

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
May 9, 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. Chrnm. 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, Chrnm.	X	
Rita Marts, R.N.		X
Mary Ann McCabe, R.N.	X	
Kay Kaiser, R.N.		X
Micki Chaput, R.N.	X	
Lisabeth Bringgaard, R.N.	X	
Shelliam Lee		X
Council Member Robert Weber	X	
Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse	X	
Andrew Zoltan – 1 st Alternate	X	
Megan Avallone		X
Beau Preston, R.E.H.S.	X	
Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary	X	

Helen Menandez, Assistant R.E.H.S. from the Westfield Health Dept., substituted at this meeting for Ms. Avallone.

Public Comments

There were none.

Administration of Oath of Office

Rita Marts will be sworn in at a future meeting. She was not present tonight.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes of the April 11, 2019 Board of Health meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports

Nursing Report

Mrs. Colendenski noted the following activities done in April:

- Immunization guidance was provided to the school nurses at St. Patrick's School

- The Vaccines for Adults Program (VFA) continues to be offered. Flyers, giving info on this program, are sent to area doctors' offices

Mrs. Colendenski reported that the New Jersey Association of County and City Officials held a meeting on April 29th. Among the topics covered was a review of religious and medical exemptions for immunizations. Also covered at this April meeting, was the measles outbreak in Ocean & Monmouth counties. Also discussed was the meningitis B outbreak at Rutgers University.

Board members discussed the issues of religious and medical exemptions made for students. Mrs. Colendenski noted that parents of students have been pressuring their family doctors for exemptions. She pointed out that religious schools have the option not to accept religious exemptions for vaccinations. Public schools often accept exemptions. Mrs. Colendenski reported that some states have completely eliminated religious exemptions.

Mr. Zoltan volunteered to write an article on the importance of receiving a measles vaccination.

Mrs. Colendenski reported that a meeting was held with the medical practice staff regarding lead case management.

Mrs. Colendenski reported on the audit conducted at St. Patrick's School that reviewed immunization compliance. 100 records had been reviewed. An audit conducted at the ECLC School revealed one child was improperly vaccinated reflecting a compliance rate of 96%. An audit at Milton Ave. School revealed 4 children were improperly vaccinated reflecting a compliance rate of 97%. A re-audit was conducted on 4/8/19, showing that all the children at Milton Ave. School to be vaccinated. Mrs. Colendenski reported that the audit conducted at Washington Ave. School revealed two children were improperly vaccinated. A re-audit conducted on 4/18/19 now shows all children to be properly vaccinated reflecting a 100% compliance rate.

Mrs. Colendenski reported that the Municipal Alliance Committee of the Chathams (MACC) held a meeting on April 10th. Among the topics covered was "National Take Back Day" held on April 27th at different locations. A crash car will be on display at Chatham High School with the banner stating, "Parents who Host Lose the Most". A "National Night Out" will be held August 6th at the Colony Pool.

Mrs. Colendenski reported on the topics covered at the Mayor's Wellness Advisory Committee meeting held on April 9th. The Madison Conversation of Your Life (COYL) will be holding a two-part program in May. This program helps individuals to decide on their best options regarding end-of-life issues.

Mrs. Colendenski noted that two chronic disease cases, Hepatitis C, were reported to the Health Department for Chatham Borough. Also, Overlook Medical Center will be sponsoring two events in May for Stroke Awareness Education. Overlook Medical Center will be holding an Oral Health Symposium on Friday May 3rd, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at their Bouras Auditorium.

R.E.H.S. Report

Mr. Preston reported that the food applications are arriving for the Fishawack Festival. The swimming pool applications are also being processed.

Mr. Preston discussed some health issues discovered at D'Oro restaurant. D'Oro had received a Conditionally Satisfactory in April. With Mr. Preston's help, improvements were made on the premises. As of today, D'Oro has now rated Satisfactory.

Mr. Preston discussed a complaint he had received regarding a boiler room window, that's always open, with no screen or barrier at a Main Street apartment complex. Complainant was given the phone number of the property maintenance official who may be able to address this situation.

Mr. Preston noted that a food handler's class was held on April 10th.

Chrmn. DeRosa asked Mr. Preston if he needed help in issuing licenses for Fishawack Day, swimming pools, and other seasonal matters. Mr. Preston answered that he is handling the licenses within his authority. At this point, there is still a ways to go with the swimming pool inspections and the issuing of their licenses. Mr. Preston noted that all the two ice cream trucks who operate in the Borough during the summer now have received their usual food licenses.

Chrmn. DeRosa expressed concern about, what she felt, was a lack of communication with the Acting Borough Clerk and Borough Administrator. She was very uneasy about the vacancies in the Borough Clerk office and Deputy Clerk. Council Member Weber said he would convey her thoughts on this matter to the Borough Council.

Financial Reports

The reports were accepted.

Animal Control Report

The April report hasn't been received yet.

Pest Control Report

There was no activity reported for April.

Health Officer

Ms. Menandez had chicken-keeping ordinances from Ms. Avallone for the Board to review.

Chrmn. DeRosa read aloud the email from Council Member Carolyn Dempsey asking if the Board of Health could be approached about the ordinance prohibiting chickens in Chatham Borough. Council Member Dempsey's young friend, Gabriella, is putting together a power-point presentation on keeping chickens that she would like to present to the Board. The ordinance prohibiting chickens is strictly a Board of Health ordinance.

Chrmn. DeRosa commented on the chicken ordinances from Madison and Maplewood NJ. She suggested talking with Mr. DeNave, the Borough Zoning Officer, and see why the chicken

prohibition ordinance had been established in the first place. Ms. Avallone will also be consulted. Chrmn. DeRosa and other Board members pointed out that there was a great deal involved with raising chickens.

After further discussion, the Board decided to write Gabriella a letter, answering her request to keeping chicken. Mr. Zoltan suggested suitable language.

Chrmn. DeRosa will talk with Ms. Avallone. The ordinance in question will be reviewed by Chrmn. DeRosa and Ms. Avallone. Chrmn. DeRosa will then email the Board's thoughts on this matter to Council Member Dempsey.

At 8:03 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Borough Board of Health meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, 7:00 p.m., Room 212, middle level, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary