

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
RE-ORGANIZATION & REGULAR MEETING
January 26, 2017 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 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 12, 2017 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: Ken Hart, Stephen Bergenfeld, Jim Cally, and Brian Mundhenk. Absent/excused: John Dale, Rick Kropp, Gary Hoyer, and Zach Rich.

Mr. Mundhenk will be a full voting members this evening.

The REORGANIZATION meeting commenced.

APPOINTMENTS/OATHS OF OFFICE

Board Secretary/Township Clerk Lora Olsen administered the Oath of Office to James Cally for a 3 year full member term and Brian Mundhenk for a 2-year term as Alternate #1.

NOMINATION OF CHAIR/OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Olsen called for nominations for Chair. Mr. Cally nominated Mr. Hart and Mr. Bergenfeld seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. Mr. Hart was unanimously elected Chair for 2017.

NOMINATION OF VICE CHAIR/OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Olsen called for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Kropp was nominated by Mr. Cally with Mr. Bergenfeld providing the second. There were no other nominations. Mr. Kropp was unanimously elected, in absentia, Vice Chair for 2017.

Oaths of the respective offices were administered by Board Secretary Olsen.

Mr. Hart took over the meeting.

BOH RESOLUTION #01-2017 DESIGNATING A MEETING SCHEDULE

BOH RESOLUTION #01-2017

BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that Board of Health meetings will be held on the following dates in 2017 at 7:30 p.m.:

March 23
May 25
July 27
Sept 28
Dec 14

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 requests for agenda placement be received no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all meetings will be held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. The Board will not entertain requests for special meetings.

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 Cally, seconded by Hart.

BOH RESOLUTION #02-2017 ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

BOH RESOLUTION #02-2017

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, including website review
9. Correspondence
10. Discussion
11. Adjournment

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Cally, seconded by Bergenfeld.

BOH RESOLUTION #03-2017 DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER(S)

BOH RESOLUTION #03-2017

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 Bergenfeld, seconded by Cally.

The REGULAR MEETING was opened.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The December 15, 2016 Regular meeting minutes were unanimously approved by those eligible on motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Mundhenk.

AGENDA REVIEW

No additions to the agenda were noted.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

No one came forward at this time.

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

None

NEW BUSINESS

2017 STW Appointment Resolution

BOH RESOLUTION #04-2017

WHEREAS, the West Amwell Board of Health is in need of a soil witness for its 2017 Soil Testing program; and

WHEREAS, John Luyber of John Luyber Services has confirmed his interest in continuing in this role for a day rate of \$300.00.00 and William Burr of Maser Consulting has also confirmed his participation at a rate of \$670.00 for a two day event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the West Amwell Township Board of Health, that the above mentioned individuals be appointed to continue as primary soil witnesses for the 2017 Soil Testing program

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Mundhenk.

Attorney Resolution – Attorney Faherty has advised that he will be available for representation for the Board of Health based on this appointment as Township Attorney.

BOH RESOLUTION #05-2017

WHEREAS, the West Amwell Township Committee awarded a non-fair and open contract for Township Attorney to Philip J. Faherty III of Hunt and Faherty; and,

WHEREAS, all members of the Township Committee serve on the Board of Health; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Faherty has agreed to serve as Board attorney, as needed, in accordance with the terms of the awarded contract; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the West Amwell Township Board of Health, that the above mentioned individual be appointed Board of Health attorney for 2017.

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Cally, seconded by Bergenfeld.

Vet for Rabies Clinic and Emergencies – Dr. Maxian has again agreed to administer the rabies vaccine at the November clinic. His fee is \$100/hour. Syringes are an extra cost. Approved.

