

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH

Thursday, February 11, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Chairman Lisa DeRosa called this Chatham Borough Board of Health meeting 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, Chrmn.	X	
Dr. Norman Schaeffer		X
Rita Marts, R.N.	X	
Mary Ann McCabe	X	
Micki Chaput	X	
Kay Kaiser, R.N.	X	
Council Member Hoffman		X
Lisa Gulla	X	
Lucille Boland		X
Tamica Trotman		X
Ben Samara	X	
Liz Holler, Rec. Sec.	X	

Public Comment

No one came forward.

Resolution #16-04

This resolution had been tabled at the January meeting.
The Board appointed the following staff personnel for the calendar year 2016:

Health Officer:	Lisa Gulla
R.E.H.S.:	Tamica Trotman
Registrar of Vital Statistics:	Anne Mandal
Legal Counsel:	James Lott, Esq.
Animal Control Officer:	St. Hubert's Giralda

Resolution #16-06

The meeting minutes of January 14, 2016 were approved as submitted.

New Business

Madison Health Department Updates

Ms. Gulla reported on a meeting that she, Chrmn. DeRosa, Asst. Borough Administrator Steve Williams, and Janice Piccolo had a meeting with the U.S.D.A. regarding a Chatham Farmer's Market vendor who had submitted false licensing information.

As a result of this incidence, Ms. Gulla and the others had discussed possible ways to clean up the food application forms. It was felt that separate food applications could be done for events like the Fishawack Festival and Farmer's Market. The fees and ordinance for these separate forms will be determined in the future.

On other matters, Ms. Gulla reported that Chatham Borough has received a Grotta Grant for the senior citizens. Work is being done by CREEHS from Montclair State, on a needs assessment and asset mapping for the Chathams and Madison. The draft survey is being worked on by a subcommittee. All information for the Grotta Grant has to be submitted by June 30th. An outside evaluator will be hired to help with this survey for seniors to fill out. The evaluator will also help with focus group discussions. Ms. Gulla reported that an excellent response has been received from the Chatham senior citizens concerning this

grant. An Age 55 and over voters list has been obtained for the Chatham and Madison to receive the survey. The survey will also be available on line.

Ms. Gulla also reported on the SNAP coalition, working towards a grant regarding the local drug abuse issue. The Madison, Chatham Township, and Chatham Borough will be asked to pass a resolution recommending this grant and accepting the necessary contract. Ms. Gulla, Chrnm. DeRosa, and Lisbeth Bringgard will be meeting with Borough Administrator Bob Falzarano to review this resolution.

Zika Information

Chrnm. DeRosa discussed a recent freeholder-sponsored presentation on the Zika disease. Ms. Gulla stressed that Zika is not a fatal illness. The majority of people infected by Zika will experience flu-like symptoms for a week.

Ms. Gulla reported that the latest Zika guidelines ask that any pregnant women or women of child-bearing age, experiencing flu-like symptoms within two weeks of any foreign travels, should be tested. All the testing is done through the CDC.

Ms. Gulla plans to take the County Health Officer's power points and organize them into power points recommending Zika prevention measurements to the public. These power points, giving the basic information, will be put on the Borough website and the Borough's TV screen.

Miscellaneous news

Chrnm. DeRosa reported on an e-mail from Mayor Harris concerning over-flowing dumpsters behind the Chatham Sandwich Shop. Chrnm. DeRosa visited the site a couple of times and found the dumpster in satisfactory condition.

Ms. DeRosa reported that this year's regular flu season has been moderate so far, due to the mild weather. This year the flu vaccines have proven effective, unlike last year's vaccines.

On other matters, Ms. Gulla reported that there is confirmation that a dog in Monmouth County had rabies. The dog had not been vaccinated. The dog had been kept outdoors. The owner found the dog dead. Tests were run and rabies had been discovered in the dog's system. Three people had been bitten by the dog and two individuals had been exposed to the dog's saliva.

R.E.H.S. – Report

Mr. Samara presented the Sanitarian's Report for the month. He reported that Chianti Pizzeria will be opening at the vacant store unit at 249 Main Street. Chianti is moving from 7 Cross Street in Madison, where they could only do take-outs. At 249 Main Street Chianti will have customer seating.

The Board discussed different ways to spread the word on mosquito prevention measures. Info could be given to the schools and be made available at Board of Recreation events. Maybe a poster contest for school children could be held.

At 7:50 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016, 7 p.m., Room 212, middle level, Chatham Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary

