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

   Motion to open meeting to Public Forum:
   Maria Costello  2nd: Cheryl Pletsch
   Public present: Christine Compesi, Andy Merlo
   Motion to close public forum:  Susan Blake 2nd: 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  2nd: 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 2nd: Donna Bott
   Motion to include Councilmember Cheryl Hodges in Closed Session:
   Donna Bott 2nd: Maria Costello
   Motion to include Health Department employees Mary Beth Netzer and Christine Compesi in Closed Session: Maria Costello 2nd: Cheryl Pletsch

8. **Motion to reopen Public Session**
   Motion made by Maria Costello 2nd: Nataly Hook

9. **Activities report for January 2022.**
   Motion to accept Activities report for January 2022: Susan Blake 2nd: 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  2nd: Maria Costello
    Meeting ended at 9:00PM