

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
August 11, 2015**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:36 P.M.

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Health was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was given to both the Chatham Courier and the Morris County Daily Record on January 14, 2015; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 14, 2015; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 14, 2015.

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Swartz, Dr. Downey, Mrs. Babbitt and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Samara was also present. Mrs. Plantemoli, Mrs. Taormina and Mrs. Gulla were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nachtigal requested that some comments he made at the June meeting regarding generators be added to the minutes. The Board discussed how emergency generators are different from non-emergency generators. Dr. Downey asked if people needing electricity for medical equipment would qualify as an emergency. Mr. Samara also asked about enforcement.

Dr. Downey moved to approve the June minutes as amended. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that in June, retail food inspections were satisfactory at Fairmount Country Store and Marie's Chicken Joint. A noise complaint for construction noise was investigated on Woodlawn Drive. Two seminars were also attended, and regular inspections were performed at the Hickory Square Mall parking lot. The Board briefly discussed inspections at massage parlors and nail salons. Mr. Samara said that he will seek an opinion from the Health Officer if the Board should consider requiring inspections at nail salons.

Mr. Samara also provided the report for July. All pools had their second inspections. Regular inspections continued at the Hickory Square Mall parking lot. There is a pending complaint on River Edge Drive regarding a resident not properly curbing his dog. Mrs. Babbitt asked about incidences of Lyme disease this summer. Mr. Samara said that there were some tick bites at recreation fields, but the number of cases has not been abnormal.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in June 2015:

3 Marriage Licenses	\$84
9 Marriage Certificates	\$60
5 Death Certificates	<u>\$30</u>
Total	\$174

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in July 2015:

3 Marriage Licenses	\$84
4 Marriage Certificates	<u>\$10</u>
Total	\$94

Mr. LaConte also noted that the year-to-date Registrar income is \$874, which includes \$450 in marriage licenses fees collected on behalf of the State of NJ.

Mrs. Swartz moved to accept the reports. Dr. Downey seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Discussion

Vaccination Legislation

Mrs. Babbitt shared some press releases regarding the pending legislation for vaccination legislation. The pending legislation has come out of committee, but has not yet been put forth on the floor of the Assembly. Mrs. Babbitt suggested that it would help to call the representatives who dealt with the bill on committee to help get it brought to the floor. Mr. Nachtigal said that the Board should, for the time being, support the CDC recommendations for vaccinations. He also suggested that the Board work with Mrs. Gulla to craft something to show support for the legislation.

Madison-Chatham Coalition

Mrs. Swartz said that the Madison-Chatham Coalition has a grant which will help them to apply for larger grants. The Coalition will be engaging in activities to help prevent substance abuse, especially among youth, and they will be working together with the Municipal Alliances. Dr. Downey said that it will be important for the Coalition to work with coaches to have them help prevent drinking and drug use among high school students.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public.
Seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Babbitt moved to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Mrs. Swartz seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary