MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
OCTOBER 6, 2022

Mrs. Plantemoli called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:50 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 12, 2022 and August 30, 2022; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 12, 2022 and August 30, 2022; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 12, 2022 and August 30, 2022.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Plantemoli.

Mr. Nikolopoulos and Mrs. Gardner were absent.

Board Attorney Mr. Hak and Health Officer Mike Fitzpatrick were also present.

Septic System Application

415 & 419 Green Village Road – Block 48.18 Lot 143

Steve Parker, the design engineer representing the applicant, provided an overview of the application. He noted that because there are existing homes, the Board is authorized to allow deviations from the applicable codes. Mr. Parker also commented on the approval conditions in the review memorandum from Mr. Ruschke's office and noted the requirement for a pre-construction meeting.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked Mr. Fitzpatrick about the allowance on deviating from the code. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that when there is an existing property that cannot meet the requirements and the home is not being expanded, it would become a non-conforming use. He said that the goal is to meet the standards, but not to condemn an existing home.

Mr. Parker said that the design meets the requirements for the zone of treatment and zone of disposal. He also said that other areas for the disposal bed were considered, and the spot chosen was the best available spot.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked about the requirement for a revised plan to be submitted. Mr. Parker said that an SESC plan needs to be submitted which will include the information requested. Mr. Parker also confirmed that his client will stipulate to all the conditions in the review memorandum from Mr. Ruschke's office.

Mr. Hamilton moved to approve the application subject to the conditions in the review memorandum from Mr. Ruschke's office dates September 29, 2022. Mrs. Fowler seconded the motion.

Roll call: Mr. Hamilton, Aye; Mrs. Fowler, Aye; Mr. Nikolopoulos, Absent; Mrs. Gardner, Absent; Mrs. Plantemoli, Aye.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Fowler moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Reports

Health Officer Report

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported hat covid numbers have come down. He also said that hospitalizations are also low. Normal inspections have been ongoing. A rabies clinic has been scheduled.

The vaccine for a flu clinic has also been received, and covid boosters will also be available at the clinic.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked about an inspection at Good Taste Restaurant. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that restaurant owners are not allowed to have their children working at the restaurant.

Mr. Fowler moved to accept the Health Officer's report. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Registrar of Vital Statistics/Board of Health Secretary

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in September 2022:

6 Marriage Licenses		$0
2 Marriage Certificates		$15
	Total	$15

Mr. LaConte also reported that there have been 33 marriage licenses, 68 copies of marriage certificates, 18 copies of death certificates and 2 copies of birth certificates in 2022 as of the end of September.

Regarding dog and cat licensing, Mr. LaConte reported that 9 dog licenses were issued in September. As of the end of September, there have been 377 dog licenses and 21 cat licenses issued in 2022.

63 retail food licenses have been issued, including 10 temporary licenses issued in September for upcoming events. 4 septic licenses were issued in September, bringing the YTD total up to 144 at the end of September. Renewal reminders were mailed out in September. The Rabies Clinic will be held on November 5th from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the DPW Garage. Mr. LaConte said he is working with the Health Department for scheduling of the Flu Clinic, and October 24th is the tentative date.

Mr. LaConte further noted that the Docket App now has information for more than just Covid vaccination shots.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked if the Flu/Covid Clinic will be in the gym at the Municipal Building. Mr. LaConte said that is the likely location. He also said that the Health Department is coordinating with the Westfield Health Department, and the clinic will likely be open to residents of both Chathams.

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

Meeting Open to Public

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

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary