

CHATHAM BOROUGH BOARD OF HEALTH
April 12, 2018 7 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 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	
Kay Kaiser, R.N.	X	
Micki Chaput, R.N.	X	
Israel Cepeda – 1 st . Alt.		X
Council Member Robert Weber, Sr.	X	
Megan Avallone, Health Officer		X
Tanya Moon, R.E.H.S.	X	
Liz Holler, Minutes Secretary	X	

Also in attendance:

Bridget Colendenski, R.N., Public Health Nurse, Westfield Dept. of Health
Shelliam Lee, a prospective member
Minati O’Connell, an interested resident

Mr. Lee and Ms. O’Connell introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their background.

Public Comments

There were none.

Motion to Adopt Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 11, 2018 Board of Health meeting were approved as submitted.

Reports

Nursing Report

Ms. Colendenski reported that two child health clinics were held in January. No children from Chatham Borough were seen. In February a hard-headed helmet clinic was held for children under 16 years old. A children's car seat program was held to inspect car seats to make sure they were properly installed. Westfield Board of Health held a vaccine program for adults. No vaccines were given in January. Adults, seeking these vaccines, must have no health insurance, have Medicare, but not Part B.

Ms. Colendenski reported on the Here to Health Program to be held at the Y in Westfield. The program dates will be determined. The stigma of mental health addiction is discussed in this program.

Ms. Colendenski reported on the audit was conducted for the Chatham Middle School. A total of 343 records for children were reviewed. Also audited in January were the records for the Early Childhood Learning Center. Thirty records were reviewed. An audit was done on St. Patrick School. It was 100%.

Ms. Colendenski reported that one child in Chatham Borough has a chronic case of Hepatitis C. For the month of January, four communicable diseases in Chatham Borough were reported. Two cases of influenza were reported. Neither one was hospitalized.

Ms. Colendenski reviewed the list of health programs recently being offered to the public by Overlook Hospital. Overlook Medical Center will offer glucose and blood pressure screening at their downtown storefront in Summit, usually on Mondays. There will be no cost for these screenings.

Regarding the children's vaccines, Chrmn. DeRosa pointed out that a required immunization bill has been passed by the NJ State Assembly. She explained that parents must produce a notarized letter telling why the vaccination goes against their religious beliefs. The bill has produced a great deal of protest.

Returning to the February audits, Ms. Colendenski reviewed that there were 3 people who had the flu. Among the three, was a one-month old baby who had underlying medical conditions, as well as the flu.

Chrmn. DeRosa suggested the Board of Health send out letters to Chatham Borough residents, explaining what the Westfield Health Department offers, such as the Vaccine for Adults Program. Also, an explanation can be included in this letter telling why the Chatham Borough Flu Clinic will no longer be held. However, at this time, homebound residents could still make appointments to receive flu shots in Chatham Borough. Additional recent changes made by the Board of Health could be included in the letter, such as the change of the date for the Rabies Clinic. This letter idea can be pursued further when Ms. Avallone returns to the Board.

R.E.H.S. Report

Ms. Moon, the Public Nurse, distributed her latest monthly report to Board members. She noted that January was food license renewal time for local restaurants. Walk-in inspections were made at the restaurants; however, some delayed ratings were done at a few restaurants. When violations were found at some restaurants, follow-up inspections were made.

Ms. Moon gave a progress report on the noise complaints made in the Borough. The Madison Health Dept. had handled a long-standing complaint about noise at a Chatham condominium. The matter was closed out by February by the court; however, Ms. Moon felt that the matter had not been totally resolved. Ms. Moon pointed out that the offending system only has possibly two years of life left in it. It will then have to be replaced.

Ms. Moon and the Board reviewed the above ground swimming pool situation at 42 Maple Street. The Board discussed having a firmer ordinance in place for situations like this. Ms. Moon noted that the pool is somewhat fenced. Some of the fence has fallen down. Chrmn. DeRosa felt this could be a zoning matter, falling under the property maintenance code.

Ms. Moon gave an update on the noise situation as reported by a Hillside Ave. resident regarding noise coming from the utilities in a neighbor's basement. This has been an ongoing situation. Ms. Moon stated that when the right conditions are in place - no precipitation, no wind, no extreme cold – the noise was audible to Ms. Moon when she conducted the inspection. This noise has to be compared to the neighborhood residual noise. The homeowner had suggested the readings be done

at night. Chrmn. DeRosa noted that the County of Morris had already done the readings at night and found no enforceable violations.

Ms. Moon reported that CVS Plaza did okay with the recent power failure during a storm. The generators worked well.

Ms. Moon reported that the school inspections went well in March. Also, a food handlers course was held recently.

Council Member Weber and Ms. Moon discussed the delayed ratings for two local food businesses. Both businesses received from Ms. Moon a list of items that needed to be corrected. They have since reached the satisfactory level.

Chrmn. DeRosa reported that she has spoken with Chris Manak, Director of the Madison-Chatham Joint System, about the grease trap situation. Chrmn. DeRosa wanted clarification that both Chatham and Madison are on the same page about grease traps. Mr. Manak is looking into obtaining a software program to keep accountability for both towns.

Financial Reports for the Board of Health

Chrmn. DeRosa stated that she saw nothing out of the ordinary in these reports.

Vital Statistics Report

None was available.

Animal Control Report

No one had any questions on this report.

Pest Control Report

None was submitted.

Miscellaneous

Chrmn. DeRosa discussed a meeting held in March between some local landscapers, the Environmental Commission, and the Public Works Department. This meeting, which also partnered with the Board of Health, discussed health concerns regarding the use of fertilizers and pesticides on lawns. The landscapers and DPW gave their thoughts on this health concern, and what other options may be available to use. One of the landscapers in attendance, Mike, from Lincoln Landscaping, uses organic methods to apply pesticides and fertilizers. Mike is trying to educate people on a healthier way to treat lawns. Chrmn. DeRosa stated

that the Chatham landscapers, agreed that as long as that NJ DEP allows chemicals to be used, they will be used over organics. The landscapers also brought up at this meeting that the millennials are more and more asking for organics for their lawn treatments.

Chrmn. DeRosa reported that a pilot test was suggested to compare lawn treatments. It was suggested that half of the front lawn on Borough Hall be treated with a chemical fertilizer and the other half with an organic fertilizer. A sign could be put up to show the different results. The over-watering of lawns was also discussed at this meeting with the landscapers. Lawns should only be watered once a week.

Moving on to another matter, Chrmn. DeRosa and the Board discussed the recent issues of dispensary installations for medical marijuana. Chrmn. DeRosa has submitted questions to Mayor Harris on the installation of these dispensaries. A bill had just passed by the NJ State Assembly to approve the installation of 100 more dispensaries.

On another concern, Mrs. Chaput reported that pallets are left outside of Dunkin Donuts on Sunday mornings to allow for the birds and squirrels to feed on leftover crumbs. She wasn't sure whether the pallets were cleaned up after they came back indoors. Ms. Moon will check on this situation.

At 8:40 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17, 2018, 7 p.m., Room 212, middle level, Chatham Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted:

Liz Holler
Minutes Secretary