

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
OCTOBER 10, 2017**

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 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, Mrs. Plantemoli and Mr. Nachtigal. Also present were Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Samara. Mr. Ritter and Ms. Taormina were not present.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that retail food establishment inspections are caught up, and second inspections of the schools are being performed. Food is still prepared at Chatham High School and transported to the other schools. Mr. Samara noted that the Fairmount Country Club is doing extensive work and building a new clubhouse. All retail food establishments have been satisfactory.

Mrs. Chang asked if the schools in the Borough receive the same sort of inspections as the Township schools. Mr. Samara said that the Borough's inspector will inspect the schools there.

Health Officer

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that he witnessed a soil log inspection on River Road recently. He also addressed a noise complaint on Riveredge Drive, but no problem was observed. The Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled for October 25th. Mr. Fitzpatrick also reported that immunization audits are beginning soon.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

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| 2 Marriage Licenses | \$56 |
| 2 Marriage Certificates | <u>\$15</u> |
| Total | \$71 |

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

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 7 Marriage Licenses | \$196 |
| 5 Marriage Certificates | \$50 |
| 6 Death Certificates | <u>\$40</u> |
| Total | \$286 |

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

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2 Marriage Licenses | \$56 |
| 11 Marriage Certificates | \$90 |
| 5 Death Certificates | <u>\$40</u> |
| Total | \$186 |

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

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 5 Marriage Licenses | \$140 |
| 2 Marriage Certificates | \$15 |
| 9 Death Certificates | <u>\$55</u> |
| Total | \$210 |

Mr. LaConte also reported on payments to the State of New Jersey for the State's share of marriage license fees.

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

Discussion

Noise from Leaf Blowers

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that the Montclair ordinance restricts use of leaf blowers to normal business hours. Mr. Nachtigal said that commercial equipment is still allowed under that ordinance, and the duration that work can be done on a particular property is not restricted except by limits on hours of operation as set by the noise ordinance.

Individual Sewage Disposal Systems in Wetland Areas

Mr. Nachtigal said that most of the Township has sewers, and Mr. LaConte noted that there are approximately 220 septic systems in the Township. Mr. Nachtigal asked about the possibility of installing sewer lines in the areas where they do not exist. Mr. LaConte said that when he has inquired, the Township Administrator has indicated that the cost would be overly burdensome on the residents benefitting from such a project.

Mr. Nachtigal said that there are situations in wetlands areas where the area is completely submerged for two weeks out of the year, at which time there is no way to dispose of the effluent unless the system is designed to take such conditions into account.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked about the sewers for the Cardinal Hill Apartments. Mr. LaConte said that the Apartments have their own private wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Plantemoli said that some of her neighbors have hooked in to that sewer plant.

Mr. LaConte explained that when sewer projects are completed, the cost of the project is divided up among the properties benefitting from the project. He also described the recent project in which WPC2 was converted into a pump station.

Mr. Nachtigal asked about plant capacity. Mr. LaConte said that the plant has available capacity now that the Giralda Farms tract is open space.

Mrs. Plantemoli said that she will check with her neighbors to see if they have an interest in having sewer lines extended. She also cited new houses on River Road that she does not think have septic systems. Mr. LaConte said that any homes connected to Cardinal Hill's sewer plant would be a private arrangement between the homeowner and Salem Management.

Health Education

Mrs. Chang asked about health education awareness. Mr. LaConte said that items sent to him from the Madison Health Department get posted on the Township website. Mrs. Chang asked about posting health education information to social media. Mr. LaConte commented on the low percentage of residents who are signed up for website updates and ACT Now! alerts. Mrs.

Plantemoli suggested sending out information through the School District about the availability of the alert systems.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public.
Seeing no members of the public present, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to adjourn at 8:38 PM. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary