

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH

January 27, 2011

The West Amwell Township Board of Health met on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board secretary, Lora Olsen. The meeting was declared in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act as it was advertised as a Reorganization meeting to be followed by a regular meeting in the January 13, 2011 issue of the Trenton Times and the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting has been continuously posted on the Township bulletin board. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Present: Richard Kropp, Tom Molnar, George Fisher, Zach Rich, Wendy Williams, and Jim Cally.

The REORGANIZATION meeting commenced.

APPOINTMENTS/OATHS OF OFFICE

Attorney Faherty administered the Oaths of Office to Thomas J. Molnar, George A. Fisher, Zachary Rich. Wendy Williams was sworn into a 2 year term at Alt #1 and Lora Olsen was sworn in as Board Secretary.

NOMINATION OF CHAIR/OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Olsen called for nominations for Chair. Mr. Kropp nominated Mr. Hart, in absentia, and Mr. Molnar seconded. There were no other nominations offered. Mr. Hart was unanimously elected Chair for 2011.

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIR/OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Olsen called for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Molnar nominated Mr. Kropp and Mr. Fisher seconded. There were no other nominations offered. Mr. Kropp was unanimously elected Chair for 2011.

Mr. Kropp took over the meeting.

BOH RESOLUTION #01-2011 DESIGNATING A MEETING SCHEDULE

Two sets of meeting dates were offered. The decision of the Board was for fewer meetings with specials, if needed.

BOH RESOLUTION #01-2011

BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that Board of Health meetings will be held on the following dates in 2011 at 7:30 p.m.:

April 28

July 28

Oct 27

Dec 15

with specials as needed

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the Board of Health will be held at the Municipal Building, 150 Rocktown-Lamb. Road, Lambertville (West Amwell).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings will be held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Special meetings shall be at the call of the Chair or written request by a member of the Board to the Secretary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that requests for agenda placement be received no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Building is handicapped accessible but the Board Secretary's office is to be contact 24 hours in advance for any special accommodations.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be posted on the Township bulletin board and transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times within seven days of adoption.

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Rich, seconded by Fisher.

BOH RESOLUTION #02-2011 ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

BOH RESOLUTION #02-2011

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Order of Business and the conducting of business at all meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order and statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act
2. Presentation of Minutes
3. Agenda Review
4. Open to the Public/Topic not on the Agenda
5. Introduction of Ordinances and/or Public Hearing and/or Special Presentation
6. New Business
7. Unfinished Business
8. Administrative Reports
9. Correspondence
10. Discussion
11. Adjournment

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Molnar.

BOH RESOLUTION #03-2011 DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER(S)

BOH RESOLUTION 03-2011

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of West Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Hunterdon County Democrat be established as the Official Newspaper and the Trenton Times is designated as the daily newspaper having the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the area of jurisdiction of the Township of its meetings.

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Fisher.

The REGULAR MEETING was opened at 7:47 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The December 16, 2010 Regular meeting minutes were approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Molnar. Roll Call: Cally-aye, Williams-aye, Fisher-aye, Molnar-aye, Kropp-aye.

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing was added.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

No public in attendance

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

2011 STW Interim Appointment Resolution & Possible Back-Up Resolution: A *Request for Quote* has just been advertised. It was originally thought that this would not be necessary as last year's expenditures were considerably less than previous years. However, the quote threshold is lower this year due to lack of a QPA. In the meantime, there needs to be someone authorized to handle this activity should a witnessing event occur.

BOH RESOLUTION #04-2011

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the West Amwell Board of Health that an interim appointment as soil test witness be given to James P. Chalupa pending advertisement and receipt of a 2011 quote for this service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Chalupa be paid \$200 per day for this witnessing work

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion from Molnar, seconded by Fisher.

Mrs. Olsen explained that Mr. Chalupa may have some scheduling difficulties due to personal obligations, so a back-up plan should be considered. PrincetonHydro has done this for the Board in previous years and has agreed to do so again. The applicant would pay PrincetonHydro instead of the Township but witnessing notes would be remitted to the Board office.

BOH RESOLUTION #05-2011

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has advertised for witnesses for its soil test program; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to have a plan in place for a back up witness in cases where the primary witness is unavailable; and

WHEREAS, Princeton Hydro has agreed to be the Board's authorized agent for soil test witnessing in cases where the primary witness is unavailable, especially through the wet season testing period of January through April

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that Princeton Hydro be authorized for soil test witnessing as provided above

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applicant will pay the cost of service directly to Princeton Hydro

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion from Fisher, seconded by Molnar.

Vet for Rabies Clinic and Emergencies: Dr. Maxian has again agreed to administer rabies vaccinations at the May clinic. His fee is \$100/hour. Unanimously approved on motion by Molnar, seconded by Kropp.

Animal Control Holding Facility Contract for 2011: Held

Register Ready Program Information: The County Health Department has a 15 minute presentation called "*Register Ready – Be Prepared to Meet Medical Needs During an Emergency.*" The Board requested that a presentation be scheduled for the April 28th meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Bill List for January 27, 2011: Held

CLOSED SESSION & RESULTS, IF ANY

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE:

The following items were received from the **Hunterdon County Health Dept.:**

- Due to staffing shortages and the need to focus on mandatory programs, UST removals will no longer be inspected or certifications provided. Also, the construction permit referral program is being scaled back and will only be required for six specific categories.

- NJ LINCS provided information on 1) Influenza-Like-Illness Activity for the 4 weeks ending January 8, 2011. Hunterdon County has increased from no activity, to sporadic activity, to local activity for the reporting periods; all regions of NJ are experiencing regional activity as of the last report. 2) A caution concerning a group called "Animal Cruelty Investigators" has been recommended as the State has been unable to reach anyone at any of the telephone numbers publicized and is therefore unable to inquire about credentials. 3) The Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Mandate (Schools/Daycare) is in effect. All children six months through 59 months of age attending any licensed child care center or preschool facility on or after September 1, 2008, must receive at least one dose of the vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of each year. 4) Respiratory Syncytial Virus activity is increasing. This virus infects the lungs and

airway passages causing inflammation and pneumonia. 5) The annual report on NJ Animal Rabies cases was received. Hunterdon had 7 raccoon cases in 2010.

No licenses were issued or money collected by the **Animal Control Officer** for the December 1, 2010 through January 1, 2011 report period.

Texas Eastern Transmission/Spectra Energy remitted a CD copy of the **2010 Classification Exception Area Biennial Certification for the Compressor Station in West Amwell**.

DISCUSSION:

A brief exchange over the State's monitoring of three wells along Route 179 ensued. The State was originally testing for a MTBE problem when high levels of sodium were also detected. This led to additional testing of wells surrounding the State DOT yard and the presence of sodium and chloride in their drinking water is something still not resolved to the satisfaction of affected property owners.

With the reduction of County involvement in construction issues, it is assumed/expected that the Construction office will step up its oversight.

Mr. Molnar announced that anyone coming to the Township dinner on February 11th needs to RSVP to the Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:11 p.m. on motion from Molnar, seconded by Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Olsen, Secretary