MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Mrs. Fowler 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 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, Mr. Srinivasan, Mr. Pitney and Mrs. Fowler.

Mrs. McCormack was absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Rowland moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pitney and was unanimously approved.

Reports

Health Officer Report

Mr. Gapas reported that the legionella issue at Chatham Hills Subacute Care has been satisfactorily resolved. He also updated the Board on an issue with a resident at Vernon Grove, and the resident now has a cleaning service helping them. Mr. Gapas noted that a septic system installation at 490 River Road has passed three of four inspections, and the installation should be completed soon. Mr. Gapas also reported on recent health education events.

Mr. Pitney asked if the upcoming program targeted toward teens regarding suicide risk factors will be promoted through the School District. Mr. Gapas said he will look into that. Mrs. Fowler asked that flyers be distributed.

Mrs. Fowler asked about attendance at the July health education events. Mr. Gapas said there were 4 attendees at the stress management event and 5 at the exercise class. Mayor Rowland noted that the events were at a time when there were still power outages due to the July 3rd storm.

Mrs. Fowler asked about the legionella issue at Chatham Hills Subacute Care. Mr. Gapas said that the response was precautionary rather than an active illness.

Registrar of Vital Statistics/Board of Health Secretary

During July and August 6 dog licenses and 1 cat license were issued. Year to date, there have been 263 dog licenses and 13 cat licenses issued.

The Flus Shot Clinic will be held on September 18, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There will only be flu shots. Mr. LaConte said the clinic is open to Township residents and Township employees.

As of August 10th, I am now the Vice-President of the Morris County Registrar's Association.

Registrar income for July and August was as follows:

July

6 Marriage Licenses	$168
3 Death Certificates	$30
6 Marriage Certificates	$60
Total	$258

August

4 Marriage Licenses	$112
1 Death Certificate	$10
5 Marriage Certificates	$50
Total	$172

Discussion

Mayor Rowland said that the Chatham Township Presbyterian Church conducted a survey about issues facing residents, and two issues they found were senior citizen isolation as well as food insecurity. Mayor Rowland noted efforts being made to address these issues.

Meeting Open to Public

Mrs. Fowler opened the meeting to the public.

1. Jim Riffel, Terrace Drive, said that he would like to advocate on behalf of a disabled neighbor who has been fighting a code violation that has been affecting her health. He presented a video showing the issue. Mr. Riffel played a video showing the dryer ventilation. Mr. LaConte asked if the alleged code violation had been reported to the Construction Department. Mr. Riffel said he believes it has been reported. Mr. LaConte asked that Mr. Riffel reach out to himself and Mr. Gapas so that they can investigate the matter and see what can be done.

Seeing no further public comment, the public hearing was closed.

Mrs. Rowland moved to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Mr. Pitney seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary