

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
APRIL 14, 2009**

President Jim Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Health to order at 7:35 P.M.

Answering present to the roll call were Mr. Tubbs, Mr. Newby, Mr. Nachtigal and Mr. Brown. Dr. Marano was absent. 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 March 19, 2009. Mr. Tubbs seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Registered Environmental Health Specialist Ben Samara reported that all the retail food establishment inspections were satisfactory during the month of March. The Fairmount Country Store's new owners have begun renovations to update the store. Mr. Samara witnessed a soil log at 490 River Road and met with the project manager for St. Hubert's Giralda regarding the septic system installation. Mr. Samara continues to monitor the Hickory Plaza parking lot for rodent activity. He also did a walk through inspection of ShopRite.

Health Officer's Annual Report

Health Officer John These reviewed his local health evaluation report with the Board. The report is required in order to insure the Madison Health Department is meeting the new health department practice standards set by the state. Mr. These advised the health department is working towards achieving the states requirements, but may not be at 100% without increased staffing. Mr. These said the County Health Department helps the local health departments with bio-terrorism and pandemic flu planning. The Board was also provided with a summary of the activities performed for Chatham Township. Mr. These explained why the number of influenza vaccinations has decreased over the last five years and why the number of retail food establishment inspections has increased. The number of reportable disease investigations has increased, as well as the number of school vaccination audits since the records must be reviewed more frequently with the new requirements. Mr. These also explained the number of public bathing facility inspections has doubled due to the new bathing code that requires pre-opening and operational inspections. Mr. Tubbs questioned whether the Board should be concerned about areas rated in the 0-25% range on the Local Health Evaluation Report. Mr. These responded that a lot is left to interpretation and that he takes a conservative approach when completing this report, which is more of a quality assurance tool. The health department tries to be fully compliant when dealing with the governmental health partnership of all the health officers and achieving goals as a group. Mr. Tubbs also asked if Board members should be attending more seminars. Mr. These encouraged Board members to attend any training or educational meetings that are offered.

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

1 Marriage License	\$28
5 Certified copies of Marriage Licenses	40
19 Certified copies of death certificates	120
1 Burial Permit	<u>15</u>
Total	\$203

Secretary- Mrs. Wiley reported that the only correspondence received had been from two homeowners who were seeking deferrals with regard to hooking up to the sewer. Mrs. Wiley provided an update on the status of the pending sewer connection list. Resolutions granting the deferrals will need to be prepared for the next meeting.

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

Discussion

1. St. Hubert's Giant Septic System- Mr. Brown suggested treating St. Hubert's septic system as a regular application. Mr. Nachtigal questioned whether the local Board of Health should be voting on an application for a septic system that is regulated by the NJDEP. Following a brief discussion about what the Township Engineer needed from the Board of Health, Mrs. Wiley was asked to provide Mr. Ruschke with a copy of the April 2, 2009 letter from the Board of Health's engineer Carrie Feuer at AECOM stating the requirements for temporary connection to a new septic system have been met.
2. Septic System Alteration, Block 62, Lot 70, 490 River Rd., Owner-Parlapiano
The Board reviewed the letter from Carrie Feuer, P.E. dated April 14, 2009, stating Engineer Tom Murphy from Murphy & Hollows had already submitted revised drawings and that the excavation of a wet weather soil log had been done on March 24, 2009. The result of the soil log did not reveal any evidence of ground water or mottling. Mr. Brown noted a mounded system therefore would not be needed.

Mr. Brown moved approval of the septic system alteration design for Block 62, Lot 70, the lot owned by Mr. Parlapiano. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Joy M. Wiley
Board of Health Secretary