

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

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022.

Pursuant to the rules of the Board of Health of the Town of Westfield, NJ, a meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM on Monday, August 1, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Westfield Town Hall, 425 E. Broad St, Westfield, NJ. The statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read.

ROLL CALL:

Dr. Elizabeth Talmont
Dr. Steven Gorelick
Mr. Brendan Bertsch
Ms. Tara Donnelly—Alternate #1

Also Present:

Megan Avallone—Health Officer
Michael Dardia—Council Liaison
Ellen Shelley—Vulnerable Population Coordinator

ABSENT:

Dr. Lawrence Budnick
Dr. Andrea Marcus
Dr. Daniel Halevy
Mr. Mitchell Shusteris
Ms. Maryann McCloskey—Alternate #2

BOARD HEARING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On a motion by Mr. Bertsch, seconded by Dr. Gorelick, Minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting were approved and ordered filed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration/Consumer Health (Restaurant/Environmental Inspections):

The Health Department, Vital Statistics, Animal Control and Nursing Reports were all approved and ordered filed.

Dr. Talmont presented the Financial Report and the June bills, totaling \$14,403.56 for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Bertsch, seconded by Dr. Gorelick, and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Ms. Donnelly—Aye

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Talmont presented Board of Health Ordinance 1-2022 setting non union salary ranges for Second Reading. A motion was made by Ms. Donnelly to pass BOH Ordinance 1-2022. Mr. Bertsch seconded the motion and the following Roll Call vote was taken:

Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Ms. Donnelly—Aye

The record shall reflect unanimous consent by all members present.

Dr. Talmont reviewed a request from the Green Team to have the Board members complete an online training for Westfield to obtain additional Sustainable Jersey points. The training takes under an hour and the members present were agreeable to completing such. The link for the training was distributed to the members.

Ms. Avallone shared an article from the New York Times which explains the different types of THC, including Delta-8. A short discussion took place about the different types of THC available to residents. Gabriela Morales, Manager of the Green Room in Westfield spoke to the Board briefly about hemp derived THC and explained the third party testing her establishment provides for.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Talmont presented BOH Resolution 5 authorizing an updated agreement with the City of Elizabeth for STD services, BOH Resolution 6 setting non-union salaries for 2022 and BOH Resolution 7 authorizing an updated agreement for Medical Director services with Dr. Jamie Reedy. Dr. Gorelick motioned to approve BOH Resolutions 5, BOH Resolution 6 and BOH Resolution 7, with Ms. Donnelly seconding the motion. The following Roll Call Vote was taken:

Dr. Talmont—Aye, Dr. Gorelick—Aye, Mr. Bertsch—Aye, Ms. Donnelly—Aye

The record shall reflect unanimous consent for BOH Resolution 5, BOH Resolution 6 and BOH Resolution 7, by all members present.

Dr. Talmont presented BOH Ordinance 2-2022, Amending the Electronic Smoking Chapter, for First Reading. The presented changes would allow select establishments to hold a concurrent food license along with an Electronic Smoking Device license if they obtain prior health department approval and meet the stipulated requirements, including self-limiting entry of the establishment to the age of 18. After a short discussion a motion was made by Mr. Bertsch to approve the Ordinance as presented and was seconded by Dr. Gorelick. The motion was unanimously approved by all members present.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Avallone provided the monthly Covid update and provided an update on the department's invited presentation at the NACCHO 360 Conference. Ms. Avallone also provided an update on monkeypox and informed the Board that the department has been vaccinating close contacts of cases that meet the criteria for vaccination.

PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING:

Anne Rosen of 166 Mountain Avenue stated that she was concerned about the introduction of Assembly bill 4334, which would mandate COVID-19 vaccination for students and staff at institutions of higher education.

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Dr. Gorelick seconded by Ms. Donnelly, and unanimously approved by all members present to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Avallone
Board Secretary