

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
OCTOBER 28, 2013 - 8:30 p.m.

The West Amwell Township Board of Health met on the above date and was called to order at 8:30 p.m.

Present: Rick Kropp, Ken Hart, George Fisher, Zach Rich, John Dale, Jim Cally, Brian Mundhenk and Lora Olsen. Public in attendance included Tom Molnar, Jess Symonds and Craig Patterson

Board Secretary Lora Olsen administered the Oath of Office to new Board member John Dale.

Chair Kropp declared the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act as a re-scheduled regular meeting with notice published in the Hunterdon County Democrat on October 17, 2013 and posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting were approved on motion from Hart, seconded by Fisher with eligible members (Kropp, Hart, Rich, Fisher, Cally, Mundhenk) voting in the affirmative.

AGENDA REVIEW: Nothing was added.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA: No one came forward.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Refund Resolution –

BOH RESOLUTION #08-2013

WHEREAS, the BOH established a policy regarding the refund of STW fees, and

WHEREAS, the policy states that

1. the second day has to be cancelled by the end of the first day of testing with a call to the secretary
2. an administration fee of \$50.00 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, this policy was further amended to apply the administrative fee to all subsequent days cancelled in line with the established guidelines, and

WHEREAS, the following applicant meets the above qualifications for second and/or subsequent-day refund minus the administration fee

| BLOCK/LOT | NAME | AMOUNT |
|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| 7/21 | Bayer-Risse Engineering (Ricca) | \$300.00 |
| 26/17 | River Road Antiques & Lighting | \$300.00 |

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 Fisher, seconded by Hart.

Waiver Requests

- *Block 28 Lot 34:* Jess Symonds of Biggs Engineering reviewed the problems encountered with rock, permeability, and mottling on this lot with a failed system. He indicated that a better permeability test would have been received had the testing been done in March and that the area has a high water table. A mound system has been designed and employs the required 48 inches of separation.

BOH RESOLUTION #09-2013

WHEREAS, a septic system alteration request has been referred to the Township Board of Health for Block 28 Lot 34; and

WHEREAS, waivers are requested for the following:

1. The highest regional water table is at 9 inches in soil logs 1 & 2 which are higher than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from existing grade. The design will still have a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table to the proposed level of infiltration.
2. The Pit Bail test showed a permeability rate of .171 in/hr. which is a failing test as the lowest passing rate is considered .2 in/hr. is no passing permeability due to failing basin floods.

WHEREAS, the design engineer has explained the Pit bail test results and how this system has been designed based on no passing permeability to the satisfaction of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the design shows a mounded system with the use of a pump; and

WHEREAS, this is an alteration of a malfunctioning system with no expansion according to 7:9A-3.3(e) 2 I + ii, the Board can consider approving the waivers as the proposed alteration is more in conformance with the requirements of this chapter

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that waivers 1 and 2 above and listed in the County's letter of September 30, 2013 be granted

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County

Division of Public Health, the engineer of record, the applicant and the West Amwell Township Construction Official

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Hart.

- *Block 29 Lot 2:* Craig Patterson of Septics by Patterson came forward and relayed that the property is a re-sale and that the system failed home inspection. Mottling was found at 24 inches, which requires a waiver. The water table was found to be at 19 inches. A Pit Bail test was employed for the testing and the system designed will have a 4 foot mound. It was also relayed that a camera was employed which revealed that the laterals had collapsed. This method is used by most re-sale testing firms as those without this must excavate, snake and dig to determination the location of the problem. Mr. Patterson also noted that 20-25 year old houses have reached their septic limit, if maintained, otherwise permeability is reduced. Most current owners are unaware that they have a failing system until tested for re-sale unless there's a break out or back-up situation. He also suggested that sellers check the inspection report carefully and pay attention to what it is saying, as sometimes the fix is minor. Another suggestion to those thinking about selling their house is to get the septic tested prior to putting the property on the market.

BOH RESOLUTION #10-2013

WHEREAS, a septic system alteration request has been referred to the Township Board of Health for Block 29 Lot 2; and

WHEREAS, a waiver is requested for the following:

1. The highest regional water table is at 19 inches in soil log 1 which is higher than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from existing grade. The design will still have a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table and the proposed level of infiltration.

WHEREAS, the design shows a mounded installation; and

WHEREAS, this is an alteration to a malfunctioning system with no expansion, the Board can consider approving the waiver request under 7:9A-3.3(e) 2 i+ii as the proposed alteration is more in conformance with the requirements of this chapter

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that the waiver requested in 1 above and listed in the County's letter of October 16, 2013 be granted

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Division of Public Health Services, the engineer of record, the West Amwell Township Construction Official and the applicant.

