

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WESTWOOD BOARD OF HEALTH

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 AT 7:30 P.M.

BOROUGH HALL, 101 WASHINGTON AVENUE, WESTWOOD, NJ

1. Opening of the Meeting by Louise Cue @ 7:35PM

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 @ 7:40PM
Maria Costello: present	Louise Cue: present
Nataly Hook: present	Su McCloskey: present
Maria Montana: present	Cheryl Pletsch: absent

Additional Attendees:

Cheryl Hodges: Councilperson, Liaison to Board of Health
Andy Merlo: Board of Health Alternate Candidate
Gina Behre: NWBRHC

3. Salute to the Flag led by Maria Montana

4. Public Forum

Motion to open to public: Su McCloskey 2nd: Susan Blake

Public present: none

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

5. Approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting of February 9, 2022

Motion to approve: Maria Costello 2nd: Susan Blake

Approval of the minutes of the Closed Session of February 9, 2022

Louise Cue requested updated information to be added. Noted and done.

6. Activities report for February

7. Health Officer report by Gina Behre

- Covid update: Condition “green”...lowest level of cases
- Government lifted mask mandate March 7, 2022, but mask requirement continues for Long Term Care Facilities.

- 2/1/22 Booster vaccine clinic yielded 13-14 people. Possible repeat in April.
- Zoom class for Food Handlers yielded 16 participants, 2 from Westwood
- Food Managerial class for larger restaurants in May/June

8. Council Liaison report and Wellness Fair May 22: Cheryl Hodges

- Hosted by HUMC
- Wellness Fair @ Westvale Park May 22, 2022 to possibly include:
 - Demonstration of fitness equipment, health screening
 - NWBRHC and Board of Health involvement TBD
 - Marissa Tarateta received an AARP Grant to hold monthly “hot lunch and learn program” for seniors. Looking for location to hold.
 - “Pick up ONLY” parking signs in town to be discontinued 3/31/22

9. Health Department Staffing

- Hired Stacey Gravina into part time Health Department Office position
- Job has been posted for Full Time Department Manager
- Interviews to be conducted by Louise Cue, Susan Blake & Su McCloskey. Gina Behre will join for final round.

10.National Nutrition Month.

- Goal: Improve communication with community

11.Discussion of 2 Community Health Support ideas

- Facebook page for Health Department: one way: outgoing only
- Dad’s Dash: 6/19/22 Possible repeat in fall?
- Partner with HUMC on 5/22/22 Health Fair: Maria Montana will contact Community Health Coordinator Shannon Freeman
- Louise Cue & Susan Blake will investigate social media application
- Andy Merlot: Active seniors are at Westwood Community Center on Tuesdays. Reach out to St. Andrews 55+ club and homebound persons via local churches.
- Chamber of Commerce: starting 5/4/22...”bags for benches” Bags are to be recycled into park benches
- Celebrate Westwood 4/2/22
- Shop the Hub: 6/11/22
- Taste of Westwood

- ? Walking Food Tour of Westwood

12. Emergent matters for April 13, 2022 regular meeting:

- Narrow focus on Community Support ideas

13. Adjournment @ 9:10PM

Motion to adjourn meeting: Su McCloskey 2nd: Donna Bott