

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023 @ 7:00PM
BOROUGH HALL @ 101 WASHINGTON AVENUE, WESTWOOD, NJ**

1. Opening of the Meeting by _Louise Cue @ 7:00PM_____

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:

Name	Present	Absent
Susan Blake		X
Donna Bott		X
Maria Costello		X
Louise Cue	X	
Diamantis Kyriakakis	X	
Nataly Hook		X
Su McCloskey	X	
Andy Merlo	X	
Cheryl Pletsch	X	

Additional attendees: Cheryl Hodges, Town Councilwoman
Stacy Gravina, Health Department Manager
Namitha Reddy, NWBRHC

3. Salute to the Flag led by Stacey Gravina

4. Public Forum:

Motion to open to public: Cheryl Pletsch 2nd: Diamantis Kyriakakis

Public present: None present

Motion to close to public: Su McCloskey 2nd: Diamantis Kyriakakis

5. Approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 12, 2023.

Motion to accept: Diamantis Kyriakakis 2nd: Cheryl Pletsch

Name	Approve	Nay	Absent
Susan Blake			X
Donna Bott			X 4/12
Maria Costello			X
Diamantis Kyriakakis	X		
Nataly Hook			X
Su McCloskey	X		
Andy Merlo	X		
Cheryl Pletsch	X		

Louise Cue (President)	X		

6. Health Department Manager update by Stacy Gravina.

Update on part time position in Health Department: on hold until fall. BP clinic @ the Community Center has 15 participants. Health Department website will go live on May 19 with FAQ button and eventual link to NWBRHC website. Grease ordinance is with the Town Council.

7. Activities and Health Officer Report by Namitha Reddy.

NWBRHC is working with the Valley Hospital to provide all Nursing resources for NWBRHC clients. They have 3 dedicated to Public Health. Food handling courses coming up: 5/22 Spanish 8/28 English. Working towards a monthly hour for in person public health education.

8. Town Council Liaison report by Cheryl Hodges.

Westwood Rec Department partnered with UFC Gym for an 8 week program for \$140. Allows full gym and class access on Mondays and Wednesdays. Pedestrian safety issue due to lack of crossing guards at 1st Avenue and Elm Street reported to police. Ambulance Corp has 4 new members in training but staffing issues continue, especially on weekends. Looking into supplemental assistance from HUMC. Potential change in liquor license that would make them more affordable is being discussed in NJ government. Te legislation would allow breweries to expand to allow food and potential retail items. Brookside Park has all new equipment, provided by a grant.

9. Outreach program update by Andy Merlo.

Second meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee was held on 5/4/23. Increase from 17 to 39 providers/participants identified. Potential exhibitor fees are: \$50 per table and need to budget for promotional materials . Nonprofit and government tables would have no fee. DJ vs piped in music? PSAs: Ad in Pascack Press, banner on train station fence, email blast from Rec Department, merchant posters and flyers. Target date: Saturday, May 18, 2024. Need to create name for event. Meetings being held 3rd Thursday of month at Rec Center at 11 AM.

10. Social Media update. (No update)

11. Ordinance presentation and voting: Ordinance #23-01 Amendment Fees (voting on document)

12. Ordinance introduction and voting: Ordinance #23-02 Amendment Fees (voting on document)

13. Urgent matters for next meeting:

Summer meeting schedule.

Ordinance #23-02 final vote.

14. Adjournment @ 8:05PM

Motion to adjourn: Diamantis Kyriakakis 2nd: Andy Merlo

Submitted by
Susan Macloskey
Secretary
Board of Health