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Dale

- *Block 18 Lot 2.03:* This is also a Craig Patterson project. The house is on Rock Road West and the septic failed during the real estate transfer process. The soil in the front of the property has 15 feet of clay; the back is blue rock. Two waivers are requested. Mr. Patterson

indicated that the Pit Bail test would have had better results during the wet season. The design shows a 4 ½ foot mound and is far enough away from the house so as to not obstruct the view. As the original system was located in the front, a pump will be employed to the new system in the rear of the property.

BOH RESOLUTION #11-2013

WHEREAS, a septic system alteration request has been referred to the Township Board of Health for Block 18 Lot 2.03; and

WHEREAS, waivers are requested for the following:

3. The highest regional water table is at 18 inches which is greater than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from existing grade. The design will still have a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table to the proposed level of infiltration.
4. A partial Pit Bail test was performed but was an incomplete test due to only seven inches of water recovered in the test. Engineer believes this is due to the time of year the test was performed.

WHEREAS, the design engineer has explained the Pit bail test results and how this system has been designed based on no passing permeability to the satisfaction of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the design shows a mounded system with the use of a pump; and

WHEREAS, this is an alteration of a malfunctioning system with no expansion according to 7:9A-3.3(d) 2, the Board can consider approving the waivers as the proposed alteration is more in conformance with the requirements of this chapter or closer to being in conformance with this chapter than the original components prior to the alteration

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that waivers 1 and 2 above and listed in the County's letter of October 17, 2013 be granted

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Division of Public Health, the engineer of record, the applicant and the West Amwell Township Construction Official

The Resolution was unanimously approved on motion by Fisher, seconded by Hart.

Proposed New Retail Food Handling Establishment – An application has been received from the Fulper Family Farmstead seeking licensure. The establishment has been inspected by the County Division of Health and will be an agricultural market selling commercially produced dairy products. No food production is permitted at the site without the acquisition of a temporary food permit. The Township ordinance does not permit a new retail food establishment without first procuring a license from the Township Committee upon the recommendation of the Board of Health. Recommendation granted and no objections raised. The first license will be issued in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Salt Testing – The September testing round was missed. Road Supervisor Hoagland has been contacted and has indicated that one will be done within the week. If problems or questions arise, Mr. Kropp can be contacted. Once the results have been obtained, they will be forwarded to Mr. Kropp for charting. It is anticipated that information will be available for the December meeting and the neighbors invited.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Bill List for June, July, August & September 2013

BILL LIST October 28, 2013

| DATE | VENDOR | AMOUNT PAID |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| June 26, 2013 | Russell Reid, Inc | \$ 675.92 |
| July 24, 2013 | Douglas Scheetz | \$ 360.00 |
| | Russell Reid, Inc | \$1,689.51 |
| August 28, 2013 | Russell Reid, Inc | \$ 675.34 |
| | Jim Chalupa | \$ 400.00 |
| September 25, 2013 | Russell Reid, Inc | \$ 676.34 |
| | James P. Chalupa | \$1,000.00 |

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

Soil Test Witness Report for June, July, August, September & October 2013 – a

BOARD OF HEALTH SOIL WITNESSING REPORT Month of: June 2013

Tests Performed:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| NONE | | |

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|--------------------------------|----|-------|
| Monies Received and Deposited: | \$ | 50.00 |
| Fees Refunded: | \$ | 0.00 |

BOARD OF HEALTH
SOIL WITNESSING REPORT
Month of: July 2013

Tests Performed:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 911 Carting (Sawyer) | 23/28 | 1750 Linvale-Harb. |

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

BOARD OF HEALTH
SOIL WITNESSING REPORT
Month of: August 2013

Tests Performed:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Hope | 28/34 | 43 Hewitt Road |
| Santaguida | 26/17 | 1872 River Road |

Monies Received and Deposited: \$ 1,400.00
Fees Refunded: \$ 0.00

BOARD OF HEALTH
SOIL WITNESSING REPORT
Month of: September 2013

Tests Performed:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Molnar | 29/2 | 285 Goat Hill Road |
| Ricca | 7/21 | 127 Bowne Station |

Monies Received and Deposited: \$ 1,500.00
Fees Refunded: \$ 0.00

BOARD OF HEALTH
SOIL WITNESSING REPORT
Month of: October 2013

Tests Performed:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Block Lot</u> | <u>Address</u> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------|
| Kustile | 32/20 | 28 Barry Road |

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

The reports were received without comment.

Website Review – The Board members were requested to review what is on the website and advise the secretary of needed changes. Mr. Mundhenk relayed that the County link does not work.

CLOSED SESSION & RESULTS, IF ANY: None needed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The items as listed on the Agenda were ordered filed.

DISCUSSION: The Board was advised that the Environmental Commission's well testing program went well. The annual Rabies clinic will be held November 9th from 1 to 3 p.m. behind the municipal building.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:00 p.m. on motion from Rich.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Olsen, Secretary

APPROVED: December 19, 2013