

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM  
APRIL 11, 2017**

Mr. Nachtigal called the reorganization meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:31 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 February 1, 2017; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on February 1, 2017; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on February 1, 2017.

**Oaths of Office**

The Oath of Office for Christine Chang was administered by Board Secretary Gregory J. LaConte.

**Roll Call**

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Plantemoli and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Fitzpatrick was also present. Mr. Ritter and Ms. Taormina were not present.

**Moment of Recognition**

Mr. Nachtigal noted the recent passing of former Board President Jim Brown. Both Mr. Nachtigal and Mr. LaConte commented on Dr. Brown's years of service to the Board of Health.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2017 meeting. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Reports**

**Health Officer**

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that a new piece of equipment for Starbucks was recently approved. All recent retail food inspections were satisfactory. Mr. Fitzpatrick also reported about a resident who was referred to St. Claire's for evaluation, and was placed in Greystone. Mrs. Chang asked how often retail food inspections occur. Mr. Fitzpatrick described the different risk factors and how often each category is required to be inspected. He also reported on an inquiry about cases of TB in Chatham Township, and said that the last positive reactor was in 2015.

**Registrar of Vital Statistics**

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in January 2017:

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

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in February 2017:

3 Death Certificate	<u>\$30</u>
Total	\$30

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in March 2017:

4 Marriage Licenses	\$112
6 Marriage Certificates	\$35
3 Death Certificates	<u>\$20</u>
Total	\$167

Mr. LaConte also cited the figures for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2017. He also noted the State's share of marriage license fees.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to accept the reports. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Septic System Applications**

#### **537 River Road – Block 63, Lot 11**

Mr. LaConte noted that a review memo approving the proposed design was received from Mott MacDonald. He also noted that sewer lines are not available on the section of River Road where the property is located. In response to why sewers are not available, Mr. LaConte said that when he had inquired, the reason stated was that it would be cost prohibitive. He also described the process by which local improvement assessments are charged.

Mr. LaConte noted that the applicant has received a GP25 permit for the proposed septic design.

Mr. Nachtigal read into the record a portion of the memorandum from Mott MacDonald recommending approval of the application. Mr. LaConte noted that the comments in the memorandum have been addressed.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the septic application. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion.

**Roll call:** Mr. Ritter, Absent; Mrs. Chang, Aye; Mrs. Gardner, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye.

### **Meeting Open to Public**

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public.

1. Julie Diplas, 39 Dale Drive, addressed a concern about gas-powered leaf blowers. She said that they create both a noise issue and an air quality concern. Mr. LaConte said that the Board of Health governs the noise ordinance, however the Township does not have any air quality regulations. Mrs. Diplas noted that Maplewood has recently adopted an ordinance to prohibit leaf blowers. Mr. Nachtigal mentioned that backup generators violate the State's model noise ordinance when properly installed, and noise can be mitigated when people are willing to take appropriate measures. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that battery powered leaf blowers do exist and are powerful enough for homeowners to use, but are not yet powerful enough for commercial use.

Seeing no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to adjourn at 8:31 PM. Mrs. Chang seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte  
Board of Health Secretary