

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
October 13, 2015**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular 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 January 14, 2015; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 14, 2015; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 14, 2015.

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Swartz, Mrs. Plantemoli, Mrs. Babbitt and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Samara was also present. Dr. Downey, Mrs. Taormina and Mrs. Gulla were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. LaConte noted that he found a typographical error in the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting.

Mrs. Swartz moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting as amended. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that in August, several retail food establishments were inspected, and all were found satisfactory. The Colony Pool was also inspected and passed. Several septic system inspections were performed as well. The Hickory Square Mall parking lot dumpster area also had a routine inspection. Several retail food inspections were satisfactory in September as well. Mr. Nachtigal asked about requiring bear-proofing garbage cans and dumpster lids. Mrs. Swartz said that there is not anything before the Township Committee, but there are some common sense guidelines. Mr. Nachtigal noted that he has seen bear-proof dumpsters in Pennsylvania state parks.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

5 Marriage Licenses	\$140
2 Marriage Certificates	\$15
2 Birth Certificates	<u>\$15</u>
Total	\$174

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

5 Marriage Licenses	\$140
5 Marriage Certificates	<u>\$35</u>
Total	\$175

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

Discussion

Vaccination Legislation

Mrs. Swartz reported that she received an email from Assemblywoman Jasey's office with an update on the Legislature's efforts on the legislation to tighten up the religious exemptions on

vaccinations. Assemblywoman Jasey supports the legislation. Mrs. Swartz said that she will keep the Board of Health updated when she receives any new information. The Board discussed the upcoming Flu Clinic.

Madison Health Department Contract

Mr. Nachtigal said that he would like for Mrs. Gulla to update the Board on what changes she foresees happening with health services.

Rabies Clinic

Mr. LaConte noted that the annual rabies clinic for dogs and cats will be held on November 7th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. Mr. Nachtigal asked about attendance at the clinic. Mr. LaConte and Mr. Samara said that it can vary significantly from year to year.

MRSA Infections

Mrs. Swartz asked about concerns over MRSA at recreation facilities. Mrs. Plantemoli said that there are protocols for cleaning athletic equipment so as to prevent staph infections. She also commented on how staph infections are spread, and how overuse of antibiotics has led to drug-resistant strains of bacteria.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public. Seeing no comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Swartz moved to adjourn at 8:23 PM. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary