

**MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM
SEPTEMBER 12, 2006**

President James 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. Hartford, Mr. Nachtigal and Mr. Brown. Mr. Newby was 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, 2006; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on January 12, 2006; and notice was filed with the Township Clerk on January 12, 2006.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2006 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brown moved to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2006 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Hartford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The approval of the minutes of August 8, 2006 was deferred until the next meeting.

Reports

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

August- Mrs. Bairova advised the retail food inspections of the pool snack bars were all satisfactory. The pool inspections were also satisfactory, however, Briarwood Coachlight Pool was shutdown for one day due to the quality of the water. Mrs. Bairova advised she inspects all the pools and snack bars before they open and performs a second inspection during the summer. Mrs. Bairova witnessed a soil log at 65 Loantaka Lane North. The unsanitary living conditions on Terrace Drive were rectified. Mrs. Bairova will continue to follow up on these every 90 days. A notice of violation was sent to a homeowner on May Drive for overgrown grass. Another complaint about odor and flies at a home on Riverside Drive was rectified.

Registrar of Vital Statistics

Mrs. Wiley reported the following licenses were issued:

<u>August</u>	
23 Certified copies of Marriage Licenses	\$155.00
3 Marriage Licenses	84.00
46 Certified copies of Death Certificates	<u>285.00</u>
Total	\$524.00

Secretary- Mrs. Wiley advised she had arranged for the Rabies Clinic with Dr. Sarle, Chatham Animal Hospital, for Saturday, November 4, 2006 between 9-10 a.m. at Public Works garage.

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

Discussion

Flu Clinic- Dr. Flo Rice from the Madison Board of Health was present to explain how the Flu Clinic will be run this year. Signs will be posted at the Flu Clinic on easels around the walls to advise people about the procedure to follow. The residents will be asked to fill out a form and take a seat. When people arrive they will be able to sit and then they will be directed where to line up. Dr. Rice advised she will make the signs and confirmed she had discussed this

procedure with Micki Chaput from the Senior Resource Center of the Chathams. The Board thanked Dr. Rice for her input.

New Business

1. Septic Application, Block 140, Lot 1, 592 Spring Valley Road-

The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Saunders were present. The Engineer, Charles Digney of DIG Engineering, was also present.

Carrie Feuer, P.E. from Metcalf and Eddy referred to the septic alteration design dated 10/11/05, revised 5/5/06 and the comments in Metcalf and Eddy's letter dated July 11, 2006. Mrs. Feuer advised the application submitted was for a new subsurface sewage disposal system to replace the existing malfunctioning system. Mrs. Feuer said she had discussed this application with the State and with Mr. Brown. The biggest problem is with the soils on this property. Mr. Digney said he had strong objections to moving the disposal field further south, because the shed is on a concrete slab and has a slate roof. There is also a tree that is over 200 years old that they do not wish to take down. Mr. Digney explained the house is 80 years old and the system is replacing two existing cesspools. Mr. Digney also thought the size of the system is extremely adequate for the property and does not see the need to relocate it. Mrs. Feuer advised the proposed septic design plan does not meet the state regulations. Mr. Brown stated the Board of Health has the authority to grant a waiver, as long as the Board of Health feels the best has been done. Mr. Saunders advised they had dug in almost every part of the property and had located the septic system in the best part of the property given the poor soil conditions. Mrs. Feuer noted the K3 type soils found in some of the soil logs should be maximized. Discussion followed about the soil logs, the types of soil on the property and the permeability values. Mr. Digney added the bed size with the amount of material around it and the amount of decent material in the virgin soil will work fine, however the system must be maintained. Upon additional review of the soil permeability data, Mrs. Feuer said that although she was concerned about the soil characteristics in the soil triangle, she did not know if anything would be gained by moving it. The last two comments in Metcalf and Eddy's letter would still need to be added to the drawings.

Mr. Brown moved to conditionally approve the septic system application for Block 140, Lot 1, 592 Spring Valley Road, contingent upon the two comments noted in Metcalf and Eddy's letter being submitted to the satisfaction of Metcalf & Eddy. Dr. Marano seconded the motion.

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

2. Septic Application, Block 62, Lot 85, 400 River Road-

Owner, Jim Novick was present. Nicole Hagner, owner, was present for the latter part of the review. Mark Patalive from Schommer Engineering was also present.

