

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH
HELD ON JANUARY 12, 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 @ 7:50PM

Maria Costello: present Louise Cue: present Su McCloskey: present

Maria Montana: absent Cheryl Pletsch: present

Additional Attendees:

Cheryl Hodges, Councilmember

Nataly Hook, new Board of Health Member to be sworn in

Mary Beth Netzer, Health Department Manager

Gary Dorsi NWBRHC and Gina Behre, via conference call.

3. Salute to the Flag. Led by Nataly Hook

4. Public Forum.

Motion to open meeting to Public Forum: Maria Costello 2nd: Cheryl Pletsch

No public present

Motion to close public forum: Su McCloskey 2nd: Maria Costello

5. Reorganization of 2022 Board of Health:

a. Swearing in of Board Members: By Louise Cue, Chairperson

Maria Costello, Susan Blake, Nataly Hook : New Alternate Member

b. Election of Officers for 2022-2023:

Chairperson: Louise Cue

Nominated by: Susan Blake

2nd: Maria Costello

Vice Chairperson: Susan Blake

Nominated by: Su McCloskey

2nd: Maria Costello

Secretary: Su McCloskey

Nominated by: Maria Costello

2nd: Susan Blake

Motion to accept officers as nominated and seconded: Cheryl Pletsch 2nd: Nataly Hook

Voting: Susan Blake: yes Maria Costello: yes Louise Cue: yes Su McCloskey: yes Cheryl Pletsch: yes Nataly Hook: yes

c. Adoption of 2022-2023 Regular Meeting schedule:

Dates are: February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14, 2022 and January 11, 2023

(none of these dates coincide with any national or religious holiday)

Motion to accept dates: Susan Blake 2nd: Cheryl Pletsch

6. Approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting and the Executive Closed Session of November 10, 2021

Motion to accept minutes: Susan Blake 2nd: Cheryl Pletsch

7. Activities report for November/December.

Motion to accept Activities report for November/December 2021: Susan Blake 2nd: Cheryl Pletsch

8. Health Officer report. Gary Dorsi and Gina Behre via phone.

Covid: School Guidance Counselors and health care centers were updated on current Covid guidelines.

3 booster Moderna vaccine clinics were held

Current protocol: 5 days isolation, return to work/school if no symptoms. If close contact, but vaccinated without symptoms, then no quarantine.

Long Term Care Centers; National Guard is providing assistance.

Focus is shifting more to schools.

Will be setting up additional 3rd dose Moderna booster clinic

9. Council Liaison report. Cheryl Hodges

Beth Dell is Deputy Liaison for 2022.

Hackensack University Medical Center is testing our first responders: firefighters, ambulance corps, EMS and police

Working on developing a better system of communicating with our town's vulnerable population.

10. Rabies Clinic. Mary Beth Netzer

Was planned for January 29 at the train station. Postponed.

Susan Blake: postpone Donna Bott: postpone

Maria Costello: postpone Louise Cue: January 29

Nataly Hook: postpone Su McCloskey: postpone

Cheryl Pletsch: postpone

11. Covid Testing. Louise Cue

Through US Medical: Date to be determined..

12. Hiring for parttime position for Health Department Office

Theresa resigned in December. Job PO has been approved, can be posted.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Susan Blake 2nd: Su McCloskey

Susan McCloskey
Secretary
2/9/22