

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

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 1, 2021.**

Pursuant to the rules of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, NJ, a meeting was called to order at 5:07PM on Monday, February 1, 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
Dr. Elizabeth Talmont
Dr. Steven Gorelick
Mr. Brendan Bertsch
Dr. Daniel Halevy
Ms. Zoe McKelvey—Alternate #1
Ms. Maryann McClosky—Alternate #2 (arrived at 5:50)

Also Present:

Megan Avallone, MS, RN, REHS—Health Officer
Christie Calmon--REHS
Denise Rizzolo, PhD, MPH, PA-C —Communicable Disease Outreach Coordinator
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: None present.

BOARD HEARING: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Dr. Talmont, seconded by Dr. Marcus, Minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting were approved as amended and ordered filed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration/Consumer Health (Restaurant/Environmental Inspections):

Reports were tabled for the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone provided an update on COVID-19 which included that for the Department as a whole, January was the month with the highest number of cases, with 24% of the total cases received since March. 44% of the Department's total cases for all eight towns were received between December and January.

Ms. Avallone informed the Board that an application was submitted for the Department to become a provider site but that all applications have been suspended by the NJ Department of Health, as there is not enough vaccine to provide to new sites. The Department will continue to work with Union County to discuss the best ways to vaccinate the most vulnerable residents.

Ms. Avallone informed the Board that Nagoya has received a Satisfactory on their most recent inspection. The establishment did submit a plan but the plan did not outline how they would maintain satisfactory conditions. The establishment will be monitored closely by the Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone informed the Board that a request come in from the Westfield Farmers Market to decrease the vendor fee to \$75.00 this year. A short discussion followed and Ms. Avallone stated she would return to the next meeting with all the options and relevant information.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. McKelvey asked the Board if they would support the Green Team's possible initiative to ask the governing body to limit the use of gas leaf blowers during the COVID-19 pandemic. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the Green Team should take the lead and report back any findings of any research to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dr. Marcus, seconded by Dr. Talmont, and unanimously approved by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone
Board Secretary