

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
DECEMBER 11, 2007**

President Jim Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:30 P.M.

Answering present to the roll call were Mr. Newby, Mr. Nachtigal and Mr. Brown. Dr. Marano and Mr. Hartford were absent. Attorney Taormina was also absent.

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, 2007; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 12, 2007; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 12, 2007.

Approval of Minutes

Before approving the minutes, REHS Tamica Trotman advised the Board that the first set of noise measurements had been conducted at Cougar Field. Based on findings of the simulation, the decibel level was above the regulated standards. Further readings will be done at an actual event. Mr. Brown also commented on the new State law requiring flu shots for very young children and complimented Mr. Nachtigal for bringing this to the Board's attention even prior to the State's decision. The Board discussed the objections to the vaccine and noted the main objection is the thermisol preservative that is present in some of the vaccines. Mr. Nachtigal also questioned whether insurance carriers would cover the cost of this vaccine.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Tamica Trotman read Ben Samara's report for the month of November. Drug Fair was inspected in early November and was found to be satisfactory. A complaint was received about the dairy codes at ShopRite on November 14, 2007. A dog was placed under quarantine after the report of dog bite on Lafayette Avenue was received. Another dog bite investigation was done on Kincaid Lane. Mr. Samara inspected a septic repair at 131 Long Hill Lane. The dumpster areas around Drug Fair, Hickory Plaza and Charlie Brown's were all checked during the month of November. The noise survey at Cougar Field was conducted on November 29, 2007. The Rabies Clinic was held on November 3, 2007 at DPW Garage.

Mrs. Trotman inspected Woodland Bakery on November 1, 2007 and advised them to increase the number of times they use an exterminator service. The inspection of Corpus Christi Church was satisfactory. Mrs. Trotman advised she had done a walk through at Good Taste Restaurant as a follow up on a food handling issue. The inspections of Tolima's and Roberts Theater of Bergen were satisfactory. A walk through at Charlie Browns's was also conducted after a complaint about flies was received. ShopRite was checked to insure Jenos Pizza and Topp's hamburgers had been recalled. Mrs. Trotman also advised she was present when the noise survey at Cougar Field was conducted. Mrs. Trotman explained to the Board some of the procedures and evaluations learned at a class she attended at the Middlesex Fire Academy on the preparation for risk based on inspection training.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mrs. Wiley reported the following licenses were issued in November:

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| 4 Marriage Licenses | \$112 |
| 2 Certified copies of Marriage Licenses | 15 |
| 2 Certified copies of Death Certificates | <u>20</u> |
| Total | \$147 |

Secretary – Mrs. Wiley advised all the renewal applications for the retail food establishment licenses had been mailed on December 3, 2007 and that many responses have already been received. Mrs. Wiley also informed the Board that Fran Boardman of the Madison Health Department had provided an update on the volunteers for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). Thirteen residents from Chatham Township and Chatham Borough had responded; three nurses, two physicians, six EMT's, one pharmacist, and one First Aid Squad member who was a former EMT. Mrs. Wiley explained how the Medical Reserve Corps was recruited. A notice about the MRC was placed on the Township website, an article had been written in the local newspaper, an e-mail had been sent from the captain of the Chatham Emergency Squad to all its volunteers and the School Board had helped distribute the information through their own e-mail system. Mrs. Wiley also added the Subway Restaurant just received their retail food license and would be open for business. With regard to the septic system pumping requirement, Mrs. Wiley advised seven homeowners still had not complied and that she would be providing a list of names and phone numbers to Ben Samara and that he would try to contact them. The Board requested that letters about notices of violation be sent out in January if the Township still has not heard back from them. Mr. Newby inquired about the cat licenses and if any complaints had been received. Mrs. Wiley said to her knowledge none had been received, but some people had complained about the increase in dog license fees.

Mr. Brown moved to accept the reports. Mr. Newby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Hearing/Final Adoption of Ordinance

ORDINANCE BH-2-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY ADOPTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE CODE OF NEW JERSEY (1953)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Health of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Section 3, Penalties, of Ordinance BH-3-79 adopted April 10, 1979 by the Board of Health of the Township of Chatham, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey for the purpose of adopting the Public Health Nuisance Code (1953), is hereby further amended so that said section shall read in its entirety, as follows:

Section 3. PENALTIES.

Any person who violates or neglects to comply with any provision of the Public Health Nuisance Code of New Jersey (1953) hereby adopted, or who fails to comply with any notice issued pursuant thereto, shall upon conviction thereof be subject to a fine not to exceed One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for each offense and an additional penalty of not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each day the violation continues to exist.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following publication of notice of final adoption as provided by law.

Mr. Brown opened the hearing on Ordinance BH-2-07 to the public. Seeing none, Mr. Brown closed the public hearing.

Mr. Brown moved to adopt Ordinance BH-2-07. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion.

Roll call: Dr. Marano, Absent; Mr. Hartford, Absent; Mr. Newby, Aye; Mr. Nachtigal, Aye; Mr. Brown, Aye.

Discussion

Noise Ordinance- REHS Tamica Trotman advised she had researched the regulations concerning the noise ordinance with Rutgers and advised that with regard to lawn mowers, decibel levels could not be changed, but the use of seasonal equipment could be limited up to a certain date.

The Board also noted that the Township noise ordinance does not specifically address lawn or garden equipment. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Brown said the Board was not planning to take any action on this. Mr. Brown said he would contact Micki Chaput, President of the Board of Health in Chatham Borough, to obtain a copy of the Noise Ordinance that Chatham Borough adopted for discussion at a future Board of Health meeting.

Since there was no further business, Mr. Brown moved to adjourn at 8:16 P.M. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Joy Wiley
Board of Health Secretary