

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
March 22, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Chairman 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 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: Ken Hart, Jim Cally, John Dale, Stephen Bergenfeld, Gary Hoyer, Zach Rich, Denise Balog and Maria Andrews. Brian Mundhenk and Richard Kropp were excused.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion by Balog, seconded by Bergenfeld to approve the Board's 1/25/18 regular meeting minutes was approved with Mr. Cally and Mr. Rich abstaining.

AGENDA REVIEW

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Chairman Hart 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

2018 STW Appointment Resolution #06-2018

Resolution #06-2018

WHEREAS, the West Amwell Board of Health is in need of a soil witness for its 2018 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 and Patrick Brennan 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 the primary soil witnesses for the 2018 Soil Testing program.

A motion by Dale, seconded by Hoyer to approve Resolution #06-2018 was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Request for TWA Permit – 68 Hancock Street – Block 39 Lot 4

Present for the application was Engineer Alex Mikos of Bohren & Bohren and property owners Porter and Andrea Little.

Engineer Mikos explained the subject site previously had a home on it and indicated it was demolished at the request of the home owner's insurance company because the structure was deemed unsafe. He noted the foundation is still there so technically their proposal isn't "new" construction. Engineer Mikos commented that if the Board agrees, then they only need waivers. If the Board is not in agreement, then they would need to seek a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) permit from NJDEP.

The Little's wish to construct a new home on the property and then sell it. After some brief discussion the Board agreed to consider the project not new construction noting the septic plans for a new system on Block 39 Lot 4 will be for the repair of the structure which will contain 3 bedrooms. The design is not in full conformance with 7:9A, and the applicant may need to apply to NJDEP for review of a TWA permit. The following waivers from the Township Board of Health were granted:

1. The highest regional water table is at 16 inches, which is greater than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from the surface. The Board waived the 24 inch requirement.
2. The proposed disposal bed will be only 55.4 feet from the new well on this property, which is less than the maximum of 100 feet required per code. As per 7:9A-4.3, the distance can be reduced to 50 feet provided there will be a minimum of 50 feet from the well. The Board waived the 100 foot requirement.
3. The proposed disposal field will be only 73.8 feet from the existing well on the neighboring lot 7, which is less than the maximum distance of 100 feet per code. As per 7:9A-4.3, the distance can be reduced to 50 feet provided there is 50 feet of casing in the well. The Board waived the 100 foot requirement.
4. The toe of the mound will be only 1.5 feet from the property line, which is less than the 10 foot County policy. The Engineer will inspect the grading and provide certification that all grading was done on the property and has not lead to any site drainage issues. The Board acknowledged this condition.
5. The Board acknowledged that the primary septic area is less than 50 feet to the adjoining septic system on the neighboring lot, noting there is 37 feet to the property line.

Chairman Hart clarified that if this project is deemed to be new construction, the applicant will need to return to the Board of Health for a waiver from the reserve septic area and may need to seek additional approvals from NJDEP.

A motion by Cally, seconded by Bergenfeld to approve the requested waivers for Block 39 Lot 4 as outlined above was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Bill List for 3/22/18

A motion by Bergenfeld, seconded by Rich to approve the Board's 3/22/18 bill list with the exception of the County inspection bill was unanimously approved by voice vote. Secretary Andrews was asked to confirm the permit fees are covering the county's inspection fees prior to this voucher being paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was some discussion on the letter received from NJDEP regarding suspected hazardous discharge on Block 29 Lot 18.02. Chairman Hart commented that the owner will have to get a Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) to oversee the clean-up.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:12 PM on motion by Cally and seconded by Bergenfeld.

Maria Andrews, Secretary

APPROVED: 5/24/18