

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
February 14, 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, 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, Sr.	X	
Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse		X
Andrew Zoltan – 1 st Alternate	X	
Megan Avallone, Health Officer	X	
Beau Preston, R.E.H.S.		X
Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary	X	

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 10, 2019 and the November 8, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Reorganization Resolutions for 2019

The Board unanimously approved the following resolutions:

Resolution #19-01: Resolution Establishing the Board of Health's Annual Meeting Schedule for the Year 2019.

Resolution #19-02: Resolution Designating the Official Newspapers for the Publication of Legal Notices for the Board of Health for the Year 2019

Resolution #19-03: Resolution electing Board of Health Officers for the Year 2019:

President: Lisa DeRosa

Vice President: Kay Kaiser

Reports

Nursing Report

Ms. Avallone reported that Mrs. Colendenski visited the Ogden Junior Preschool on 1/8/2019. Forty preschool records were reviewed regarding immunization compliance. Ms. Colendenski attended a Madison Chatham Coalition (MCC) meeting held on January 17th. Ms. Avallone noted that Mrs. Colendenski had conducted an audit on immunizations at the Chatham Middle School on 1/20/2019.

Mrs. Kaiser brought up religious exemptions for flu shots. What is happening now with this situation.

Ms. Avallone informed the Board that New Jersey currently allows parents to object philosophically to mandatory vaccination and call it a religious exemption. Ms. Avallone noted that some parents have been requesting their child be exempted from a flu shot for religious reasons; however, the child is vaccinated for other illnesses.

Mrs. Kaiser confirmed with Ms. Avallone that a parent could ask how many children in a class or school were not vaccinated. Ms. Avallone pointed out that the private daycare centers have the option to admit or deny a child's entry based on whether or not they have been vaccinated.

To further address this issue, Ms. Avallone distributed copies of a NJ Spotlight article, dated 2/7/2019, entitled: "Lawmakers Move to End Religious Exemption for Mandatory Vaccinations". The Assembly Health Committee has passed this bill, and also included an amendment denying any religious exemptions. Ms. Avallone felt there was a possibility that this bill will pass in both houses in Trenton.

Ms. Avallone reported that from a public health perspective, common sense religious exemptions are being advocated.

Mrs. Kaiser confirmed with Ms. Avallone if families had insurance problems, the shots could still be given to their children.

R.E.H.S. Report

In Mr. Preston's absence, Ms. Avallone reviewed the January 2019 Board of Health Report on food establishment inspections.

Ms. Avallone and the Board discussed the public bathroom situation at the new Chatham Bagel store. One seat in the store was observed during a health inspection, so a public restroom would be required by the Uniform Construction Code. The owner's wife agreed to remove the table and chair.

The Board discussed the dog bite incident listed in the Animal Control report. Chrmn. DeRosa was interested in the breed of the dog. She reviewed the process that Cheri Morris follows when it is discovered that a local dog is not licensed by the Borough.

Vital Statistics Report

Chrmn. DeRosa noted the high number of out-of-town births.

Animal Control Report

The Board noted one dog bite had been reported for January.

Pest Control Report

No report was submitted.

Financial Reports

Chrmn. DeRosa reported that she will meet with Tim Day, the Borough CFO, to get a better grasp on studying the Board's revenues and expenses.

On other matters, Chrmn. DeRosa reported that she and Council Member Weber are involved in efforts by the Chatham Madison Coalition and the Municipal Alliance of the Chathams to hold town hall meetings concerning recent marijuana legislation. The first meeting will discuss medical marijuana.

Relating to this issue, Ms. Avallone brought up a letter to the editor that she and her public health colleagues had written with regard to recreational marijuana. Public health representatives have serious concerns about this matter. Public health issues are not being addressed if recreational marijuana is made legal. The current bill for this legalization has no specifics in place for needed funding. One of the biggest surprises, discovered at a recent Washington State meeting on this matter, is the amount of money need to educate nursing mothers about using marijuana.

Ms. Avallone brought up that nowadays gummy bears laced with marijuana have been ingested by school age children, making them very ill. She reported that food items like this have child-proof packaging. However, once this packaging is opened, it is no longer child-proof and is accessible to youngsters.

Ms. Avallone will be emailing copies of this letter to Board members to review, and hopefully sign it, giving their support.

Draft Ordinance revisions

Ms. Avallone will be emailing Board members the revised draft ordinance. She briefly reviewed some of the revisions.

Referring to the ordinance, Ms. Avallone noted revisions had been made to sections on matters such as specific nuisances, general garbage, stables and kennels, insects, mosquitoes. Ms. Avallone reviewed the revised language concerning rodents on Borough properties. Board members agreed with her recommendation that it is the homeowner's responsibility to call an exterminator if a rodent(s) are on their property. The Board also agreed with Ms. Avallone's suggestion that it should now be a violation to feed feral cats in the Borough.

The Board approved Ms. Avallone's recommendation on where the Board of Health placards should be located in Borough food establishments. Several locations, all very visible to customers, will be suggested to the owners.

Ms. Avallone and the Board discussed possible updated fees for when a food establishment fails inspection, the first, second, and third time. Ms. Avallone felt that when a food establishment fails for a third time, there is probably a serious situation like poor management. She suggested if the food establishment fails inspection for a third time, they should be invited to attend a Board of Health meeting to discuss how to resolve the violations.

Ms. Avallone suggested that a food establishment be given 30 days maximum to correct a violation. If the offending situation exists beyond 30 days, a ticket will be issued to pay a fine.

The Board discussed how to make placards more visible in local restaurants. Some Board members suggested requiring the placards to be put on the front door of the establishment.

Ms. Avallone recommended that the food handling certifications in the ordinance remain in place.

Ms. Avallone suggested a section be included in the ordinance regarding isolation, quarantine, and illegal exposure to disease. A person with a low-risk quarantine must be required to stay home, or be issued a ticket.

Ms. Avallone brought up that a heat complaint was reported from the Garden Apartments. Currently there is nothing in the code book indicating who handles those types of complaints – whether these complaints were handled by the Borough or the State. Chrmn. DeRosa recalled in one recent incident the authority came from the Borough. Ms. Avallone will check with Robin Kline, the Borough Clerk, on this matter.

Administration of Oaths of Office

The following were sworn in to a term of office on the Chatham Borough Board of Health:

Micki Chaput – Regular Member

Andrew Zoltan – 1st Alternate Member

Mrs. Marts and Mrs. Bringgard will be sworn in at a future meeting.

At 9:16 the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Borough Board of Health meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, 7 p.m., Room 212, middle level, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler, Recording Secretary