

APPROVED AS AMENDED: May 5, 2025

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

BOARD OF HEALTH

February 10, 2025

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

ROLL CALL: Gawas, Geevers, Mandel, Weiss, Whitfield (absent)

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 (absent); Mayor: Marathe; Business Administrator: Schmid (absent); 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

Mr. Warren Mitlak, 5 Stonelea Dr., Noted he would like the Health Department to post the Annual Report to the website prior to the meeting and also advised the copy on the Township's website is not up to date.

Council President Mandel thanked Ms. Swanson for the comprehensive report and noted it was very easy to read.

Ms. Swanson responded the process is the Board of Health Annual Report will be posted to the Township Website after review by the Board of Health which is being done at this meeting.

Ms. Swanson also took some time to review important topics in the report.

- Funding for Health Education and outreach programs will be ending this year therefore there will be a decline in education and programs for the public
- Overview of Goals and Objectives for 2025
- Open to feedback and suggestions for future Annual or Quarterly reports

Ms. Swanson also noted there are two Resolutions on the Business Session Meeting to include appointing Jean Ward as the new Registrar and a renewal of shared services with Robbinsville Township.

Council Member Geevers stated her concern whether the new Shared Services Agreement would cover increased costs to the Township.

Ms. Swanson replied a more in-depth cost analysis could be conducted in the future. She also stated in the past some of these towns have taken over the shared programs and reallocated those responsibilities back to their townships to keep the hours and costs contained.

Ms. Swanson gave an update on respiratory illnesses from the state and urged residents if they have not gotten their influenza vaccines this would be a good time to do so. She also gave an update on Avian Influenza and the recommendations and precautions for the general public to follow. Many links have been posted to the Health Department's page for more information. If the public notices deceased birds they are requested to call the NJDEP and the local Police Departments non-emergency number. Ms. Swanson does not recommend homeowners dispose of deceased birds. She also addressed Council President's concerns about back yard bird feeders and said there is no known risk but to always take caution when feeding birds and cleaning the feeders.

Ms. Swanson gave an overview of the Lead Safe Housing Statistics and compliance issues as well as the Township's Dog Licensing statistics overview. She noted the ways the Health Department is working to notify and educate the public on voluntary compliance. A discussion ensued with Council President Mandel, Councilmember Gawas, Council Vice President Geevers and Ms. Swanson about education and

notification ideas. Ms. Swanson reiterated the Licensing
and Rabies Vaccination guidelines for Council.

FOR ACTION

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes: Board of Health November 12, 2024

Motion to approve: Gawas

Second: Geevers

RCV: Aye Gawas

Aye Geevers

Aye Weiss

 Whitfield (absent)

Aye Mandel

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None


ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Gawas

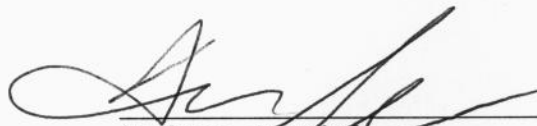
Second: Weiss

VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Joei L. Godin
Deputy Township Clerk
West Windsor Township



Andrea Mandel
Council President
West Windsor Township