

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
October 11, 2018 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 December 21, 2017 and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Names	Present	Absent
Lisa DeRosa, Chrmn.	X	
Dr. Norman Schaefer	X	
Rita Marts, R.N.	X	
Mary Ann McCabe, R.N.	X – arrived at 7:39 p.m.	
Kay Kaiser, R.N.		X
Micki Chaput, R.N.	X	
Lisabeth Bringgard, R.N.	X	
Shelliam Lee	X	
Council Member Robert Weber, Sr.	X	
Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse	X	
Megan Avallone	X	
Beau Preston, R.E.H.S.	X	
Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary	X	

Also present:
Robin Kline, Municipal Clerk, Borough of Chatham

Public Comment

There was none.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

Mrs. Marts made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 13, 2018 Board of Health meeting. Chrmn. DeRosa seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. The meeting minutes of September 13, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Reports

Nursing Report

In Ms. Colendenski's absence, Ms. Avallone reviewed the Nursing Report for September 2018. She reported that there are new school nurses at St. Patrick's School and Milton Ave. School.

Chrmn. DeRosa noted that the NJ Health Nursing Association had reviewed updates on the medicinal marijuana program and resources for opioid education in New Jersey. Ms. Avallone pointed out that insurance currently does not cover costs for any medicinal marijuana. One ounce of medicinal marijuana costs about \$500.

Council Member Weber noted that there are currently six marijuana dispensaries in New Jersey. Only five dispensaries are up and running. The sixth is in the process of opening. Many more dispensaries will be opening in the future.

Ms. Avallone reported that she and Ms. Colendenski had attended a POD (Point of Distribution) training in September. This training educates health departments for operating mass vaccination clinics, if the need arises. Ms. Avallone noted that school nurses are very helpful for these type clinics.

Chrmn. DeRosa reported that she and Ms. Colendenski had attended the Municipal Alliance meeting held on Wednesday. Chrmn. DeRosa noted that Ms. Colendenski had also participated in the Mayor's Wellness Committee's activities such as the recent opening of the Urban Track in Chatham Borough. Chrmn. DeRosa passed around a brochure explaining the Urban Track, East & West.

R.E.H.S. Report

Mr. Preston reported that the inspections he had done in September had obtained satisfactory ratings. He had recently inspected food trucks that had been dispensing food at two local school events. No new complaints were received in September.

Mr. Preston gave an update on the property maintenance situation at 42 Maple Street. He felt the homeowner could do a little more work to improve things. Mr. Preston will continue to monitor this matter.

Mr. Preston discussed the noise complaint from the resident at 21 Hillside Avenue. He had listened to a recording of the trial on this matter. The trial took place in November 2013. The judge had dismissed the case because he felt the water heater was just making normal noises. Ms. Avallone will be sending a letter to the homeowner at 21 Hillside Avenue informing him that this matter will no longer be pursued by the Borough.

On other matters, Mr. Preston reported that a food handling class was held on September 26th for restaurant workers.

Board members discussed the progress being made on the new bagel shop on Main Street. Chrmn. DeRosa felt that Mr. Preston should have been given the plans pertaining to the Health Department – sinks, food storage, etc. Also, the food-related equipment should be reviewed for the restaurant replacing Angie's Luncheonette.

Rabies Clinic

Chrmn. DeRosa reported that Ms. Avallone has informed her that Murray Hill will be doing the clinic for free. She and Dr. Schaeffer will be working at the clinic. Council Member Weber

volunteered. Chrmn. DeRosa will ask the CERT organization to help. Chrmn. DeRosa will ask Mrs. Piccolo for an A-Frame sign holder to direct visitors.

Vital Statistics Report

Chrmn. DeRosa noted a number of marriages had taken place in the Borough in September.

Animal Control Report

There were no animal situations reported for September.

Pest Control Report

No report was submitted.

Health Officer Monthly Update

Ms. Avallone felt everything had been covered in the Nursing Report for September.

Discussion Items

Draft Ordinance Update

Ms. Avallone suggested that she and the Board will review the ordinance chapter by chapter.

Ms. Avallone started with the chapter concerning animals. She questioned why dogs and cats have different licensing due dates. She suggested that be cleared up. Ms. Avallone recommended that the term “seeing eye dog” be changed to “therapy dog”. The Board discussed what the maximum number of dogs and cats should be allowed at a residence. Council Member Weber suggested that the Board members ask to see the actual number of licenses that the Borough issues for dogs and cats. After further discussion, Board members decided one acre would be required for the maximum number of dogs or cats.

At Ms. Avallone’s suggestion, the Board decided to change the wording for “animal” in the section on rabies. Also, Ms. Avallone recommended a section should be inserted addressing examinations on animals for rabies. Currently, the ordinance is silent on this matter.

Ms. Avallone noted that “Canvas of dogs and cats” section could be removed because it was no longer a mandate. Resources for such a canvass are getting scarce. She pointed out that the animal control vendor was good at doing a semi-canvass. The Board was okay with eliminating the census clause.

The Board discussed the animal licensing fees. Ms. Avallone recommended the state’s maximum fee. The Board discussed the regulation requiring the leashing of dogs when outside and where this regulation should go. The police would enforce this leashing regulation. Ms. Avallone asked Council Member Weber whether this regulation should be kept separate. The Borough Attorney may have an answer. It was decided that the animal licensing fees will be put under the Board of Health’s Fees. The fee schedule will include court fines for violations.

Council Member Weber brought up a new section that would be included after Section 79-10, stating that the only place that dogs can run free is at the dog park at Shepard Kollock Park.

Ms. Kline reminded the Board that the ordinance must go through a First and Second Reading and voted on, all during the same year. She explained a bundling process that the Board could do.

The Board and Ms. Avallone discussed the license fee for a “potentially dangerous dog”.

On other matters, Ms. Avallone asked whether the Board gave out tags at the Rabies Clinic. Dr. Schaefer recalled that tags weren’t available at the last clinic. The pet owners had asked for these tags. Ms. Kline showed a box of Borough tags that had been issued in the past for dogs and cats. Council Member Weber asked if rabies tags could be obtained in time for distribution at the clinic.

Council Member Weber gave the results on the Borough’s Marijuana Survey. 52 votes were in favor of the legalization of marijuana. 71 votes were not in favor of legalization. In favor of banning recreational retail sales of marijuana – 83 yes, 41 no. Regarding the banning of retail sales of medical marijuana in the Borough– 54 yes, 70 no. Council Member Weber reported that an overwhelming majority are in favor of banning growing facilities for marijuana: 88 – yes 36 – no.

Ms. Bringgard suggested the parents of students in our combined School District be asked to participate in this survey. It would be interesting to see how the parents respond. They can be a hard group to reach.

Ms. Kline reminded the Board that the Borough governing body only has jurisdiction for Chatham Borough. Chatham Township has already taken action on this issue.

The Board discussed whether or not a public forum should be held on this issue, before or after an ordinance is voted on. Council Member Weber pointed out that at the Second Reading of an ordinance, the public can express their views.

Mrs. McCabe asked Ms. Avallone if there have been any outbreaks of acute flaccid myelitis in Chatham. Ms. Avallone answered no. The Board discussed the symptoms of the virus.

At 9:12 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Chatham Board of Health meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Room 212, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Recording Secretary

