

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022 @ BOROUGH HALL, 101 WASHINGTON AVENUE, WESTWOOD, NJ

1. Opening of the Meeting @ 7:03 PM by Louise Cue

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 – present

Maria Costello – present

Louise Cue – present

Nataly Hook – present / arrived 7:12PM

Su McCloskey – present

Andrew Merlo – present

Maria Montana – absent

Cheryl Pletsch – present

Additional Attendees: Cheryl Hodges, Town Councilwoman / Liaison to Board of Health

Judy Migliaccio, NWBRHC

3. Salute to the Flag led by Maria Costello

4. Public Forum:

Motion to open to public: Susan Blake 2nd: Maria Costello

No public present

Motion to close to public: Donna Bott 2nd: Cheryl Pletsch

5. Approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of September 14, 2022.

All present members approve to accept: Motion: Maria Costello 2nd: Donna Bott

6. NWBRHC: Activities and Health Officer report:

Written reports reviewed by Judy Migliaccio, NWBRHC Interim Health Officer

New inspector, Steven Salerno has been hired.

7. Council Liaison report by Cheryl Hodges.

Thanks from Town Council to NWBRHC for services rendered to town,

Topics discussed recently @ Council: Rent control locally, in reference to additional housing being built. Westwood Avenue traffic and safety concerns as parking lots are frequently full, and delivery drivers such as "Uber Eats" double park while making deliveries.

8. Update: Rabies clinic slated for October 15 from 1:00PM to 4:00PM at Westwood Train Station. Expecting about 100 participants.

ALSO NOTED: Flu shot clinics: October 27 @ Westwood House (9:30AM-10:30AM) and Westwood Recreation Center (11AM-12noon)

9. Update on Social Media Project: Susan Blake

We have a Facebook page!! Launched October 12!

10. Health Department Staffing discussion.

We have 5 applicants for the Health Department Manager position. Board Members Donna Bott, Andy Merlo, Cheryl Pletsch and Maria Costello will be involved in interview process.

Focus will on skill set of office management, leadership and communication skills but not require CMA Certification.

Advertisements: LinkedIn, Zip Recruiter and Westwood Borough website

11. Email use as Board Members: Su McCloskey

Reinforced requirement that ALL Board of Health email correspondence MUST be copied to boardofhealth@westwoodnj.gov

12. Emergent matters for November 9, 2022 regular meeting:

Request by Maria Costello to discuss having a speaker or information presented regarding handling aggressive behavior, bullying and racial sensitivity.

Andy Merlo: update on Outreach Program with Marissa Tarateta.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn @ 8:00PM: Su McCloskey 2nd: Cheryl Pletsch

Submitted by
Susan McCloskey
11.9.22