

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
DECEMBER 13, 2005**

President James Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:25 p.m.

Answering present to the roll call were Dr. Marano, Mr. Hartford, Dr. Shelley, and Mr. Brown. Mr. Nachtigal arrived at 7:29 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, 2005; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 14, 2005; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 14, 2005.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brown advised he had no corrections but had comments for information purposes that he would introduce later. Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of September 13, 2005. Dr. Shelley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

September- Mrs. Bairova advised all the retail food inspections were satisfactory. Following the report of a dog bite, the owners of two dogs on Shunpike Road were sent a notice of violation for not licensing their dogs. A dog bite reported on Treadwell Avenue showed the dog was current with its rabies vaccination. Another dog on Ostrander Place was exposed to a dead bat and received a rabies shot. An inspection of the septic system disposal field for a house on Shunpike Road revealed a repair could not be done and the homeowners were notified a new septic system would be necessary. Mrs. Bairova also inspected the septic systems for two homes on Green Village Road. Chatham High School reported the water in some of the buildings had a brown color and they were advised to contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water. The problem occurred again a few weeks ago and the water was tested, but the water quality report did not show any disturbances. Mr. Nachtigal advised he lives in that area and that he also has experienced problems with the drinking water and asked Mrs. Bairova to follow up with New Jersey American Water to be sure that they test for bacteria in the system. Discussion followed about the possible cause of problems with the water in the area. The homeowners on Nicholson Drive inquired about repairing their septic system, but decided to pursue hooking up to the sewer. Mrs. Bairova also reported that there were problems with leaks in several apartments in the Vernon Grove Condos. A letter was sent to Taylor Management; these issues are still pending. A complaint was received about the noise from two new air conditioning units on Meyersville Road and noise readings were performed twice. A complaint about roaches in the Vernon Grove Condos was also received and Taylor Management was contacted. Mrs. Bairova advised she had attended a few seminars and received her re-certification as a lead inspector.

October- Mrs. Bairova advised all the food inspections of the schools were satisfactory. A dog bite on RiverEdge Drive was investigated and revealed the dog was current with its rabies vaccine. Mrs. Bairova said she had inspected a septic system and witnessed a well abandonment at 406 Green Village Road. A notice of violation was given to an owner at Briarwood Coachlight Condo for feeding the birds.

November- Mrs. Bairova reported all the retail food inspections were satisfactory and that Shop-Rite relocated the Board of Health inspection rating to a more visible place. Discussion followed about making sure this information is in a secure and visible place for the public knowledge. The final inspection of the septic system at 406 Green Village Road was done. A leak in a bathroom at Chatham Hill Apartments resulted in the superintendent of the building being notified. Mrs. Bairova advised an investigation of mold in the common areas at King James Care Center could be related to roof leaks. A notice of violation was sent to the owner of a home on Britten Road concerning garbage and debris. The odor coming from a huge pile of mulch on Green Village Road was rectified since the pile has now been distributed to the ground. Mrs. Bairova informed the Board that she attended the Flu Clinic and the Rabies Clinic. Mr.

Hartford inquired about having a separate line for people needing assistance if they were handicapped. Mrs. Bairova suggested that Mr. Hartford contact the nurse, Flo Rice at Madison Health Department who organizes the Flu Clinic. Dr. Shelley said he attended the Flu Clinic and did not observe any problem. Mr. Brown added that the elderly were allowed to sit down and did not have to stand in line and when their number came up, one of the nurses went to get them. Mr. Brown informed the Board that 313 flu shots were given at the Flu Clinic. Since only 320 of 500 flu vaccines ordered were available at that time, Mr. Brown thought the firemen, Police and emergency workers should not be given shots on the same day since seniors must be given first priority. Mr. Brown advised a total of 329 flu shots were given to the seniors in the Township. Mr. Hartford inquired how this compared to the number of shots given in the past and expressed concern about the outreach to seniors. Most of the Board members thought that through the Senior Center, newspapers, television, and radio the seniors would be aware of the availability of the flu vaccine. Mrs. Bairova also distributed information to the Board about the Avian Influenza. Discussion followed about the Township's preparedness in an emergency of this type. Mr. Hartford also inquired about annual Board of Health reports and was advised that the yearly report submitted by the Health Officer John Theese to the State could be provided to the Township Committee for informational purposes.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mrs. Wiley reported a total of \$192 was collected in September for 11 certified copies of marriage licenses, 2 marriage licenses and 23 certified copies of a death certificates. During October, \$180 was collected for 17 certified copies of marriage licenses and 4 marriage licenses. During the month of November 11 certified copies of marriage licenses, 3 marriage licenses and 27 certified copies of death certificates were issued for a total of \$236.

Secretary – Correspondence- Mrs. Wiley advised that Dr. Sarle from the Chatham Animal Hospital inoculated about 14 dogs and 11 cats at the Rabies Clinic in November.

Dr. Shelley moved to accept the reports. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion

1. Proposed fee for sealing of well- Mr. Brown discussed the number of hours required by the Registered Environmental Health Specialist to witness the sealing of a well. Following discussion the Board decided a fee of \$100 would be appropriate for the sealing of a well and no form would be necessary. The Board requested that Attorney Taormina prepare an amendment to Chapter 9 of the Well Ordinance inserting a fee for abandonment of a well.
2. Resolution honoring Dr. Penn P. Shelley- Mr. Brown read the following resolution.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, HONORING

Dr. Penn P. Shelley

WHO IS RETIRING FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH AFTER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE.

WHEREAS, Dr. Shelley has faithfully served as a member of the Board of Health since 1989;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shelley has served as vice president of the Board of Health from August, 2000 through December 31, 2003;

WHEREAS, he has always discharged the duties of his position in a professional manner, providing insightful comments, particularly in the area of public health; and

WHEREAS, Dr Shelley is highly respected by the other Board of Health members, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, engineers, attorneys, and applicants as well as by the residents of the Township of Chatham:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health of the Township of Chatham hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Penn P. Shelley for the years of service he has rendered and extends its very best wishes to him and his family.

The Board presented Dr. Shelley with the framed resolution and with a gift certificate. Dr. Shelley thanked the Board and said it had been an honor to serve the Township.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Hartford asked Mrs. Bairova about the inspection of the pool at the Darcy School and also recommended that the Board members register with the County Board of Freeholders web site to receive health information updates.

Mr. Brown also asked that the following statements be read it into the minutes with regard to the results of the Green Village Packing Company issues discussed at the September meeting:

“The Zoning Officer was contacted to look into whether another business was operating illegally on property around the Green Village Packing Company and whether the Green Village Packing Company was operating in accordance with the variances issued on January 17, 1974. No problems were found as per a message to Mr. Brown from the Zoning Officer, Don Schmidt.”

Mr. Brown added there was nothing in writing about limiting the number of animals slaughtered per day and that the Township Committee passed Resolution 26-74 on May 2, 1974 upholding the resolution the Zoning Board had passed on this issue. There was nothing limiting the expansion of use in the official documents and nothing in violation when Don Schmidt investigated.

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn for refreshments at 9:01 p.m. Dr. Shelley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Joy M. Wiley
Board of Health Secretary