

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
 October 9, 2014 7 p.m.

The Chatham Borough Board of Health meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212, middle level, Chatham Municipal Building.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10: 4-6 et seq., adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by including same in the Annual Notice, copies of which were posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board, on the main floor of the Municipal Building, filed in the office of the Borough Clerk, emailed to the Chatham Courier.

Names	Present	Absent
Lisa DeRosa	X	
Micki Chaput	X	
Rita Marts, R.N.	X	
Mary Ann McCabe	X	
Lucille Boland, R.N.	X	
Dr. Norman Schaefer	X	
Kay Kaiser, R.N.	X	
Sally Myers	X	
Council Member Holman		X
Lisa Gulla		X
Tamica Trotman	X – arrived 7:20 p.m.	

Also present was Dr. Flo Rice, Public Health Nurse from the Borough of Madison.

Update on the Senior Citizen Flu Clinic

Dr. Rice reported that the Flu Clinic held on September 27th was a great success. Volunteers from CERT and the Board of Health did an amazing job. The Methodist Church itself was very helpful.

Board of Health members discussed, for future clinics, setting up table on the lower level of the church complex for easier access for seniors.

Update on the Enterovirus and Ebola

Dr. Rice reported on a recent phone conference with the CDC regarding the Ebola crisis. A health commissioner from Texas participated in this conference. Starting this Saturday, stations will be set up at airports to take the temperatures of passengers arriving from the Ebola-targeted countries. Zaire is the worst hit country so far.

Dr. Rice explained the quarantine process that would be followed with a disease like Ebola. For the Ebola situation here in the U.S., local health officers have the power to quarantine people. Protective equipment/clothing is available from the county. Infected hazardous waste, clothing and materials must be incinerated. Ms. Rice had attended a recent meeting in Springfield, NJ, where a doctor explained how area hospitals would handle Ebola cases. Dr/ Rice pointed out

that Drew University has sent seminarians to Africa. These students will eventually return to the U.S. The Madison Board of Health is very aware of this situation.

Dr. Rice reported that currently there are 14 cases of the Enterovirus in various counties in New Jersey. There have been no ties between these 14 children. Good hygiene, especially thorough hand-washing, has to be stressed to the school children.

Ms. DeRosa asked what should Board Members say when residents approach them with more involved questions regarding Ebola. Dr. Rice advised that the residents contact the CDC (Center for Disease Control) for answers to their Ebola concerns.

NJ Public Transit Public Hearing For the Elderly & Disabled

Ms. Myers distributed to Board members an outline explaining the four issues that disabled and elderly residents deal with when traveling on NJ Transit trains. Many of them have difficulty getting on and off the trains due to the steep climb on and off the train stairs. There is also a large gap between the train and the platform in stations like Summit NJ. Ms. Myers was told at the hearing that installing a ramp to bridge the gap between the train and the platform would be complex and expensive. A "bridge plate" exists, however it would only fill a horizontal gap.

Ms. Myers had also reminded NJ Transit that the train platform safety strips should be well maintained, especially for the visually impaired. She also had stressed to NJ Transit that train conductors should be alert to help passengers on and off trains at all stops.

NJ Transit had promised to take Ms. Myers' recommendations and direct them to the correct entities.

Ms. DeRosa asked Ms. Myers to let the Board know when the next Public Transit Hearing is held. Mayor Harris, Council Member Holman, and Borough Engineer Vince DeNave have spoken to NJ Transit about the gap situation on the trains.

Rabies Clinic Updated

Board members discussed the rates charged by two area veterinarians. They asked Dr. Schaefer his opinion on which vet he felt they should hire for this year's clinic. He recommended the veterinarian from Springfield, who would charge \$75 an hour. Board members agreed. Ms. DeRosa said she would write Dr. Sarle a thank you letter for his excellent services in past clinics. Ms. Trotman advised the Board to expect an increase of pets this year to the clinic, since more cats will now need vaccinating.

Restaurant inspections

Ms. Trotman reported that Noah's Bagels has received a conditional warning concerning their sink situation. Ms. Trotman said she will be issuing an official summons very soon. Hot running water is a serious need at that eatery.

Chatham Street Rodent Issue

Ms. Trotman reported that the rat situation has cleared up on Chatham Street. She discussed a recent dog issue on Chatham St. A grandparent on that street reported concerns he had about a

certain neighborhood dog being in close proximity to his visiting grandchildren. Ms. Trotman reviewed the dog's record and found he had once bitten a mailman a while back. The dog is currently kept behind an electric fence. The grandparent was glad the bite was only a one-time instance. At Ms. DeRosa's request, Ms. Trotman will keep the Board informed on this matter.

Carmine Street – rodent problems

Ms. Trotman reported that she has found no evidence of rats in this neighborhood.

Chatham Farmer's Market

Ms. Trotman reported that she has a vendor who will be selling duck fat at the Market. She will be inspecting this particular booth.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of September 11, 2014 were approved as amended.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Schaefer asked if there were any new developments on the steep slope construction on Fairmount Avenue since the crane accident. He understood that OSHA had come in. The construction work has since stopped. No one on the Board has heard anything new.

Before adjourning, the Board discussed a possible Eagle Scout project of step-edging for safer conditions on the Library's stairs.

At 8:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2014, 7:00 p.m., Room 212, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler

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Recording Secretary