MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Mrs. Plantemoli 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 15, 2020 & October 19, 2020; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 15, 2020 & October 19, 2020; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 15, 2020 & October 19, 2020.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Ewald, Mrs. Fowler, Mr. Nikolopoulos, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Plantemoli. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Dolan were also present.

Ms. Taormina was absent

All participation in this meeting was via Zoom.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 meeting. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Public Health Nurse

Mrs. Dolan reported that out of the 9 recent new cases of COVID, there was only one female. The youngest case was an 11 year old. The 11 year old is a student in the School District, and the exposure was from a household member. Appropriate contact tracing was conducted. Mrs. Dolan said that most school-related issues have been quarantining rather than reported illness. She also described the contact tracing process. The age range for COVID cases lately has generally been in the 39-63 age range.

Mr. Nikolopoulos asked if all hospitals are equally prepared with proper treatments for COVID. Mrs. Dolan said that she did not have that information. Mrs. Plantemoli expressed a concern about people not addressing other health issues for fear of COVID exposure.

Mrs. Dolan reported on the recent Flu Clinics. The clinics were by appointment to space out the flow of patients. 80 people signed up for the Township's Clinic, and 71 actually showed up. Some additional residents received vaccines at the Health Department offices. Mrs. Plantemoli asked if there has been any surge in flu vaccinations. Mrs. Dolan said that a surge has not been seen yet. Mr. LaConte asked how flu rates this season compare to prior years. Mrs. Dolan said she is not aware of any cases in the area yet. Mrs. Plantemoli said she has not heard of any long-term care facility outbreaks of the flu yet this year. She also said that Australia had a very mild season.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked about the contact tracing mobile app. Mr. Fitzpatrick commented on said that a member of the Caldwell Board of Health has praised the app.

REHS/Health Officer

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that he has spent time working with Superintendant of Schools Dr. Mike LaSusa and Mayor Kelly on COVID related matters. He also reported on a possible COVID exposure in one of the Fire Departments. Mr. Fitzpatrick further noted that there has not been any transmission of COVID at the local schools. He commented on the current risk levels. Mr. Fitzpatrick also reported that flu clinics are being held and retail food inspections are also ongoing. Mrs. Plantemoli asked about the closing time of restaurants. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that

there is a new Executive Order that restaurants must close by 10:00 PM. Mr. LaConte said that order does not affect any of the Township's restaurants.

Mrs. Ewald asked about concerns related to youth sports. Mrs. Dolan said that in some cases teams have quarantined because of some measure of exposure.

Registrar of Vital Statistics/Board of Health Secretary

Mr. LaConte reported that fees were collected for the following items in October 2020:

3 Marriage Licenses		$84
5 Marriage Certificates		$40
12 Death Certificates		$65
	Total	$189

Mr. LaConte further reported that at the recent Rabies Clinic there were 11 animals vaccinated. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that Madison will also be having a rabies clinic that will be open to Chatham Township residents.

Mr. LaConte further reported that a new bagel shop will be opening at the Chatham Square Mall, and the Hallmark Store is under new ownership. Retail food establishment license and dog/cat license renewal forms will be sent out later this month.

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

Resolution

RESOLUTION BH-2020-7
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, REQUESTING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD FOR HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Township of Chatham is desirous of entering a contract with the Bloomfield Township Board of Health for furnishing health services of a technical and professional nature;

WHEREAS, the Program Proposal for Health Services January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2025 meets the Board's approval,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Chatham that said Board hereby requests that the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham enter into an agreement with the Board of Health of the Township of Bloomfield for the rendition of services to this Board and to the inhabitants of the Township of Chatham during the period of January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2025.

Mr. LaConte said that Resolution BH-2020-7 endorses the contract with the Bloomfield Township Health Department, and the Township Committee is expected to formally approve the contract.

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to adopt Resolution BH-2020-6. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion.

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

Other Business

Mrs. Ewald asked about updates to the Board of Health page on the Township website. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he will have someone review the page, and he will send updates to Mr. LaConte and Mrs. Ewald. Mrs. Plantemoli asked about information from the Health Educator, and if that gets posted online. Mr. LaConte said that if the Health Department wants something posted, it can be done. Mrs. Ewald said it is easier to have items posted online now that the

website is being maintained by a staff member. Mrs. Fowler suggested that the upcoming flu clinics be added to the online calendar.

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 9:08 PM. Mrs. Ewald seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary