MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
OCTOBER 12, 2021

Mrs. Plantemoli 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 14, 2021; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 14, 2021; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 14, 2021.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Mr. Nikolopoulos, Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Plantemoli. Mr. Fitzpatrick was also present via Zoom.

Mr. Hamilton, Mrs. Gardner and Ms. Taormina were absent.

Minutes

Mr. Nikolopoulos moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting as amended. Mrs. Fowler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Reports

REHS/Health Officer

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the Health Department dealt with flooding issues caused by Hurricane Ida, including answering questions from residents. Guidance is also being provided to school districts regarding masks and social distancing. Mr. Fitzpatrick also discussed the guidance for quarantine from COVID exposure in schools.

Mrs. Fowler asked if there were any Chatham-specific concerns. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that there have not been as many questions lately. He also noted that many students and most teachers are vaccinated, which lessens the concern. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the vaccination rate has lowered the number of situations in which people had to quarantine.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked about a Flu Clinic for 2021. Mr. LaConte stated that the Flu Clinic will be held on October 29th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Residents 6-year-old and older can get shots, and advance registration is required. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that COVID vaccines are expected to be approved for 6-year-olds within the next seven to ten days. A Moderna booster shot is also expected to be approved in the next ten days for 12 and older.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked about a report of mold in a basement on Avon Court. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the mold was related to flooding. A notice was sent for the correction of the mold issue. Mr. Fitzpatrick described the remediation process.

The spreading of a virus within the deer population was discussed.

Registrar of Vital Statistics/Board of Health Secretary

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in August 2021:

4 Marriage Licenses		$168
3 Marriage Certificates		$20
2 Death Certificates		$15
	Total	$203

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in September 2021:

3 Marriage Licenses		$84
8 Marriage Certificates		$55
	Total	$139

Mr. LaConte reported that a quarterly payment of $325 representing 13 marriage licenses was issued to the State of New Jersey.

Mr. LaConte reported that the Annual Rabies Clinic will be held on November 6th from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the DPW Garage. The shots are available for free because the vaccine is funded by the State. The clinic is also open to anyone, not just Township residents. Mr. LaConte further noted that 391 dog licenses have been issued thus far in 2021, compared to 363 during the whole year of 2019. 19 cat licenses have been issued so far in 2021.

Mr. LaConte further noted that in 2022 there will be the next round of septic licensing. He stated that there are about 215 septic systems in the Township. Mr. LaConte further noted that the Township is required to have a septic pumping requirement as part of the wastewater management plan.

Mr. LaConte also reported that Ms. Taormina is retiring, and an RFQ has been issued for a Board of Health Attorney. Proposals will be reviewed by Mr. Hoffmann, Mr. LaConte and Mrs. Plantemoli.

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to accept the reports. Mr. Nikolopoulos 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 8:03 PM. Mrs. Fowler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary