

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**BOROUGH HALL @ 101 WASHINGTON AVENUE, WESTWOOD, NJ**

**1. Opening of the Meeting @ 7:30PM by Louise Cue, Chairperson**

This meeting, which conforms with the Open Public Meetings Law, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, is a regular Board of Health meeting. Notices have been filed with our local official newspapers and posted on the municipal bulletin board.

**2. Roll Call**

Susan Blake: present Donna Bott: arrived @ 8:02pm

Maria Costello: present Louise Cue: present Nataly Hook: present

Su McCloskey: present Maria Montana: absent Cheryl Pletsch: present

**Additional Attendees:**

Cheryl Hodges, Councilmember

Mary Beth Netzer, Health Department Manager

Christine Compesi, Health Department

Gary Dorsi NWBRHC via conference call

Andy Merlo, Candidate for Alternate Member, Board of Health

**3. Salute to the Flag.** Led by Christine Compesi

**4. Public Forum.**

Motion to open meeting to Public Forum:

Maria Costello 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cheryl Pletsch

Public present: Christine Compesi, Andy Merlo

Motion to close public forum: Susan Blake 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nataly Hook

**5. Approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting and the Executive Closed Session of January 12, 2022**

Correction to be made to minutes: Updated Rabies Clinic info

With correction noted, motion to accept minutes with correction in place.

Motion to accept minutes: Cheryl Pletsch 2<sup>nd</sup>: Susan Blake

**6. Feedback from Mary Beth Netzer and the Board on PCR testing event and Booster Shot Clinic:**

Overall success with 28 tests completed. Results were delivered by following evening.

Booster Clinic with NWBRHC had 14 people show up.

**7. Next steps and update on retirement/replacement of Christine Compesi, part time job description and posting.**

Motion to move to Closed Session: Su McCloskey 2<sup>nd</sup>: Donna Bott

Motion to include Councilmember Cheryl Hodges in Closed Session:

Donna Bott 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maria Costello

Motion to include Health Department employees Mary Beth Netzer and Christine Compesi in Closed Session: Maria Costello 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cheryl Pletsch

**8. Motion to reopen Public Session**

Motion made by Maria Costello 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nataly Hook

**9. Activities report for January 2022.**

Motion to accept Activities report for January 2022: Susan Blake

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cheryl Pletsch

**10. Health Officer Report via phone from Gary Dorsi**

A Food Handler Training Course is scheduled for 2/22/22 with 12-13 attendees registered so far.

**11. Council Liaison Report from Councilmember Cheryl Hodges.**

-A Health Fair is planned by the Recreation Department for May 22.

-The new electronic sign has been installed to replace the community announcement board at the corner of Westwood Avenue & Broadway.

-HUMC @ Pascack Valley has been quickly testing Fire & EMS workers after potential exposure

-Introduction of Andy Merlo, Candidate for Alternate Board of Health Member.

**12. Discussion of Community Health Support ideas, as listed:**

-Develop Board of Health Facebook Page

-Partner with HUMC @ Pascack Valley for public health events

-Work to identify and bring together those who are our “vulnerable population members” and address their needs

-Teacher Appreciation Day

-“Walk your kid to school Day”

-Town scavenger hunt

-Health Screening Fair: Blood Pressure, Stress reduction, Fitness

-Retired Nurses hotline for triage of simple needs or questions

-Walking Food Tour of Westwood

-Address inactive seniors: chair yoga, Bingo

- Work with Emerson to share resources, especially transportation.
- Health Education: Living Will, Advance Directive, File of Life, Mental Health
- Discussion at High School re: Vaping

**13. Emergent Matters for March Meeting:**

Resume discussion of ideas presented above.

**14. Adjournment:**

Motion to end meeting: Cheryl Pletsch 2<sup>nd</sup>: Maria Costello

Meeting ended at 9:00PM