

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**May 24, 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 8:00 PM after a quorum of members arrived. 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, Gary Hoyer, Denise Balog and BOH Secretary Maria Andrews. Steve Bergenfeld, Richard Kropp, Zach Rich and Brian Mundhenk were excused.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Dale to approve the Board's 3/22/18 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**

Chairman Hart opened the floor to public comment. Mike Pearson of 254 Mt. Airy Harbourn Road came forward and said he had a question regarding the Reverse Osmosis (RO) system in his home. Chairman Hart stated this matter can be discussed under Unfinished Business on the agenda. Seeing no other 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 – 18 Circle Drive North – Block 52 Lot 1**

Present for the discussion was Engineer Craig Patterson. He explained the proposed septic alteration is for the installation of a Hoot Aerobic Treatment Unit (ATU) for an existing 3 bedroom dwelling on the property. He noted the lot is just under a half acre and because of the configuration the design is not in full conformance with Code 7:9A.

Engineer Patterson indicated that all neighboring wells are over 100 ft. away and they intend to install a UV treatment system per the recommendation of the County Board of Health. He further explained they are proposing an 84 ft. distance from the existing well and the proposed disposal field. Mr. Dale asked if the UV system is really necessary and inquired about the well casing. Mr. Cally asked if the water had been tested. Engineer Patterson commented he wasn't aware of any recent tests and stated there are no well records on file to determine whether or not there is 50 ft. of casing because of the age of the dwelling. Mr. Cally suggested a camera could be sent down to view the casing.

Chairman Hart added that if a water test confirms there are no issues than no UV system needs to be installed. He clarified, if the test is not clean then the UV treatment will need to be put in. He noted the test results must be sent to the Board for the Township's files.

Additionally, the Board waived the 100 ft. requirement and acknowledged the 84 ft. distance between the existing well and the proposed disposal bed.

A motion by Dale, seconded by Cally approving the Hoot ATU System, waiving the 100 ft. distance requirement and waiving the recommended UV Treatment System provided a clean test result is obtained was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Letter dated 4/23/18 from the Planning Board Chairman, re: Reserve Septic Ordinance**

Mr. Cally explained that since the Reserve Septic Ordinance was adopted in 2006, technology and equipment for on-site disposal systems has significantly advanced to address system failure as well as extend the life and efficiency of existing systems. He also noted that as the ordinance is currently drafted it will impede the implementation of the Township's Affordable Housing Plan due to the impracticality of locating a reserve field location on smaller lots as well as the financial burden associated with the additional percolation tests and soil logs.

Chairman Hart commented that he was never in support of the ordinance back in 2006 because of the available new technology and because he believed it was a burden on residents to have to locate two septic areas.

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale recommending the Township Committee repeal the Reserve Septic Ordinance (173-21) was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Water Testing Charts: 2001-2017**

It was noted this matter will be carried to the Board's 7/26/18 agenda when Mr. Kropp may be present to provide input on the data.

Mike Pearson of 254 Mt. Airy-Harbourton Road came forward and asked when the Township plans on installing the other two RO systems in his home. He explained one was put in under the kitchen sink but noted two additional systems are still required upstairs under each of the bathroom sinks. He also requested permission to have the installation company do their annual servicing on the existing system's filters. Mr. Cally suggested that when the company comes out for the service call that Mr. Pearson request a quote be sent to the Township for the installation of the other two RO units so the matter can be discussed further.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Bill List for 5/24/18**

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale to approve the Board's 5/24/18 bill list was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Minutes – 5/24/18

**Resolution #07-2018: Refund – Block 14 Lot 38**

A motion by Dale, seconded by Hoyer to approve Resolution #07-2018 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 8:27 PM on motion by Hoyer and seconded by Balog.

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Maria Andrews, Secretary

APPROVED: 7/26/18