MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
MAY 5, 2022

Mrs. Plantemoli called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:31 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; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 12, 2022; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 12, 2022.

Roll Call

Answering present to the roll call were Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Plantemoli. Board Attorney Mr. Hak and Health Officer Mike Fitzpatrick were also present. Mrs. Gardner participated via Zoom.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Nikolopoulos were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Fowler moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Plantemoli seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Reports

Registrar of Vital Statistics/Board of Health Secretary

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

3 Marriage Licenses		$84
15 Marriage Certificates		$95
2 Death Certificates		$15
	Total	$194

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

1 Marriage License		$28
3 Death Certificates		$20
	Total	$48

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

2 Marriage Licenses		$56
6 Marriage Certificates		$45
4 Death Certificates		$25
	Total	$194

Mr. LaConte reported that 339 dog licenses and 15 cat licenses have been issued thus far this year.

Mrs. Plantemoli moved to approve the report. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Health Officer Report

Mr. Fitzpatrick introduced Assistant Health Officer Sarah Perramant.

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that Covid numbers had declined, and they are going back up. He also reported there have been two outbreaks in the Township. Ms. Perramant commented on the definition of an outbreak. Mrs. Plantemoli asked about the severity. Ms. Perramant said they have not been severe, and they have mostly been breakthrough cases. Quarantine period for vaccinated people is 5 days followed by 5 days of wearing a mask. There had been a Covid outbreak in a long-term care center, and some clusters in the School District.

Mr. LaConte asked if positive home tests should be reported. Ms. Perramant said that it would be overwhelming to record all the positive home tests, and they focus on congregant settings.

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that the Health Department is working on a mental health case in the Township, and the Department's social workers have been involved.

Mr. Fitzpatrick further reported that assistance was provided to the Township in trying to find pool staff.

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

Discussion

Mask Optional Policy

Mrs. Plantemoli reported that the Township Committee adopted a resolution to make masks optional in municipal facilities. Mr. LaConte said it only affects municipal buildings.

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 7:59 PM. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary