

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
JUNE 13, 2017**

Mrs. Plantemoli called the reorganization 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 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.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting. Mrs. Chang seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported on the retail food establishment inspections performed in April. He also noted that the former Subway is now going to be a Jersey Mike's. He also reported that a septic bed inspection was performed at 537 River Road.

For the month of May, Mr. Samara reported on the several retail food establishment inspections which were performed. Pool inspections were also performed, and all were satisfactory. Mr. Samara also said a complaint was received about Hickory Pizza, and the matter has been addressed. A final inspection was also performed on a new septic system at 537 River Road.

Mrs. Chang asked if the inspection results are ever public. Mr. Samara said that some municipalities publish them in local newspapers, but the Township does not. Mr. LaConte said that any establishment's retail food license and inspection certificate are required to be posted in public view. He also noted that the monthly reports submitted by Mr. Samara are public records subject to disclosure.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

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| 2 Marriage Licenses | \$56 |
| 2 Marriage Certificates | \$15 |
| 2 Death Certificates | <u>\$15</u> |
| Total | \$86 |

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

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| 17 Marriage Certificates | \$105 |
| 2 Marriage Licenses | <u>\$56</u> |
| Total | \$161 |

Mr. LaConte noted that this is the time of year when the volume of marriage license applications pick up.

Discussion

Joint Brochure with CTEC Regarding Pesticides

Cara Feeser from the Chatham Township Environmental Commission discussed with the Board of Health a brochure which was jointly prepared by both boards in 2004, and was reissued in 2010. Mrs. Feeser said that she is working to update the brochure so that a new version can be disseminated. She also said that she is working to reduce the amount of pesticides used in the Township. Mrs. Feeser mentioned an integrated pest management program from Rutgers in which DPW can get certification. She also said that the School District of the Chathams does not use pesticides on their lawns. Mr. LaConte said that he will bring the suggestion of using the Rutgers program to the attention of the Township Administrator. Mrs. Feeser said that she will make herself available to meet with the Township Administrator to discuss the program.

Additional Report

Health Officer

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that the Health Department frequently has website updates as issues arise. He also reported that some research has been done regarding noise ordinances in relation to leaf blowers, and Mr. LaConte said that the topic will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked about a recent case of pertussis. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the patient was a 5th grader who was released by the doctor to return to school prior to the end of the quarantine period. Mrs. Chang asked about the rate of exemptions for immunizations. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that this area has a high rate of immunization. The Board discussed religious and medical exemptions for vaccinations.

Health Education

Mrs. Chang asked how the Health Department decides what topics to address with health education materials. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that some items are selected in conjunction with the CDC or with periods such as awareness months. He also said that sometimes the materials will be responsive to issues happening within the community. Mrs. Chang suggested that information regarding car seat laws be posted. She also said that October is Pregnancy Loss Awareness Month, and she would like to see awareness raised. Mr. LaConte noted that Mayor Ritter has promoted suicide prevention awareness, and there will be an Out Of The Darkness Walk in the Township in September.

Meeting Open to Public

Mrs. Plantemoli opened the meeting to the public.
Seeing no members of the public present, the public hearing was closed.

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

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary