

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
May 18, 2022 – Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 27, 2022 and was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on this 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: Jim Cally, Ken Hart, Gary Hoyer and Lucas Lyons along with BOH Secretary Maria Andrews and Board of Health Attorney Katrina Campbell.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion by Cally, seconded by Hoyer to approve the Board's 3/16/22 meeting minutes with no revisions noted, was approved by voice vote.

AGENDA REVIEW

It was noted for the record that there were no changes made to the posted agenda.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

It was noted for the record that no members of the public were present at the meeting.

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 Alteration with Waivers – B: 13 L: 61.16 – 228 Rocktown-Lambertville Road

Present for the discussion was Engineer Alex Mikos of Goldenbaum Baill Engineering.

Engineer Mikos explained the septic alteration is to correct a malfunctioning system that services an existing 3 bedroom dwelling. The proposed system is a pressure dosed, mounded soil replacement installation that requires the following waivers:

1. There is a regional zone of saturation less than 24 inches in soil log 1 and soil log 2. The highest regional zone of saturation is 16 inches in soil log 1. The design will still have a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table to the proposed level of infiltration. The Board waived the 24 inch requirement.
2. The proposed toe of the mound is less than the County's policy of 10 ft. along neighboring property 61.06 and will be 1.6 ft. from the property line. The Board acknowledged the deviation from the County's policy and noted that it appears the existing fence is actually the property boundary. The Board requested the Engineer confirm this and also noted that if the fence is removed, the property line should be staked out.

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A motion by Lucas, seconded by Cally to grant the requested waivers was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Septic Alteration with Waivers: Block 44 Lot 12 – 129 Hancock Street

Present for the discussion was Engineer Doug Fine of Fine Engineering, LLC.

Engineer Fine explained the septic alteration is to correct a malfunctioning system that services an existing 2 bedroom dwelling. The proposed system is a pressure dosed, mounded soil replacement installation that requires the following waivers:

1. The existing well does not meet the minimum 100 ft. setback distance requirement to the proposed disposal field. The subject well is 69 ft. from the proposed disposal field. The distance may be decreased by the administrative authority to a minimum of 50 ft. only when the well contains a water-tight casing to a depth of 50 ft. or more. It was noted that the well record submitted confirms the well has 100 ft. of casing. The Board waived the 100 setback requirement.
2. The proposed toe of the mound is less than the County's policy of 10 ft. along neighboring property 13 and will be 7 ft. from the property line. The Board acknowledged the deviation from the County's policy and noted the property line should be staked out and the Engineer must inspect the grading to ensure there will not be any off-site water runoff problems. The Board also recommended that Engineer Fine work with the Township Engineer to assess the existing drainage issues on the property.
3. The proposed disposal field does not meet the minimum 50 ft. setback requirement to the existing disposal field on neighboring Lot 13 and is only 32 ft. away. The Board waived the 50 ft. setback requirement and requested a UV water treatment system be installed.

A motion by Cally, seconded by Hoyer to grant the requested waivers was unanimously approved by voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Status of R/O System: 254 Mt. Airy-Harbourton Road

Present for the discussion were property owners Michael and Jan Pearson. The Pearson's acknowledged that the water test results indicate their water meets the standards for safe drinking and requested the Township provide a notarized letter stating such. Attorney Campbell commented that she would send a letter to the Pearsons.

Mr. Pearson inquired about the original shed on the property containing the old Reverse Osmosis equipment and asked if the system could be removed so he can keep the shed for storage. Mr. Cally remarked that he would speak with DPW Director Rollero about dismantling the system.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Bill List for 5/18/22

John Luyber Services, LLC

Soil Witnessing – 36 Hewitt Road	\$600.00
Soil Witnessing – 22 Rocktown Hill Road	\$300.00

A motion by Hoyer, seconded by Cally to approve the Board's 5/18/22 bill list was unanimously approved by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:41 PM on motion by Cally and seconded by Lyons.

Maria Andrews, Board of Health Secretary

APPROVED: 9/21/22