Mrs. Feuer advised the Board that she did not have Metcalf & Eddy's letter, but the septic design was well done and good soil characteristics were present on this property. Mrs. Feuer advised she had already reviewed the comments with Mr. Patalive and that the comments were minor. Since the septic application was for a new house, it must meet all the codes. Mr. Hartford noted the plans submitted were substantially different from the plans approved by the Planning Board and that the driveway was different. Mr. Patalive explained the application for the lot grading plan for the construction of the house was still pending and would be reviewed by the Township Engineer, John Ruschke. Mrs. Feuer stated the septic design was similar in concept to the previous design submitted and added the Board of Health deals with grading issues only as it relates to adjacent properties. Mrs. Feuer advised the application submitted was for a bed design, pressure dosed, soil replacement subsurface sewage disposal system with a mild slope across the bed. Mrs. Feuer also stated wetlands were addressed previously when the Board of Health did the conceptual review. Mrs. Feuer noted the applicants wish to put in a garbage disposal that would meet the state code, but not Chatham Township's code. Mr. Patalive added the septic tank capacity was increased by more than 50 percent to allow for the garbage disposal in accordance with state regulations. Mrs. Feuer also mentioned three minor comments that would be addressed by Schommer Engineering. Mr. Nachtigal raised some environmental concerns about putting in a garbage disposal with a septic system.

Mr. Brown moved to conditionally approve the septic system application as presented for Block

62, Lot 85, 400 River Road, including a variance for use of the garbage disposal, contingent upon Schommer Engineering making the necessary changes for Metcalf & Eddy's approval. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion.

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

Discussion

1. 2007-2008 Board of Health contract with Madison Health Department- The Board of Health entertained a lengthy discussion concerning the proposed 40.5 percent increase in the Madison Health Department services for next year. Mr. Brown also noted that the Borough of Madison would not be providing health services to Florham Park next year and therefore they would be losing that revenue. Mr. Brown also referred to the letter dated August 21, 2006 sent by the Health Officer John These providing an explanation for the increases. The Board reviewed the summary sheet provided by Mr. Brown showing the increases to Chatham Township. Mr. Brown referred to the rate analysis sheet prepared by the Madison Health Department showing how the salaries and rates are determined for 2007 and 2008. Mr. Brown pointed out the rate for other expenses for the public health nurses was extremely high. Mr. Brown said he had talked with Health Officers in other towns and distributed to the Board a sheet listing the 2007 Health Department Cost Comparisons for the Township of Chatham. The public nursing costs provided by Madison is approximately twice the amount that would be charged by East Hanover. The problem this year is the rates for public health nursing services have increased tremendously and that there is a new line item in the 2007 contract for nursing supervision and administration. Mr. Brown also noted there are some costs that are not listed in the East Hanover contract. Mr. Brown also reviewed the new contract prices for the other towns that contract with Madison and the cost per capita for health services for each town. Mr. Hartford questioned whether the proposed increased cost of the contract would mean an increase in the services provided to the Township. Mr. Brown also brought up the need to establish a Medical Reserve Corps. Mr. Hartford also suggested there could be better use made of the website and that Mr. These could possibly report at a Township Committee meeting. Following the discussion, the Board requested that the Health Officer John These attend the next Board of Health meeting to answer the Board's questions. Mr. Nachtigal will also research the health services provided in Union County.

Before moving to the next discussion item, Mr. Brown relayed his conversation with Micki Chaput about the reason for some of the problems with the Flu Clinic last year. Mrs. Chaput also advised she will arrange for the chairs, tables and volunteers for the Flu Clinic.

2. Licensing of cats- Mr. Brown said he received a phone call from Deputy Mayor Brower suggesting that all inside cats should not have to be licensed. Mrs. Bairova distributed a survey about the number of animal rabies cases by county and species showing 266 cases of rabid cats versus 4 dogs supporting her reason to license cats. She also corrected the statement she made at a previous meeting and stated that ground hogs could get rabies. Attorney Taormina advised she had done some research and did not find anything at the state level concerning cat licensing. Mrs. Bairova also added there are only 9 towns in New Jersey that don't license cats.

Mr. Brown moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m. Mr. Nachtigal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Joy M. Wiley
Board of Health Secretary