

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM  
MARCH 10, 2009**

President Jim Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:32 P.M.

Answering present to the roll call were Dr. Marano, Mr. Tubbs, Mr. Nachtigal and Mr. Brown. Mr. Newby arrived a few minutes after roll call. Attorney Taormina was present.

**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, 2009; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 14, 2009; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 14, 2009.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Brown moved approval of the minutes from January 13, 2009. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Reports**

**Registered Environmental Health Specialist-**

January- Registered Environmental Health Specialist Ben Samara reported that he had done septic inspections at 712 River Road and at 15 Mountain Avenue and there had been no signs of failure at either residence.

February- REHS Ben Samara reported that all the retail food establishment inspections were satisfactory except for CVS that received a conditional rating. Mr. Samara met with the manager and the follow up inspection was satisfactory. A dog at 89 Southern Boulevard was released from quarantine on February 19, 2009. The Fairmount Country Store has new owners who have made several improvements to the store. Mr. Samara also investigated a sanitary complaint regarding fire debris at the Chatham Hill Apartments. Another unrelated complaint at the Chatham Hill Apartments about odor was also investigated. Mr. Samara also informed the Board that he has been distributing flyers to all the retail food establishments about Serving Safe Food Courses that will become mandatory in January 2010. At least one person at each retail food establishment will need to be certified.

**Registrar of Vital Statistics-** Mrs. Wiley reported the following licenses were issued:

January	
4 Certified copies of marriage licenses	\$30
18 Certified copies of death certificates	<u>120</u>
Total	\$150
February	
2 Marriage Licenses	\$56
1 Certified copy of death certificate	<u>10</u>
Total	\$66

**Secretary-** Mrs. Wiley reported that no correspondence had been received.

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

## Discussion

1. St. Hubert's Giant Septic System- Mark Patalive from Schommer Engineering Inc. was present at the meeting to explain he has been working with St. Hubert's on the expansion of their facilities. The package treatment plant is on order and should be delivered in July 2009. The site work includes the construction of a temporary siltation basin and permanent detention basin where the existing septic disposal field is located. St. Hubert's would like to construct the proposed disposal field designed for over 5000 gallons per day. Since the existing sewage flow is less than 2,000 gallons per day, St. Hubert's would like to temporarily discharge to the new disposal field until the package treatment plant is brought on line. REHS Ben Samara confirmed that if the Board approves this plan, he would be doing the inspections of the abandonment of the existing septic tanks and fields and overseeing the temporary situation. The installation of the proposed disposal field falls under the TWA permit. Mr. Brown advised the Board that engineer Carrie Feuer had done a cursory review of the "Temporary Sanitary Sewer Plan" dated 9/5/08 and discussed the temporary connection with Mark Patalive. Mr. Theese was also informed about the proposed temporary connection. Mr. Patalive left copies of the plan for the Board's records.
2. Review of draft letter to Mayor & Township Committee- Mr. Brown advised he had distributed a copy of his draft letter to the Board for their comments prior to giving it to the Mayor and Township Committee. Mr. Brown also said he had passed along the information he had received from Health Officer John Theese regarding retail food establishments. A brief discussion followed about whether the new requirements for retail food establishments should be included. Mr. Brown advised he would incorporate the couple minor comments he had received from Mr. Theese into the memo.
3. Codification of Septic Management Ordinances- Mrs. Wiley explained that with the new state stormwater management requirements, several towns have been requesting copies of the Board's septic management ordinances. The summary of the two ordinances that had been prepared by the former Board of Health Attorney John Miller has been given out as a sample to the other towns. As a result of past requests from the Township Committee and the Township Attorney that all the Board of Health ordinances be codified and added to the Township Code Book, the Board of Health members agreed that Mrs. Wiley should move forward in working with Attorney Taormina and Mr. Brown to determine which ordinances should be included with the codification and to get estimates of the cost.

Mr. Brown advised he had distributed a phone/e-mail list of the Board's members and asked that any changes be e-mailed to him.

Mr. Brown also provided Mr. Tubbs with a summary of the contractual costs with the Madison Health Department. Mr. Brown pointed out that the large increase was mostly due to the public nursing costs and that extra work was being required due to the threat of bioterrorism. Discussion followed about anticipated contractual costs and the possibility of sharing services on a regional or county level.

Before adjourning, Mr. Nachtigal inquired about the status of Mr. Parlapiano's septic application and concern that he may miss having the septic tests done during the high water table season. A suggestion was made that Mr. Samara witness the soil logs. Mr. Brown will contact the Board of Health engineer Carrie Feuer to determine whether Mr. Samara would be able to do the documentation for the depth of the water and Mr. Parlapiano's engineer, Tom Murphy, will be contacted to find whether it will be acceptable to incorporate Mr. Samara's results into his drawing. Mr. Samara will also discuss this with Health Officer John Theese.

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn at 8:45 P.M. Mr. Newby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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Joy M. Wiley  
Board of Health Secretary