MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
JULY 13, 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. Hamilton, Mr. Nikolopoulos, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Plantemoli. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Dolan were also present.

Ms. Taormina was absent.

Minutes

Mrs. Plantemoli asked for two clarifications in the minutes from the June 15, 2021 meeting.

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting as amended. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Reports

Public Health Nurse

Mrs. Dolan reported that COVID variants are a ho topic, and the Delta-variant is the most commonly found variant. She also said that the statistics released can be misleading as it is not publicly reported how many sequencing tests are performed. Guidance was released to long-term care facilities and congregate settings to send samples for testing if they see positive tests among vaccinated individuals. Vaccine distribution has been scheduled in Madison, and the J&J single-shot will be available. Mrs. Dolan further reported that the health services at local colleges have been contacted about getting students vaccinated. She also reported on vaccination rates. Mrs. Fowler asked if there is a location for 12-16-year-olds to get vaccinated. Mrs. Dolan stated that Bloomfield is having a back-to-school vaccination event. She further reported that there is a new smartphone app for people to have mobile access to their vaccination record.

Mrs. Dolan said that approval is pending from the CDC for a shingles vaccine to be used by immune-compromised people as young as 18.

REHS/Health Officer

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that plans for reopening schools are being developed. He also commented on the changing guidance. He also reported that vaccinations will be made available for teachers who have not yet been vaccinated, and he also stated that most teachers have been vaccinated. Mr. Fitzpatrick further reported that a noise complaint was investigated and found to be not valid. He also reported that a septic inspection was conducted for a repair. Mr. Fitzpatrick also commented on Retail Food Inspections and the risk level of different types of establishments.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked if the Health Department has any educational programs about wearing bicycle helmets and concussion prevention. Mr. Fitzpatrick said that there should be something available. Mrs. Fowler said that she spoke with someone who has a program that includes a speaker who had been hit by a car when they were younger and can speak to children about the importance of wearing helmets. Mrs. Dolan said that Madison had a program at McCool's to address wearing bicycle helmets. She also said that the Police Department probably has a safety

officer. Mrs. Plantemoli asked how the Police Department can be asked about that. Mr. LaConte said that he will reach out to Chief Miller.

Mr. Fitzpatrick recognized Mrs. Dolan for all of her service to the Health Department and praised her dedication. He also stated that he wishes that Mrs. Dolan's last 18 months before retirement had not been a pandemic. Mrs. Dolan commented on the importance of the work performed by public health nurses, and stated that the work was historic and energizing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Registrar of Vital Statistics/Board of Health Secretary

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

2 Death Certificates		$20
2 Marriage Licenses		$56
1 Marriage Certificate		$10
	Total	$86

He also reported that the payment was made to the State of New Jersey for the second quarter of their share of marriage license fees.

Mr. LaConte further reported that all retail food establishments have now renewed their licenses.

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 8:05 PM. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary