

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
JULY 1, 2026**

Mrs. Fowler 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 9, 2026; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 9, 2026; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 9, 2026.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. McCormack, Mr. Srinivasan, Mr. Pitney and Mrs. Fowler.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Rowland moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pitney and was unanimously approved.

Reports

Health Officer Report

On behalf of the Health Officer, Mr. LaConte reported that Chatham Hills Subacute is currently undergoing chemical shock remediation (hyperchlorination) due to the State department of Health identifying a case of legionnaires disease in a resident.

A rodent complaint at Heritage Greene is under control, with exterminators at the site every 1-2 weeks to control the problem. There were issues with management not communicating properly with residents.

An odor issue at a unit in Vernon Grove is being addressed. An attorney from the Vernon Grove Board contact the Health Department about what has been done and what can be done. The Health Department has issued multiple summonses. Adult Protective services will not help because the resident in the unit is enough of sound mind to be able to live alone. Questions were asked about the matter, and Mr. LaConte said he would reach out to the Health Department for more information. Whether or not the odor is dangerous and if the resident may have family who can assist them was discussed. Mr. Pitney asked if there was any role the Board should play in addressing the matter. Mr. LaConte said he will inquire.

Registrar of Vital Statistics/Board of Health Secretary

As of June 30th, there have been 257 dog licenses and 12 cat licenses issued for 2026. These numbers include both renewals and new licenses.

All public pools have had their pre-opening inspections, and the licenses have been issued. Heritage Greene's pool opened in June, the remainder were able to be opened on Memorial Day weekend. Retail Food licenses were also issued for the snack bars at Noe Pond Club and Colony Pool.

In 2025, there was a new round of septic system licensure renewal. Of the 200 septic systems in the Township requiring licensure, 21 received summonses for non-compliance at the end of 2025. Of those, there are three that are still pending in Municipal Court and the rest have been brought into compliance.

A septic application for 60 Loantaka Lane has passed engineering review. Once the Health Department completes their review, the permit can be issued. This new system is in connection with the redevelopment of the property.

A septic inspection report for a property on River Road was received, and the system was deemed unsatisfactory. Submission of an application for a new system is anticipated, as the inspection was performed in connection with a pending real estate transaction.

May

3 Marriage Licenses	\$84
2 Death Certificates	\$20
<u>5 Marriage Certificates</u>	<u>\$60</u>
Total	\$164

June

4 Marriage Licenses	\$112
1 Death Certificate	\$10
4 Domestic Partnership Copies	\$40
<u>5 Marriage Certificates</u>	<u>\$40</u>
Total	\$202

Mrs. Rowland noted that she recently performed a wedding ceremony. Mr. LaConte noted that there was recent legislation that authorizes municipal clerks to perform weddings.

Mrs. Fowler asked about the property on Woodland Road for which relief was granted pertaining to the septic system. Mr. LaConte said that a developer has put in paperwork for a demolition permit, and the new home will be connected to sewer.

Mrs. Fowler moved to accept the reports. Mrs. Rowland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Discussion

Mrs. Fowler said that the Township is not participating in National Night Out this year. Mr. LaConte said that he was informed by Chief Miller that there may be a different event later in the year at which the Board of Health may have an opportunity for outreach.

Mrs. Fowler asked if heat wave advisories are being sent out. Mr. LaConte said he will see what the Health Department has available for posting. Mayor Rowland said that the County has sent out information.

Meeting Open to Public

Mrs. Fowler opened the meeting to the public.
Seeing no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. McCormack moved to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Mr. Pitney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary