

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021.**

Pursuant to the rules of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, NJ, a meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, June 7, 2021, via a zoom webinar. The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read.

**ROLL CALL:**

Dr. Lawrence Budnick  
Dr. Andrea Marcus—excused at 6:15 PM  
Dr. Elizabeth Talmont  
Dr. Steven Gorelick  
Mr. Brendan Bertsch  
Dr. Daniel Halevy  
Ms. Zoe McKelvey—Alternate #1  
Ms. Maryann McClosky—Alternate #2

**Also Present:**

Megan Avallone, MS, RN, REHS—Health Officer  
Helen Mendez—Principal REHS  
Denise Rizzolo, PA, PhD, MPH, —COVID-19 Generalist  
Laura Scanlon, MS, RN—Public Health Nursing Supervisor  
Ellen Shelley, DNP, MSN—Vulnerable Populations Coordinator  
Michael Dardia—Council Liaison

**ABSENT:**

Ms. Sharon Dorry

**PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:**

Before starting the public portion of the meeting, Dr. Budnick took a moment to acknowledge the efforts of the staff during the pandemic. Dr. Budnick thanked the department staff for their efforts. Dr. Budnick also acknowledged Ms. Sharon Dorry as she was named an Optimist Club Special Nurse Award winner.

Ms. Christine Binder, of 404 W. Dudley Ave, was inquiring about specific plans for masking of students in school during excessive heat. After her comments, Dr. Budnick stated that all school specific concerns should be addressed directly to the schools.

**BOARD HEARING:** None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion by Dr. Marcus, seconded by Dr. Talmont, Minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting were approved as amended and ordered filed.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Administration/Consumer Health (Restaurant/Environmental Inspections):**

Health Department, Vital Statistics, Animal Control and Nursing reports were reviewed and ordered filed.

The financial report for May and bills for the month of May, in the amount of \$3,309.93, were motioned for approval by Dr. Marcus and seconded by Dr. Talmont. The following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Marcus—Aye, Dr. Talmont—Aye, Ms. McClosky—Abstain, Ms. McKelvey—Aye,  
Dr. Halevy—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye

The record will reflect majority approval for the financial report and bill list.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ms. Mendez provided an update on Sichuan Dynasty. Ms. Mendez informed the Board that the establishment received a rating of less than Satisfactory, and was closed for four days.

Dr. Budnick presented BOH Ordinance 1-2021, establishing salary ranges for non-union personnel, for second reading. BOH Ordinance 1-2021 was approved on a motion by Dr. Talmont, seconded by Mr. Bertsch and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Marcus—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Ms. McClosky—Abstain, Ms. McKelvey—Aye,  
Dr. Halevy—Aye, Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye

The record shall reflect unanimous consent by all members present for Board of Health Ordinance 1-2021.

Ms. Avallone provided an update on the department's Covid initiatives and activities. Ms. Avallone informed the Board that the activities are now focused on vaccinating hard to reach populations. Ms. Avallone reviewed local vaccination rates with the Board.

There was no update for the vaccination subcommittee.

The Board continued their discussion on gas powered leaf blowers (GLBs). Ms. Avallone informed the Board that the noise ordinance would be unable to be changed unless specific approval was granted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Ms. McKelvey distributed to the Board a letter from the Green Team on the harmful effects of GLBs and asked the Board members to review and provide any feedback. After some discussion, the Board stated that public education of GLB risks would be an initiative for the Board to consider.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Budnick then presented Board of Health Resolution 7-2021, setting salaries for non-union personnel. A motion to approve Resolution 7-2021 was made by Dr. Gorelick, seconded by Dr. Halevy and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Dr. Halevy—Aye, Dr. Budnick—Aye, Dr. Talmont—Aye.,  
Ms. McClosky—Aye, Ms. McKelvey—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye

The record shall reflect unanimous approval, by all members present, for Board of Health Resolution 7-2021.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Dr. Shelley provided an overview of the Vulnerable Population Workplan and discussed recent pop-up clinics that the department has held.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Halevy, seconded by Mr. Bertsch, at 6:20 PM and unanimously approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone  
Board Secretary