

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
May 12, 2015**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:33 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, Dr. Downey, Mrs. Babbitt and Mr. Nachtigal. Mrs. Gulla, Mr. Samara and Dr. Bowen were also present. Mrs. Plantemoli and Mrs. Taormina were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting. Dr. Downey seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that in March 2015, several retail food establishment inspections were performed, and all were found satisfactory. Mr. Samara also witnessed soil logs at an address on Green Village Road. He also responded to a complaint about a barking dog.

In April, additional retail food establishments were satisfactorily inspected. A septic pump inspection was conducted on Green Village Road. Mr. Samara also said that he attended several training seminars in April.

Mr. Nachtigal asked about the soil logs performed in March. Mr. LaConte said that there is a pending septic application under review by the Board Engineer.

Mrs. Swartz asked about Mr. Samara's involvement when there are problems in condos. Mrs. Gulla said that plumbing leaks are a housing issue to be handled by the Construction Office. Mr. LaConte said that sometimes he gets calls that need to be addressed both by Mr. Samara and by the Construction Official.

Health Officer

Mrs. Gulla said that she will submit her written report to the Board once her email is fixed. The Madison Health Department has a new Health Educator, Samantha Robinson. JoAnne Grillo is also the new Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Mrs. Gulla also mentioned that the proposed legislation for the clarifying of religious exemptions for mandatory vaccinations is now before the Assembly and State Senate. The Board discussed the merits of the resolution supporting the proposed legislation. Dr. Downey and Mrs. Gulla said that the anti-vaccination movement is based on a false study that alleges a correlation between the MMR vaccine and an increase in incidences of autism. The consensus of the Board was to review the language of the proposed legislation before passing any resolutions to support it, and the Board intends to vote on the resolution at the next meeting.

Mrs. Gulla also introduced Dr. Donald J. Bowen, who is the President of the Madison Board of Health. She also noted that the proposal for the renewal of the contract between the Township of Chatham and the Borough of Madison for Health Department services has been distributed to the Board of Health members for review.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

3 Marriage Licenses	\$84
2 Marriage Certificates	<u>\$15</u>
Total	\$99

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

10 Death Certificates	\$ 55
3 Marriage Licenses	\$ 84
2 Marriage Certificates	<u>\$ 15</u>
Total	\$154

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the reports. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Discussion

Madison Health Department Contract Renewal Proposal

Mr. Nachtigal asked how the proposal is different from the prior contract, apart from the annual fees. Mrs. Gulla said that if the rabies vaccines become fee-based from the State, then they will be paid for through the Animal Trust Account. She also said that Mr. Codey will be in touch with Mr. Ciccarone about how the “Cadillac Plan Tax” may affect the contract fees. Township residents will still be able to attend clinics without charge. Mr. LaConte recommended sticking with the Madison Health Department for services.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to endorse renewing the contract with the Borough of Madison for Health Department Services, with the details of the contract to be worked out by the municipal administrators and governing bodies.

Roll call: Mr. Swartz, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Absent; Dr. Downey, Aye; Mrs. Babbitt, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public.

1. Dr. Bowen greeted the Board.

Seeing no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to adjourn at 8:24 PM. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary