

**CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2023
7pm**

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: *President Kay Kaiser called the 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 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 - late***
Robert Weber ***PRESENT***
Lisa DeRosa, R.N. ***PRESENT***
1st Alternate Dr. Susan Scherer ***PRESENT***
2nd 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***

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:

March 9, 2023

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

Bob Penn motioned to adopt the minutes; Bob Weber seconded the motion.

REPORTS:

1. Nursing Report: ***Public Health Nurse Bridget Colendenski gave the Nursing report.***
 - a) In April there was a virtual public health webinar they attended.
 - a) An Audit was conducted at Milton Avenue School
 - b) An Audit was completed at Saint Patrick's School
 - c) They had a pop-up clinic for COVID vaccinations, office clinics, and child health clinics.
 - d) The public health emergency has ended for COVID; emergency Medicaid coverage has also ended. There will no longer be free testing, and over-the-counter testing will be available for purchase. Westfield still has free tests available.
 - e) COVID vaccination discussion
2. R.E.H.S. Report: ***Beau Preston gave the REHS report.***
 - a) Reinspection of some of the restaurants deemed conditional; they are now in compliance.
 - b) There was a heat complaint, which was around May 1. The heat was still on in the apartment complex, and there is really no action warranted unless there is no heat.
3. Animal Control Report:
 - a) The Board reviewed the report, including a lost dog and a dog fight.
4. Health Officer Monthly Update: ***Health Officer Megan Avallone read the report.***
 - a) Megan and others submitted testimony to the Senate health Committee in support of the NJ Bill S2413/A4115, and it passed unanimously.
 - b) Anticipating a large tick population due to the mild winter; the lone star tick is a more aggressive tick, and we are seeing more of them in our area. They have prepared a spreadsheet for insect repellent guidance.
 - c) The NY Times had an article on lessons learned, or that we should have learned during the pandemic; she will send via email.
5. Kay reviewed the LEMC emergency planning training "Tornado Emergency" event held here at Borough Hall in conjunction with FEMA.

DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

- Printable information to bring to the Fishawack Festival was reviewed, and a request for volunteers was discussed.
 - 482 dogs, and 56 cats are currently licensed.
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NEW BUSINESS: *None*

ADJOURNMENT: *7:35pm*