Refund Resolution – Block 13 Lot 70 –

BOH RESOLUTION #06-2017

WHEREAS, the BOH established a policy regarding the refund of STW fees, and

WHEREAS, the policy states that

1. the second day has to be cancelled by the end of the first day of testing with a call to the secretary
2. an administration fee of \$50.00 would be deducted from the refund OR
3. credit would be given for another testing date scheduled within 30 days on same Block and Lot, and

WHEREAS, this policy was further amended to apply the administrative fee to all subsequent days cancelled in line with the established guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the following applicant meets the above qualifications for second and/or subsequent-day refund minus the administration fee

BLOCK/LOT	NAME	AMOUNT
13/70	Bryan Russo	\$300.00

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that the aforementioned applicant(s) receive a second and/or subsequent day refund in the amount stated above.

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Cally.

2017 Budget Items –The 2016 appropriation summary of expenses was shared but discussion focused primarily on delineating the salt perimeter at the DPW and capping the area to reduce the salt spread. A submission in line with last year's request will be developed by the Board Secretary. Road Supervisor Rollero will be requested to provide a plan and projected cost for the capping project, to include a determination of the size, depth of base, and material (asphalt or concrete) to be used.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Salt Wells – Although the results continue to bounce around, particular notice was made of the results from 254 Mt. Airy-Harb. Road. A lengthy discussion ensued over concerns with the test results that are above state standards; the condition of the RO system that was shut off approximately 5 years ago and whether to bring the system back on line; and, in-home equipment breakdowns being attributed by the homeowner to the salt levels. A water re-test by

both the laboratory and probe was requested for February for that particular property but only on the 'before' side as the filter may be holding salt residue which may explain the higher numbers on the 'after' side. As for the RO system, an estimate of cost to revive the system will be obtained from KelTran.

Mr. Cally spoke at length on point of uses systems as possible replacements for the existing ROs. These would be only for sinks where potable water is needed. However, the legal agreement in place would have to be reviewed and, perhaps, the initial consultant brought back to make sure that there's an informed decision made.

Mr. Morandi, the other homeowner with a RO unit, relayed information on his particular system. He is interested in a point of use for his house for just areas needing potable water. This would eliminate the brine hauling requirement but whether or not this would be acceptable has to be determined. Again, the question remains as to the legal agreement in place. This is something that would require attorney review by all parties involved.

Mr. Mundhenk relayed that a point of use system would require a dual plumbing system in the house and is something that would be easier to accomplish for Morandi than for Pearson.

One homeowner whose water was tested in November has not received the results. A followup will be made.

There are apparently open building and electrical permits for the Morandi shed and water treatment system. These were pulled by the Township many years ago but a call for a final inspection was never accomplished. Mr. Morandi will make arrangements for these inspections.

Brine Removal – Russell Reid has been discontinued as of January 1st. The new hauler is Affordable Pumping Service. Their first pump is scheduled for January 30th.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Bill List for January 26, 2017

BILL LIST January 26, 2017

DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT PAID
December 29, 2016	Russell Reid	936.82
January 18, 2017	Russell Reid	331.91
	Eurofins (QC Labs)	101.50
	John Luyber	300.00

NOTE: The above invoices were received and paid from the BOH line item and are provided for informational purposes.

Soil Test Witness Report for December 2017

BOARD OF HEALTH SOIL WITNESSING REPORT Month of: December 2017

Tests Performed:	<u>Name</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>
NONE			

Monies Received and Deposited:	\$ 700.00
Fees Refunded:	\$ 0.00

Website Review – This will need to be updated to reflect tonight's actions. It was also requested that the Board members review the information and advise as to any changes/updates needed.

The reports were accepted as presented with no further discussion.

CLOSED SESSION & RESULTS, IF ANY

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence, as listed on the Agenda, was ordered filed.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Hart mentioned letters received from the State's consultant concerning the water results for the three properties along Route 179. It is assumed that the residents are still receiving bottled water. The issue of adding salt to the septic systems in lieu of hauling the brine was raised and whether this would be creating another source was questioned. The pros and cons surrounding the possibility of drilling a successful new well were briefly touched on. Also, that the buyers of the properties in question were aware of the salt problem. However, the agreement in place calls for water that is under the State's drinking water standards.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:58 p.m. on motion from Cally.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Olsen, Secretary

APPROVED: March 23, 2017