

**WESTFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY 07090**

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023.

Pursuant to the rules of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, NJ, a meeting was called to order at 5:30PM on Monday, June 5, 2023, in the Council Chambers of the Westfield Town Hall, 425 East Broad Street, Westfield, New Jersey. The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Elizabeth Talmont
Dr. Lawrence Budnick
Dr. Steven Gorelick
Mr. Mitchell Shusteris (arrived at 5:35)
Dr. Daniel Halevy
Mr. Brendan Bertsch
Ms. Tara Donnelly—Alternate #1
Mr. Steven Pentangelo—Alternate #2

Also Present:

Helen Mendez—Principal REHS/Assistant to the Health Officer
Laura Scanlon—Public Health Nursing Supervisor
Ellen Shelley—Infectious Disease Program Coordinator

ABSENT:

Dr. Andrea Marcus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Dr. Budnick, seconded by Ms. Donnelly, Minutes of the April 3, 2023 meeting were approved as amended and ordered filed.

CONSENT AGENDA REPORTS:

Administration/Consumer Health (Restaurant/Environmental Inspections):

The Health Department, Animal Control, and Nursing Reports were all accepted as presented and ordered filed on a motion by Dr. Halevy, seconded by Mr. Bertsch.

Dr. Talmont presented the Financial Report and the April bills totaling \$8,402.04 and May bills totaling \$9,130.16, for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bertsch, seconded by Dr. Budnick, and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Mr. Shusteris—Aye,
Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Dr. Halevy—Aye, Ms. Donnelley—Aye

The record shall reflect the unanimous approval of bills by all members present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Talmont provided an update for the Electronic Smoking Device Licensing Subcommittee. The Subcommittee met again and after careful consideration determined that there was not a need to change the fee schedule at this time.

Ms. Mendez reviewed the progress on the Legislative bills supportive of reinstating Public Health Priority Funding. Ms. Mendez reported that S2413 was voted out of Health Committee with unanimous support and that A4115 was referred to the Assembly Health Committee but does not have a hearing date yet. Advocacy efforts will continue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Talmont introduced BOH Ordinance 2-2023, “An Ordinance Relating to Personnel Positions and Salary Ranges of Officers and Employees of the Board of Health, of the Town of Westfield”. Dr. Talmont explained that this ordinance sets salary ranges for non-union employees of the department. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Bertsch, seconded by Dr. Halevy, and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Mr. Shusteris—Aye,
Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Dr. Halevy—Aye, Ms. Donnelley—Aye

The record shall reflect unanimous approval of BOH Ordinance 2-2023 by all members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Updates were provided on current infectious disease trends, grant funding applications, the assistant health officer position and the Municipal Alliance program.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Dominique Venzia, of 118 Wyoming Street, commented on Covid vaccination uptake.

Ann Rosen, of 920 Hillside Ave, Plainfield, commented on school immunization requirements.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dr. Budnick, seconded by Mr. Bertsch, to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone
Board Secretary