MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
OCTOBER 5, 2023

Mrs. Fowler called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:25 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 April 20, 2023; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on April 20, 2023; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on April 20, 2023.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Mr. Pitney, Mrs. McCormack and Mrs. Fowler. Mr. Hamilton was absent

Board Attorney Brian. Hak and Health Officer Sagar Patel were also present.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. McCormack moved to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2023 meeting. Mr. Pitney seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Reports

Health Officer Report

Mr. Sagar reported that the Health Department is waiting for the allotment of flu vaccine to be received from the State before clinics are scheduled. They hope to have the allotment within the next week. The State will only be providing Covid vaccines for vulnerable populations. Mr. Sagar noted that there was the Woofstock event at which inspection of temporary retail food establishments was conducted. He further reported that there was an outbreak of Covid at the Chatham Subacute Care Center, and there are not currently any communicable disease investigation being conducted.

Registrar of Vital Statistics/Board of Health Secretary

Mr. LaConte reported on the issuance of temporary retail food licenses. He also reported that the annual Rabies Clinic has been scheduled for November 4th. As part of the search for a new provider of Health Department Services, a questionnaire regarding previous services provided by Bloomfield over the past three years was completed. Options for a new vendor for dog/cat licensing software are under review, with a desire to have an online registration portal developed. The Deputy Registrar has resigned from employment with the Township, thereby creating a vacancy in this mandatory position.

Mr. LaConte reported that Vital Statistics income for August and September was as follows:

August

2 Marriage Licenses	$56
Total	$56

September

1 Marriage Certificates	$10
15 Death Certificates	$150
5 Marriage Licenses	$140
Total	$300

The Township also received reimbursement from the State for the municipal share of marriage licenses issues in the period from January through June 2023. Payment will be made to the State for the 3rd quarter marriage license fees. The monthly income accounts for the increase in certified copy fees.

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

Public Hearing/Final Adoption of Ordinances

ORDINANCE BH-2023-03
ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE NOISE ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Health of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Section 3e, Specific Noise Prohibitions: Amplifiers, Loudspeakers, Radios, Television Sets, Musical Instruments and Similar Devices., of Ordinance BH-2-78 adopted June 29, 1978 by the Board of Health of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey is hereby amended so that said section shall read in its entirety, as follows

   e. Amplifiers, Loudspeakers, Radios, Television Sets, Musical Instruments and Similar Devices. Using or operating, either indoors or in any vehicle, any amplifier, loudspeaker, radio receiving set, television set, musical instrument, phonograph, tape recorder or other equipment or device for the producing, reproducing or amplification of sound at any time with a volume louder than is necessary for the convenient hearing of persons who are in the room or vehicle where such equipment or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The use or operation of any such equipment or device between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. the following day, prevailing time, in such a manner as to be plainly audible (1) at a distance of 100 feet from the building or vehicle in which it is located or (2) through a dwelling unit partition wall of a multi-family structure shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection.

   None of the equipment, instruments or devices hereinabove mentioned shall be used outdoors at any time in a manner that will create any noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary unless such operation is in connection with a public or other special event authorized by the governing body of the Township and such operation and use is in accordance with the specific terms and conditions set forth in the authorization.

   The use of amplification of sound by loudspeakers for sporting events at Cougar Field and Township recreation fields shall be permitted for sporting events from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

2. This Ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Mrs. Fowler opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance BH-2023-03.
Seeing no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. LaConte provided background information on the ordinance.

Mrs. Fowler moved to adopt Ordinance BH-2023-03. Mr. Pitney seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Hamilton, Absent; Mr. Pitney, Aye; Mrs. McCormack, Aye; Mrs. Fowler, Aye.

Pending Septic Application

437 Green Village Road – Block 48.21 Lot 158 & 158.01

Jeff Houser, the design engineer, was present on behalf of the applicant, Mr. Jansen, who was also present. Mr. Houser provided background on the application. He also described the system that has been designed. Mr. Houser addressed the review memorandum from Mott MacDonald. Mr. Houser also addressed the need to merge the two lots together.

Mr. Pitney asked if the house is occupied, and what the condition is of the current system. Mr. Houser said that the house is occupied, and the current system is failing.

Mr. Houser asked if the application can be approved with the merger of the lots a requirement for closing out the permit. Mr. Pitney noted that the lot merger would be a minor subdivision, and spoke in favor of moving forward with allowing the septic construction.

Mr. Pitney asked about freeze thaw. Mr. Houser addressed the depth and pitch of the pipes. Mr. Pitney asked about submission of reports to be submitted. Mr. LaConte said those reports usually come to him.

Mr. Houser addressed the requirement for a GP24 permit. Mr. LaConte said that the GP24 is not an uncommon condition of approval. He also noted that he gave the Construction Official a heads up about the lot grading requirement.

Mr. Pitney moved to approve the application subject to the conditions in the memorandum from the Board Engineer and as discussed on the record. Mrs. McCormack seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Hamilton, Absent; Mr. Pitney, Aye; Mrs. McCormack, Aye; Mrs. Fowler, Aye.

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.

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Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary