

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**November 29, 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. 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: Jim Cally, John Dale, Ken Hart, Gary Hoyer, Zach Rich (*arrived at 7:45 PM*), Brian Mundhenk, Denise Balog and BOH Secretary Maria Andrews. Stephen Bergenfeld and Richard Kropp were excused.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

A motion by Dale, seconded by Mundhenk to approve the Board's 7/26/18 meeting minutes with no revisions noted, was approved with Chairman Hart 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**

**Septic System Alteration Waiver Request – 314 Rock Road East – Block 20 Lot 9.02**

Present for the discussion was Engineer Alex Mikos from Goldenbaum Baill Associates, Inc. He explained the septic alteration is for an existing 4 bedroom dwelling with no proposed expansion. He noted the design is in full conformance with Code 7:9A except for the following requested waiver:

Engineer Mikos explained the highest regional water table is at 14 inches in soil logs 1 and 2, which is a higher level than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from the existing grade. He noted the system will still have a maximum of 48 inches of separation from the water table and the proposed level of filtration.

A motion by Dale, seconded by Mundhenk acknowledging the highest regional water table at 14 inches and granting the waiver from the required 24 inches was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Septic System Alteration Waiver & ATU – 776 Brunswick Pike – Block 16 Lot 11**

Present for the discussion was Engineer Ted Bayer of Bayer-Risse. He explained the septic alteration is for the installation of a Hoot H-600A (ATU) for an existing 1 bedroom dwelling with no proposed expansion. He noted the design is not in full conformance with Code 7:9A and requested the following waiver:

Engineer Bayer stated the existing on-site well is 34 feet from the proposed disposal field and does not meet the required 100 foot separation distance. He clarified that since there is no information regarding the well on the property because the home was built in the 1850's, a passing water test has been submitted from Garden State Laboratories showing no coliform and nitrate/nitrite results.

A motion by Balog, seconded by Dale acknowledging the 34 foot distance and granting a waiver from the required 100 foot separation distance was unanimously approved by voice vote with comments made that the newly proposed system is a vast improvement over the existing cesspool.

It was noted for the record that Mr. Rich arrived at the meeting at this time, 7:45 PM.

**Septic System Alteration Waiver & ATU – 23 Old York Road – Block 38 Lot 5**

Present for the discussion was Engineer Steve Parker of Parker of Parker Engineering & Surveying. He explained the septic alteration is for the installation of the Ecoflo Coco Filter (ATU) for an existing 4 bedroom dwelling with no proposed expansion. He noted the design is not in full conformance with Code 7:9A and requested the following waivers:

Engineer Parker stated there was no passing permeability on the property. He explained the toe of the mound will be along the property line and does not meet the 10 ft. required minimum setback per the County policy. Engineer Parker remarked the design does meet the setback from the existing well and the adjoining property owner's wells and septic systems.

There were some questions about the Coco filter. Engineer Parker explained the system is a concrete tank with coconut husks that require replacing about every 12 years. He noted the husks look like mulch and come in bails. He clarified that when the time comes to replace them, the old ones are simply pumped out and replaced.

A motion by Cally, seconded by Mundhenk acknowledging the toe of the mound along the property line and requesting the Engineer inspect the final grading and provide certification that the grading will not create any offsite water conditions was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Cally asked about the status of the Pearson R/O System. Secretary Andrews explained the Township Committee had received a quote from the Jayson Company to do the work and there is an issue with one of the bathrooms. She noted a vanity needs to be installed to house the R/O system which the Pearson's have not yet taken care of. Several Board members expressed this matter has been on-going for almost 2 years and they suggested the Pearson's attend the Board's next meeting to update everyone on the status of the installation noting they would like

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to see this matter addressed in a timely fashion.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**Bill List for 11/29/18**

**John Luyber – Soil Witnessing**

Block 8 Lots 7 & 8	\$600.00
Block 21 Lot 23	\$600.00
Block 7 Lot 4	\$600.00
Block 5 Lot 19	\$600.00
Block 16 Lot 11	\$600.00
Block 17 Lot 26	\$600.00
Block 8 Lot 38	\$600.00
Block 13 Lot 2	\$600.00

**Donna Griffiths – Refund Unused Escrow** \$350.00

**Maser Consulting – Soil Witnessing – Block 23 Lot 25.02** \$255.00

**Jayson Company – R/O Filters** \$221.93

**Eurofins – Sample Water Kits** \$35.00

**Cty. Of Hunterdon – Inspection Fees** \$575.00

A motion by Cally, seconded by Rich to approve the Board's 11/29/18 bill list was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr. Cally commented on the monthly dog license report. He remarked that the number of people attending the Township's free rabies clinic has been consistently decreasing and noted only 54 dogs and cats were vaccinated at the clinic on 11/3/18. Mr. Cally explained there have been some discussions on whether or not to continue offering it since Lambertville, East Amwell and Delaware do. The thought is maybe residents are going elsewhere or simply paying for the rabies shot at their veterinarian appointment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:13 PM on motion by Rich and seconded by Cally.

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Maria Andrews, Secretary

APPROVED: 1/24/19