

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

Mr. Nachtigal called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:32 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 Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Chang, Mrs. Plantemoli and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Samara and Mrs. Dolan were also present. Mr. Selen, Mr. Fitzpatrick and Ms. Taormina were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nachtigal noted one correction to the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting as amended. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara provided reports for September, October and November. In September, several retail food inspections were performed. He noted that Marie's Chicken Joint and Lafayette Avenue School both received conditional approvals, and the deficiencies were corrected within a day. Mr. Samara also said that Lafayette Avenue School has more food preparation on site than in the past. He further reported that a property maintenance complaint regarding 575 Fairmount Avenue was addressed. Mr. Samara also reported that a noise complaint regarding air conditioning units on Johnson Drive was addressed, and he described the measures being taken by the contractor to address the issue. He will return with sound measuring equipment once the work is complete.

Mr. Samara further reported that additional retail food inspections were conducted in October and November. He noted that the Fairmount Country Club completed the pool kitchen, and a pre-operational inspection was performed. Mr. Nachtigal asked about the discharge permit status of the Fairmount Country Club. Mr. Samara said that they have the proper permits, and the work was done correctly. He also reported that a septic tank abandonment inspection was performed at 78 Loantaka Lane North.

Public Health Nurse

Mrs. Dolan reported that there was slightly lower turnout for the Flu Clinic this year, and vaccines were administered to 72 adults and 28 municipal employees. She said that some people will also go directly to the Health Department offices for the flu shot, and shots are still available. Mrs. Dolan said that there have been some cases of the flu in the community, and noted that it is an underreported disease because there is not a requirement for cases to be reported. M. LaConte asked about expectations of the efficacy of this year's flu shot. Mrs. Dolan said that it is too early to tell. Mrs. Plantemoli said that it is not known until late in the season if the shot was effective, and noted that getting the flu shot reduces the intensity of the flu in those who do contract the virus. Mrs. Dolan further reported that she shared with the Board of Health a link to a webinar.

Mr. Samara reported that the annual rabies clinic was held, and there were 5 dogs and 1 cat vaccinated. Mr. LaConte noted that the rabies clinic is traditionally held on the first Saturday of November so that the shots will be consistently valid for license renewals.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

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| 3 Marriage Licenses | | <u>\$84</u> |
| | Total | \$84 |

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

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| 9 Marriage Certificates | | \$60 |
| 3 Death Certificates | | <u>\$20</u> |
| | Total | \$80 |

Mr. LaConte also reported that renewal notices have been sent out for dog licenses and retail food establishments.

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

Septic System Applications

580 River Road – Block 62, Lot 56

Mr. Frank Francese, the applicant, was present at the meeting. He described the history of the property. A well on the property will be abandoned, and there is not any evidence of a former septic system on the property. Mr. LaConte said that there is not the availability of sewer service on the section of River Road where the subject property is located.

Mr. Nachtigal read into the record the review letter from Mott MacDonald regarding the septic application. He noted that the proposed disposal field is 10 feet from the front property line, which is allowable by ordinance as the front property line is adjacent to a public right-of-way and the proposed field meets the 25 foot setback from the properties on either side of the subject property. Mr. LaConte noted that a similar approval was granted to the property next door earlier this year.

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the septic system application for 580 River Road. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Selen, Absent; Mrs. Chang, Aye; Mrs. Gardner, Aye; Mrs. Plantemoli, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye.

Meeting Open to Public

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

Mr. Nachtigal moved to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary