayor Kobylarz said that the Executive Orders are still in effect, including the stay at home order and social distancing guidelines.
- He suggested a press release come from the Board of Health regarding the guidelines being followed.
- Lisa DeRosa suggested the COVID task force do all that on real time messaging. Mayor Kobylarz said he would discuss the statement with Megan Avallone.
- Lara Freidenfelds stated that it is middle schoolers that have been in large groups, and that the statement may not be received favorably.
- Discussion continued about suggestions for the message on the guideline.

2. Flu activity - fall clinic.

- It was proposed to do a flu clinic mid-September. The clinic is not included in the current contract, but the cost would only be for purchasing the vaccine itself not for staff time.
- Megan Avallone said this year is expected to be a high vaccination year. Discussion

Bob Weber broached the subject of the community pool; should we open it?

Megan Avallone suggested lowering capacity, utilizing resources and waiting for the Governor's EO to work together to see if it is feasible.

Lara Freidenfelds has volunteered along with Andrew Zoltan to produce a statement on gatherings which will be reviewed by the Mayor and the Borough Attorney prior to distribution.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: 6:30pm