

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
October 14, 2014**

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 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. Plantemoli, Mrs. Babbitt and Mr. Nachtigal. Mr. Samara and Mrs. Dolan were also present. Dr. Downey was absent. Ms. Taormina was absent as well.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Nachtigal moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Mr. Samara reported that several retail food establishments were inspected and found satisfactory. He also reported that he investigated a complaint made about Charlie Brown's, and everything was ok when he was there. Mr. Samara further reported that Woodland Bakery has a new owner. A soil log was witnessed on Green Village Road, and the monthly inspection of the dumpster area at the Hickory Shopping center was performed.

Mr. Brower asked about the catch basin near the Hickory Shopping Center. Mr. Samara said that he needs to do a more thorough inspection, but all he saw upon a preliminary inspection was a lot of weeds. Mr. Brower said that he received a complaint about debris from the shopping center getting caught up in the weeds.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

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

10 Death Certificates	\$ 60
14 Marriage Certificates	\$ 90
4 Marriage Licenses	<u>\$112</u>
Total	\$262

Mr. LaConte further reported the Third Quarter payment to the Township was \$877, of which \$475 was the State's portion of the marriage license fees collected for the quarter.

Public Health Nurse

Mrs. Dolan reported that the annual Flu Clinic was held on October 1st from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM at the Municipal Building. 176 vaccines were given at the clinic, and some other people who could not be at the clinic went directly to the Health Department to get vaccinated. Mrs. Dolan also reported on the pneumococcal vaccine and PCB-13 vaccine. Mrs. Plantemoli asked about the number of people who got flu shots, and if people are tending to get their shots privately rather than at the Health Department. Mrs. Dolan said that they do believe that people are opting to go to local pharmacies and doctors offices for their shots in higher numbers than in the past. Mrs. Dolan also said that healthcare workers are notorious for not getting flu shots, and some healthcare companies are threatening to fire employees who do not get the flu shot this year. She also addressed the availability of the shingles vaccine, and vaccines for the uninsured.

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

Discussion

Ebola and Enterovirus Outbreaks

The Board discussed the enterovirus outbreak and steps to prevent contracting the virus. Mr. Brower asked about comments in the media of people coming into this country illegally who also are carriers of infections. The Board also discussed the recent cases of ebola in the United States, and that the virus is spread through bodily fluids.

Mr. Nachtigal moved that a letter should be sent to the Township Committee advising that there should be an OEM Director to oversee the needs of the Township when situations like this develop. Mrs. Babbitt seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Brower suggested that perhaps there could be regional OEM Coordinators.

The Board also briefly discussed the need for regulating the noise created by generators, and the need for an ordinance requiring that sidewalks be cleared of snow.

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 8:59 PM. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board of Health is scheduled for November 18, 2014.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary