

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH

March 23, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chair Hart 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 27, 2017, 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 Municipal Clerk.

Present: Ken Hart, Rick Kropp, John Dale, Stephen Bergenfeld, Jim Cally, Denise Balog and Lora Olsen. Absent/excused Zach Rich and Brian Mundhenk. Public in attendance included Mike and Janice Pearson.

Oaths of Office were administered to Rick Kropp (Vice Chair) and Denise Balog (Alt #2) by Board Secretary Lora Olsen.

Denise Balog is a full voting member this evening.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The January 26, 2017 minutes were approved on motion from Dale, seconded by Bergenfeld. Motion carried.

AGENDA REVIEW

The following was added under New Business: Inquiry Concerning Item for May Meeting

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

Refund Resolution for Block 17 Lot 16

BOH RESOLUTION #07-2017

WHEREAS at the May 2003 meeting of the BOH, a policy was made regarding the refund of STW fees, and

WHEREAS the policy stated that

1. the second day had to be cancelled by the end of the first day of testing with a call to the secretary
2. an administration fee of \$35.00 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 at the December 2003 meeting this policy was further amended to apply the administrative fee to all subsequent days cancelled in line with the May guidelines, and WHEREAS the following applicants meet the above qualifications for second and/or subsequent-day refund minus the administration fee

BLOCK/LOT	NAME	AMOUNT
17/16	A.Town LLC (Phil Muller)	\$315.00

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 Kropp, seconded by Bergenfeld.

Inquiry Concerning Item for May Meeting – A couple items were received too late for inclusion on this agenda and will be heard at the May meeting. One involved whether a reserve is a requirement for an expansion on an existing dwelling. If so, that information would need to be relayed. As the ordinance states ‘new,’ this is only for that. The second will involve a TWA that needs the Board’s approval for submission by the County.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Salt Testing – The results of the February 16, 2017 probe and lab testing at 254 Mt. Airy-Harb. Road were relayed. The latter were just recently received and came in around 480. The probe was a little higher but not by much. Two samples were obtained—before and after—one at the kitchen sink, the other at the expansion tank in the basement. Mr. Kropp noted that the last time these numbers were that high was in 2015 and have varied considerably since.

Continued Discussion on RO’s – Mr. Bergenfeld suggested that a RO system be tried on the kitchen sink. If it works, then one will be installed anywhere that water will be used for drinking. This approach met with Board approval. Mr. Pearson stated that there is no salt taste to the water but that there’s starting to be an odor in one upstairs bathroom. He was advised that this is most likely Sulphur, which is different. A brief discussion ensued over cost of a point of use RO; installation concerning same; and, the need for annual filter change. However, the amount of usage would determine this. Mrs. Pearson commented that a point of use under the sink will provide drinking water but questioned the issue of the hot water heater and furnace as the pipes are turning green, noting that this wasn’t the case five years ago. Mr. Bergenfeld advised that this is a tough call because there’s so many variables and that it takes time for copper to deteriorate. As to a question on whether this direction has impact on the legal documents in place, Mr. Bergenfeld stated that he’s conferred with the attorney on the matter. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with the installation of a point of use system on the kitchen sink as an experimental first step. Mr. Pearson agreed with this direction. As to an estimated cost of such a move, Mr. Bergenfeld offered that this would probably run between \$800-\$1200.

Hart motioned for a RO, point of use, installation and Kropp seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Kropp motioned to approve \$800-\$1200 per unit for installation. Bergenfeld seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Concern was raised over timing. The decision was that if the installation was under \$1200, the installation would proceed without further action by the Board. Mr. Hart requested that the previous motion be amended to raise the amount to \$1500.00. There was unanimous concurrence to this change in order to move forward.

Mr. Bergenfeld provided contact information for a vendor to accomplish this work.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Bill List for March 23, 2017

BILL LIST
March 23, 2017

DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT PAID
February 15, 2017	John Luyber Services (STW)	\$ 300.00
	Affordable Pumping Services	\$ 225.00
	Home Depot (filters)	\$ 68.88
March 15, 2016	Affordable Pumping Services	\$ 225.00
	John Luyber Services (STW)	\$2,400.00
	Kel Tren Water Care	\$125.00

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

Soil Test Witness Report for January and February 2016

BOARD OF HEALTH
SOIL WITNESSING REPORT
Month of: January 2017

Tests Performed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>
Russo	13/70	368 Mt. Airy-Harb. Road
Coleman	20/9.01	316 Rock Road East

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

BOARD OF HEALTH
SOIL WITNESSING REPORT
Month of: February 2017

Tests Performed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>
Steigerwald	26/1	32 George Washington
Mostofizadah	21/12	438 Route 31 N

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Monies Received and Deposited:	\$2,450.00
Fees Refunded:	300.00

Website Review – No comments received.

The foregoing 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:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion from Kropp.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Olsen, Secretary

APPROVED: May 25, 2017