

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**July 26, 2018 – Regular Meeting 7:30 PM**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Vice Chairman Kropp declared the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was included in the Resolution faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 11, 2018, was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on said date and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Acting Municipal Clerk.

Present: Stephen Bergenfeld, John Dale, Gary Hoyer, Richard Kropp, Zach Rich, Brian Mundhenk, Denise Balog and BOH Secretary Maria Andrews. Jim Cally and Ken Hart were excused.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to approve the Board's 5/24/18 regular meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

It was noted for the record that no review was provided.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Vice Chairman Kropp opened the floor to public comment. Seeing no members of the public come forward, he closed the floor to public comment.

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

It was noted for the record that no ordinances were listed on the agenda for discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Septic System Alteration Waiver & ATU – 35 Mt. Airy Village Road – Block 11 Lot 6**

Present for the discussion was Engineer Bill Jupinka from Bayer-Risse. He explained the proposed septic alteration is for the installation of a Hoot H-600A Treatment Unit (ATU) for an existing 4 bedroom dwelling on the property. He noted the lot is just over an acre and because of the configuration the design is not in full conformance with Code 7:9A.

Engineer Jupinka explained the existing well will be 85 feet from the proposed disposal bed which doesn't meet the 100 foot separation requirement. He noted the distance can be reduced to 50 feet provided there is 50 feet of casing in the well. He remarked there is no well record available and stated that given the age of the well he is proposing an Ultra Violet (UV) treatment light be installed.

It was also noted that the toe of the mound will be only 8 feet from the property line which does not meet the minimum 10 foot requirement per the County's policy. Engineer Jupinka explained he will inspect the final grading and provide certification that the grading has not led to any off site water conditions.

A motion by Rich, seconded by Bergenfeld approving the Hoot ATU System and waiving the 100 ft. distance requirement was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Septic System Alteration Waiver & ATU – 57 Belvidere Avenue – Block 46 Lot 1**

Present for the discussion was Engineer Gregg Barkley and property owner Karen Atwood. Engineer Barkley explained the proposed septic alteration is for the installation of a Norweco Aerobic (ATU) for an existing 4 bedroom dwelling with no proposed expansion. He noted the lot is just under a half acre and because of the configuration, the following items are not in full conformance with Code 7:9A:

1. The existing on-site well is 75 ft. from the proposed disposal field and does not meet the required 100 ft. setback. As per 7:9A-4.3 the distance can be reduced to 50 ft. provided there is 50 ft. of casing in the well. Due to the age of the well, there was no information available to determine the casing details. The Board acknowledged the 75 ft. distance and waived the 100 ft. setback requirement.
2. The existing well located across the street on the property known as Block 43 Lot 9 is less than 100 ft. to the proposed disposal field and is actually 75 ft. from the existing disposal field. Per 7:9A-4.3, this distance can be reduced to 50 ft. provided there is 50 ft. of casing in the well. It was noted that no information was available regarding the well on this property. The Board acknowledged the County Board of Health's recommendation that the Engineer shall perform a well search request with NJDEP.
3. The proposed disposal field will not meet the minimum setback distance of 15 ft. and is proposed to be located 5 ft. from the existing house. The Board acknowledged the property constraints and waived the 15 ft. setback requirement.
4. The proposed disposal field will not meet the minimum setback distance of 10 ft. from the property line and is proposed to be 5 ft. from the property line along Belvidere Avenue and 7 ft. to the property line along adjacent Lot 3. The Board acknowledged the property constraints and waived the required 10 ft. separation distance to each of these property lines.
5. The proposed disposal field will not meet the required 50 ft. setback to the storm pipe running along Belvidere Avenue and will remain 18 ft. away. The Board acknowledged the property constraints and waived the 50 ft. setback distance requirement.

A motion by Rich, seconded by Dale approving the Norweco Aerobic ATU System and waiving the minimum distance requirements as noted was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Water Testing Charts: 2001-2017**

There was some discussion on the township water testing reports that have been received over the years specifically, that the data fluctuates. Mr. Kropp commented that he will reach out to DPW Director Ryan Rollero to coordinate one more set of water tests. It was noted that if the results come back within the acceptable levels, the testing will cease on all properties except the 2 expressly noted in the former lawsuit.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Bill List for 7/26/18**

A motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Kropp to approve the Board's 7/26/18 bill list was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

It was noted for the record that no comments were made on any of the correspondence listed on the agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:05 PM on motion by Rich and seconded by Bergenfeld.

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Maria Andrews, Secretary

APPROVED: 11/29/18