

APPROVED AS AMMENDED: February 10, 2025

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
BOARD OF HEALTH
November 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Geevers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gawas, Geevers, Mandel, Weiss, Whitfield

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Statement of Adequate Notice - January 17, 2025 to The Times and the Princeton Packet, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted at the Municipal Building and on the Township web-site.

ATTENDEES: President: Mandel; Council: Gawas, Geevers, Weiss, Whitfield; Mayor: Marathe; Special Assistant to Administration: Giblin; Township Attorney Representative: Herbert; Township Clerk: Sheehan

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Sheehan led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

FOR ACTION

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes: Board of Health November 12, 2024

Motion to approve:

Second:

RCV: Aye Gawas
Aye Geevers
Aye Mandel
Aye Weiss
Aye Whitfield

Board of Health Member

None

Mayor/Administration:

Updates from Health Officer

The Health Officer, Ms. Swanson, made the following comments:

- Township Council, Health Office and WW Arts Council will be working together to incorporate the Arts into Public Health Outreach efforts this year.
- An update on respiratory illness season; currently low activity in Covid-19 and flu illnesses, slight increase for RSV cases.
- Advised public keep up to date on vaccines
- Respiratory vaccine clinics were started in August and stated they were available to those with or without insurance. The Township has held 13 clinics and will hold 2 more.
- Regarding Covid-19 vaccines, she encouraged individuals to speak with their health care provider or call the Health Department and ask to speak to the Public Health Nurse to see what vaccines are recommended for you at this time
- Rabies Vaccine clinics will be available to all West Windsor residents at the following upcoming clinics; November 21st at the Princeton Junction Fire House, December 5th in Hightstown and January 19th in Robbinsville.
- A reminder that dog licensing is due by January 31st of 2025 and there has been a decrease with compliance.
- Radon test kits are available at the Health Department, free of charge to residents. Advised that this is the perfect time of year to put the tests out and please come and get one while they are available.

Councilmember Mandel asked a follow up question about how old dogs had to be to receive a dog license and the Ms. Swanson confirmed 7 months of age the dog had to be licensed and for every year after that.

Councilmember Weiss asked what the registration process for the Covid-19 clinics were and the Health Officer confirmed it was online through the Health Departments home page under the section: What's Happening. Registrations open 30 days prior to clinic.

Council President Geevers noted she is encouraging everyone to consider getting their flu and Covid-19 shots and if they are unsure, to speak to your doctor.

CLOSED SESSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

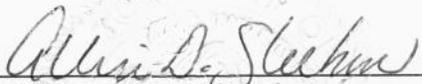
Mr. Mark Pepper, 43 Providence Ct., provided his comments in support for Covid vaccines, encourages everyone to get their boosters and is looking forward to the next Clinic.

Mr. Kevin Ranallo, 106 Harris Rd., asked if the Township could host a microchipping clinic regarding pets and if at the rabies clinics they could remind owners to update their information with the microchipping company if their pet is already chipped.

Ms. Swanson responded that they will look into reminding residents during the clinics to update their information. Regarding hosting a clinic for microchipping, she stated that would be something they would have to explore. She reminded the public that these programs are funded by licensing fees and those licenses have been on a decline for the past few years. Ms. Swanson advised Council they could look at their policies to see what they can do moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Mandel
Second: Whitfield
VV: All approved
The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



Allison D. Sheehan
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township



Linda Geevers
Council President
West Windsor Township