

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
March 10, 2015**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:35 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 15, 2014; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 15, 2014; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 15, 2014.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Babbitt moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2015 meeting. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that in January, there were several satisfactory retail food inspections. Brasa Grille had a conditional approval initially, and subsequently received satisfactory status when the deficient matters were corrected. A complaint about Shop Rite was investigated, and no problems were discovered. A septic bed inspection was performed at the Green Village Deli, and a septic pump inspection was performed on another property on Green Village Road. Regular inspections at the Hickory Square Mall for rodents in the dumpster area were also performed.

In February, all retail food inspections were satisfactory. A final inspection on the septic repairs at the Green Village Deli was also performed. Mr. Nachtigal asked if grease traps were installed. Mr. Samara said that there are three tanks in the system, one of which is just for grease and is pumped out monthly. Mrs. Swartz asked about the Hickory Square inspections. Mr. Samara said that he checks the whole area, and will speak directly with the onsite management whenever problems exist.

Mrs. Babbitt asked about environmental remediation at the Shell station at the corner of Southern Blvd and Shunpike Road. Mr. LaConte said that the remediation would be overseen by the DEP. Mrs. Gulla indicated that both the Township and the Health Department receive copies of reports on such remedial efforts.

Health Officer

Mrs. Gulla reported that a stricter immunization bill is moving forward in the Legislature. Medical exemptions will remain as they are, but religious exemptions will need to be endorsed by clergy and be notarized.

Mrs. Gulla also introduced Lisbeth Bringgaard, who is the Coordinator of the Madison/Chatham Coalition. Mrs. Bringgaard will be working with the Municipal Alliance of the Chathams and the Madison Alliance in their efforts to combat underage drinking and drug use. She described several of the challenges faced in this effort, and the Board discussed those challenges. Mrs. Gulla elaborated on the available programs for drug use/abuse prevention.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

3 Death Certificates		\$20
7 Marriage Certificates		<u>\$75</u>
	Total	\$95

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

1 Marriage License		<u>\$28</u>
	Total	\$28

Mrs. Swartz moved to approve the reports. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public.
Seeing none, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Babbitt moved to adjourn at 8:18 PM. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary