

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
NOVEMBER 9, 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 was also present via Zoom.

Minutes

Mr. Nikolopoulos moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting as amended. Mrs. Gardner 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 October 2021:

3 Marriage Licenses	\$86
6 Marriage Certificates	\$45
3 Death Certificates	<u>\$25</u>
Total	\$154

Mr. LaConte further reported that there were 8 dogs vaccinated at the recent Rabies Clinic.

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

Septic Applications

475 Green Village Road – Block 48.21 Lot 168

Mark Patalive, an engineer representing the applicant, presented the application. Mr. Patalive explained that an earlier design for this property was approved by the Board of Health, and a DEP Flood Hazard Permit was obtained. Due to the topography of the lot, there is not any alternative location for the septic field. Due to the lot constraints, the property owner obtained an easement from the adjacent property owner. Mr. Patalive stated that a Flood Hazard Permit and a GP24 will be sought from the NJDEP.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that he reviewed the septic design and that making the best design possible for an existing home is the standard practice. He also said that having an advance treatment system is sophisticated and sets a higher quality standard. The effluent water will be much cleaner and lead to less bacteria being released.

Mr. Patalive commented on the extra features of the updated design and described how the system will work. Mr. Fitzpatrick also commented on the high effectiveness of the type of system proposed.

Mr. LaConte noted that the review memorandum from the Board Engineer requires a deed restriction regarding maintenance of the new system. He also said that there is a requirement for submittal of a fully executed service contract for the advance treatment system. As-builts will also need to be submitted. A lot grading plan application or an application for a waiver will need to be submitted to the Construction Official. A tree removal permit may also be necessary.

Mr. LaConte commented on pumping requirements.

Mr. Nikolopoulos moved to approve the application subject to the conditions in the memorandum from the Board Engineer. Mrs. Fowler seconded the motion.

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

Reports

Health Officer

Mr. Fitzpatrick reported that time has been spent answering questions for the School District regarding COVID. A pediatric clinic was recently held at Lafayette Avenue School, and 150 children aged 5-12 were vaccinated. Vaccines are still available, including booster shots.

Mrs. Plantemoli asked if anything has been done to offer COVID vaccines to adults and the elderly. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that first shots, second shots and boosters are available. Mr. LaConte noted that booster shots were available at the recent Flu clinic. Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that approximately a dozen boosters were administered.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that there were not any areas of concern for the REHS report.

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

Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that a second pediatric COVID-19 vaccine clinic will be held on November 30th.

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 8:15 PM. Mrs. Gardner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Gregory J. LaConte
Board of Health Secretary