

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:30 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 10, 2018; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 10, 2018; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 10, 2018.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Mr. Selen, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Plantemoli and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Samara and Mrs. Dolan were also present. Mrs. Gardner and Ms. Taormina were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting, pending the correction of a typographical error. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that several retail food establishments had satisfactory inspections. He also reported that an opening inspection was performed for the new swimming pool at Fairmount Country Club.

Mr. Nachtigal asked about DEP discharge permits for the Fairmount Country Club. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the Country Club indicated that they have a permit. Mr. Samara said that he will reach out to the pool manager for a copy.

Mr. Samara further reported that additional retail food establishments were inspected in July. In August, second inspections were performed for swimming pools. A complaint about Blossom Asian Bistro was also addressed and remediated. A septic abandonment inspection was performed at 366 Green Village road, and two inspections for were conducted for the installation of a new system at 596 River Road.

Mr. Nachtigal asked if there are any pending septic applications. Mr. LaConte replied that there are two applications still under engineering review, and he hopes that they will be ready for the Board's attention at the October meeting. Mr. LaConte also noted that the applicant on Green Village Road is investigating if the DEP would allow the extension of the sewer line to their home.

Public Health Nurse

Mrs. Dolan reported on lead surveillance for June through August. Audit workshops for childcare and preschool directors were held, and school nurses were invited to attend. Vaccinations and exemptions were addressed at the workshops. Mrs. Dolan noted that children entering preschool need to get flu vaccinations. She also reported on flu clinics for residents, and an information flyer was distributed for posting online. Mr. LaConte asked about the minimum age for the flu clinics. Mrs. Dolan said that the clinics are open to residents of all ages. Mr. Nachtigal asked if the nasal vaccine is being given, and Mrs. Dolan said that the nasal vaccine is approved for use but the clinic will have shots. Mrs. Plantemoli asked if the Borough is having a clinic. Mrs. Dolan and Mr. LaConte said they heard that the Borough is not having a flu clinic this year. Mrs. Dolan also commented on an international flight with a flu outbreak. Mrs. Dolan also addressed follow-ups for elevated lead investigations. Mr. Fitzpatrick also commented on

lead exposure from old paint. Mrs. Dolan also said that she only had two zika reports, both of which were negative and neither were in Chatham Township.

Health Officer

Mr. Fitzpatrick addressed the scheduling of the annual rabies clinic. He also said that he did some research regarding vaping on public property.

Mr. LaConte noted that the rabies clinic will be held on November 3rd from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the public works garage.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in June 2018:

3 Marriage License	\$84
2 Marriage Certificates	\$15
1 Death Certificate	<u>\$10</u>
Total	\$109

Mr. LaConte noted that a payment of \$250 was made to the State of New Jersey for their portion of the fees collected for 10 marriage licenses.

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in July 2018:

3 Marriage License	\$84
6 Marriage Certificates	\$100
5 Death Certificates	<u>\$35</u>
Total	\$219

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in August 2018:

3 Marriage License	\$84
6 Marriage Certificates	\$45
13 Death Certificates	<u>\$75</u>
Total	\$204

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

Discussion

Vaping on Municipal Property

Mr. Nachtigal said that he was asked by the Township Committee to look into the issue of vaping on municipal property. Mr. LaConte said that the Township already has an ordinance that prohibits smoking on municipal property. He added that there is a State law which prohibits vaping anywhere that smoking is prohibited.

Mr. Nachtigal said that some towns have ordinances which separately license the sale of vaping products, and asked if there are any stores in Chatham Township that sell such products. Mr. Samara said that he will check with the liquor stores, but he doubts they sell vaping equipment. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that there is a distinction between establishments that sell the equipment and those where people would vape on site.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked if there are any signs posted on Township properties where smoking is prohibited. Mr. LaConte said that he and the Township Administrator are looking into signage.

Mr. LaConte noted that the Board could request that the Township Committee add language to specify vaping in the ordinance which prohibits smoking on public property.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public.

1. Julie Diplas, 39 Dale Drive, said that she has done some research regarding air and sound quality from landscaping equipment. She also said that battery operated equipment is now available, and less noise is produced. Mrs. Diplas also addressed organic lawn care. Mrs. Plantemoli noted that the adoption of an ordinance would cause landscapers to need to adapt, and she suggested that landscapers receive education on the electronic options for lawn equipment. Mr. Nachtigal noted that it is only recently that viable batteries are available. Mrs. Diplas noted that she knows of a landscaper who has solar panels on his truck to charge equipment when in transit.

Seeing no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

Other Business

Mrs. Chang asked about Pregnancy Loss Awareness Month. Mr. LaConte said that there will be a proclamation at the October 11th Township Committee meeting.

Mr. LaConte also noted that Mayor Ritter is running the third annual Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention walk for Suicide Prevention Month.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to adjourn at 8:33 PM. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary