

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH  
September 12, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Lisa DeRosa called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212, middle level, Chatham Borough Hall. Chrmn. DeRosa read aloud the following statement:

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 Borough Hall, emailed to the Chatham Courier, the Daily Record, and the Alternative Press on January 3, 2019 and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Names	Present	Absent
Lisa DeRosa, Chrmn.	X	
Rita Marts		X
Mary Ann McCabe	X	
Kay Kaiser, R.N.	X	
Mickie Chaput, R.N.	X	
Lisabeth Bringgaard, R.N.	X	
Shelliam Lee		X
Council Member Robert Weber, Sr.	X	
Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse		X
Andrew Zoltan, 1 <sup>st</sup> Alternate		X
Megan Avallone, Health Office		X
Beau Preston, R.E.H.S.	X	
Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary	X	

Helen Menendez, Megan Avallone's assistant in Westfield, substituted for Ms. Avallone at this meeting.

### Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.

### Reports

#### Nursing Report for August 2019

At Council Member Weber's request, Mr. Preston explained the lead investigation being done after the Health Department received notification of a Chatham Borough child having an elevated lead blood level. A contractor will be submitting an abatement proposal. Mr. Preston will be reviewing the proposal. The child will be re-tested in three months to determine if his lead level has decreased.

#### R.E.H.S. Report

Mr. Preston noted that in June a number of Pre-Approvals were given because of all the events taking place in the Borough. Initial Inspections went well in June. Some complaints were made about a possible mosquito breeding area in the Borough. Also reported was an over abundant bird-feeder, spilling too many seeds on the ground, attracting additional creatures. Mr. Preston has met with the resident with the bird-feeder situation and has discussed how to keep the birdfeed station under control.

Mr. Preston reported that in June a tobacco sale test was held in local stores. Mr. Preston accompanies a young person under age 21 in visiting stores which sell tobacco and see if the young person can successfully purchase tobacco items. Bottle King failed the test and will face a court date. Mr. Preston will be notified of the court date.

Mr. Preston noted that in July operational inspections were done for Café Roma on Main Street. Café Roma is now open. Mr. Preston reported on the swimming pool inspections. Most of the July pool inspections have carried over into August. These inspections went well.

Mr. Preston discussed the stagnant water on a property that was reported as a possible mosquito breeding area. Mr. DeNave immediately had visited the site in question. When Mr. Preston arrived at the site, the drainage system had already been repaired and there was no possibility for mosquito breeding.

Mr. Preston reported that in August he did a Pre-Operational Inspection for Scoops, the new ice cream store. Scoops officially opened today.

Mr. Preston noted that the Initial Inspections went well in August, except for River Grille, which received a Conditional Rating. He explained the reasons for this rating. Mr. Preston did a re-inspection of River Grille yesterday; however, discovered additional violations. Mr. Preston has met with the managers of this establishment. A second re-inspection will be done sometimes within the next two weeks.

Chrmn. DeRosa felt stronger language could be put in the Board of Health Code Requirements to deal with certain violations like those found at River Grille.

#### Financial Reports

Chrmn. DeRosa has asked for the BOH invoices for June, July, and August. Mr. Day, the latest CFO for the Borough, recently resigned. Chrmn. DeRosa commented on the expensive fee charged by the Daily Record for a meeting cancellation notice.

#### Vital Statistics Report

The report was accepted.

#### Animal Control Report

Chrmn. DeRosa reviewed a dog-bite episode which occurred in mid-July on Main Street, involving a loose dog and a mail deliverer. A summons was issued to the dog's owner for allowing the dog to run at large. The mail deliver did not want anything to happen to the dog by her going to court.

Chrmn. DeRosa read aloud the report of an injured raccoon a resident had seen on Chatham Street. Animal Control Officer Moglia responded to the address, however no one answered the door. His phone call to the resident was never returned. He did not see any injured raccoon.

#### Pest Control Report

The report was accepted.

#### Opioid Crisis

Chrmn. DeRosa discussed the booklet that Ms. Avallone has distributed to Board members: "Jurisdiction-level Vulnerability Assessment Project Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response – 2018 Opioid Overdose Crisis Cooperative Agreement – Final Report & Data Maps". The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention (CDC) have provided funding to states that are affected by the opioid epidemic.

Chrmn. DeRosa noted that the booklet/report included giving the Hepatitis and HIV Rates in Morris County. Also included were the locations of Treatment Services in Morris County for Opioid, Drug Detox, etc.

Ms. Bringgaard reported that a “Knock-out Opioid Day” will be held in October. Information on this event can be found online.

#### Explore a Possible Vaping Ordinance

Chrmn. DeRosa read aloud Morris Township’s ordinance on vaping. She noted that State Senate President Sweeney and other State Senators want to introduce a bill banning all e-cigarettes until vaping is further studied.

Ms. Bringgaard reported that vaping is seriously discussed at the Municipal Coalition. She pointed out that the government is committing more money into preventing this vaping epidemic. She reviewed some of the steps taken which are doing some good.

Chrmn. DeRosa stated that Ms. Avallone would like to have an interactive newsletter on the Board of Health website every month to keep people informed of public health issues.

Chrmn. DeRosa reported that MACC is paying to update no-smoking signs to include prohibiting vaping and vaping products. Perhaps a resolution could be done by the Borough Council prohibiting vaping.

Council Member Weber suggested a Board member give a presentation on the vaping crisis to the Borough Council.

Ms. Bringgaard felt someone from MACC would be willing to give a presentation to the Council.

At 7:48 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Borough Board of Health meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 7:00 p.m., Room 212, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler, Recording Secretary