

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
December 9, 2014**

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:34 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 15, 2014; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 15, 2014; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 15, 2014.

Answering present to the roll call were Mr. Brower, Mrs. Babbitt and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Samara and Mrs. Dolan were also present. Mrs. Plantemoli and Dr. Downey were absent. Ms. Taormina was absent as well.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nachtigal asked if the letter had been sent to the Township Committee regarding filling the position of OEM Coordinator. Mr. LaConte indicated that Mayor Sullivan has the necessary certifications to continue holding the position. Mr. Brower asked if being the Mayor and OEM Coordinator concurrently would create a conflict. Mrs. Gulla commented on the role of public information officers, as well as her own ability to issue quarantines. Mr. Brower asked if there are opportunities for shared services for OEM Coordinators. Mrs. Gulla said that it would not make sense to share that service.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting. Mr. Brower seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported on the retail food establishments that were satisfactorily performed in October. Septic bed inspections were also performed. Mr. Samara also inspected a culvert off Green Village Road to see if there was any debris or trash.

For the month of November, additional retail food inspections and septic bed inspections were performed. Mr. Samara also reported on a summons that was issued due to a septic violation at the Green Village Deli. Mr. LaConte said that Mr. Ciccarone and Mr. Impink are dealing with zoning violations at the site, and Mr. Samara said that the system is being repaired. Mr. Samara also performed a septic abandonment inspection for a property on Rolling Hill Drive. The annual rabies clinic was also held on November 1st. Mr. Nachtigal asked about the School District's food service. Mr. Samara said that the food service is Chartwell, and food for Southern Boulevard School is prepared at Chatham High School. Mr. Samara and Mrs. Gulla also reported that they attended the League of Municipalities Annual Conference. Mr. Samara also said that the deed restriction for the 249 Loantaka Way septic system is still outstanding. Mr. LaConte said that he has already spoken with the design engineer's office on that matter.

Health Officer

Mrs. Gulla reported that matters related to Ebola have quieted down. She also commented on temperature monitoring that had been conducted on some people who had been potentially exposed, as well as on other quarantine measures that were available. Mrs. Gulla also commented on the efficacy of this year's flu vaccine, as well as treatment of flu-patients with antiviral medications.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in October 2014:

18 Marriage Certificates	\$120
1 Death Certificates	\$ 10
4 Marriage Licenses	<u>\$ 53</u>
Total	\$183

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in November 2014:

6 Marriage Certificates	\$ 45
2 Marriage Licenses	<u>\$ 56</u>
Total	\$101

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

Pending Septic Applications

Block 48.21, Lot 172 – 493 Green Village Road

Mark Patalive, PG was present to address the proposed design for the property at 493 Green Village Road. Mr. Samara indicated that he had witnessed the soil logs for the property. Mr. Patalive said that the only comment from Mr. Ruschke’s office was to drop the septic tank and the pump pit six inches to give more cover over the sewer lines. They also added an inch to the thickness of the gravel in the disposal bed. Mr. Patalive also noted that there are not any plans to remove any trees for the septic system. Mr. Patalive also said that they will need a letter from the Township supporting their application for a GP25. Mr. Brower noted that this property would not need a septic system had sewer lines been installed in Green Village. Mr. Nachtigal said that the property has constraints based on its shape. He also said that because the design meets the requirements, it can be approved.

Mr. Brower moved to approve the application. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Brower, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Absent; Dr. Downey, Absent; Mrs. Babbitt, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye.

Discussion

Mr. Nachtigal asked about contract renewals for the Board’s professionals for 2015. Mr. LaConte said that he will reach out to the professionals for their updated contracts, and they will be approved at the Reorganization meeting in January. The Board will look to renew contracts with the current professionals. Mr. Brower also commented on a house built on the corner of Country Club Drive and Southern Boulevard in which the garage is such that the basement will flood. Mr. Nachtigal commented on the Pilgrim Pipeline, and suggested that the Board should consider passing a resolution opposing the project.

Meeting Open to Public

Mr. Nachtigal opened the meeting to the public. Seeing none, the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Brower moved to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for January 13, 2015.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary