

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
October 22, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Chair Kropp 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 23, 2015, 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 Municipal Clerk.

Present: Richard Kropp, Ken Hart, George Fisher, John Dale, Jim Cally, Brian Mundhenk and Lora Olsen. Zach Rich was absent. Public in attendance included Cathy Urbanski.

The meeting was not recorded due to equipment malfunction.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Given the eligibility of various members to vote on the minutes, each set was handled separately.

Cally moved to approve the December 18, 2014 minutes with Dale providing the second. Roll Call: (Kropp, Rich, Dale, Cally)

Dale moved to approve the May 28, 2015 minutes with Fisher providing the second. Roll Call: (Hart, Fisher, Dale, Cally)

Hart moved to approve the August 27, 2015 minutes with Mundhenk providing the second. Roll Call: (Hart, Rich, Cally, Mundhenk)

Fisher moved to approve the September 16, 2015 Special meeting minutes with Dale providing the second. Roll Call: (Kropp, Fisher, Rich, Dale, Cally)

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing was added.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

No one came forward to speak.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Waiver - Block 20 Lot 8 – The engineer was provided with notice of this meeting but was not in attendance. It was the decision of the Board to move forward with the waiver request as presented.

BOH RESOLUTION #10-2015

WHEREAS, a septic system alteration request has been referred to the Township Board of Health for Block 20 Lot 8 for an existing 3 bedroom dwelling with no expansion; and

WHEREAS, the use of an advanced technology system called the Norweco Aerobic treatment unit has been incorporated into the design; and

WHEREAS, this advanced treatment device is a new alternative technology that has been approved by the DEP, which has provided a revised guidance document dated January 2008 to be used by the local Board of Health when reviewing these plans; and,

WHEREAS, 7:9A was revised on April 2, 2012 and incorporated the aerobic systems in the code and now are not considered alternative technologies but rather Advanced Wastewater Pretreatment according to 8.3 of the code; and

WHEREAS, this design incorporates a 960-500 which is a correct unit for a 3 bedroom dwelling; and

WHEREAS, the Board can approve the proposed design since the DEP has given local Boards of Health authority to approve these technologies; and,

WHEREAS, the following waivers and approvals will need to be acted on by the Board

1. The zone of treatment can be reduced to 18 inches at the discretion of the Administrative Authority when Advanced Wastewater Pretreatment is being proposed.
2. The highest regional water table is at 12 inches which is less than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from the surface.

WHEREAS, all requirements and conditions for Advanced Treatment Units are listed on pages 1 and 2 of the plot plan including a maintenance agreement, deed notice; and, NEHA certification for the system installer; and

WHEREAS, there are wetlands or transition areas where the proposed disposal bed will be located, therefore a GP25 permit from the DEP will be required; and

WHEREAS, this is a malfunctioning system, the Board can consider waivers and special approvals since the system, per 7:9A 3.3(e) 2ii is more in conformance with the code

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the West Amwell Township Board of Health that the waivers and approvals listed in #1 & 2 above, as outlined in the County's August 28, 2015 letter, be granted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board's approval of the design is **conditioned** with the applicant obtaining a GP25 permit from NJDEP

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the maintenance agreement, deed notice and NEHA certification for the system installer and manufacturer certification of the design engineer be provided to the West Amwell Board of Health in addition to the Hunterdon County Division of Health

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the maintenance agreement be provided to the owner and kept with the house

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the Hunterdon County Division of Health, the engineer of record and the applicant.

Fisher motioned to approve the Resolution and dale seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Refund Resolutions – Block 12 Lot 54; Block 17 Lot 11

BOH RESOLUTION #11-2015

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
12/54	Stephen W. Smith	\$300.00
17/11	Bayer-Risse (Birmingham)	\$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.

Discussion Concerning PennEast Pipeline; Possible Resolution – Cathy Urbanski, chair of the pipeline committee, relayed the desire of the group to maintain a united front in opposing PennEast. She further noted that all affected municipalities have adopted a resolution in opposition and that the Hopewell Township Board of Health recently held a meeting devoted to health and safety aspects of the pipeline. A lengthy discussion ensued over the various concerns that have been raised, potential risks involved, potential quality of life issues and what facts and evidence are in play. A resolution was presented for consideration.

BOH RESOLUTION #12-2015

Whereas, the West Amwell Township Board of Health (Board) agrees that there are potential health and safety impacts on the residents of West Amwell Township as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed PennEast natural gas pipeline; and

Whereas, the Board hereby finds that the proposed PennEast natural gas pipeline may pose a risk to the health and safety of the residents of West Amwell Township; and

Whereas, this risk is a result of construction activities and potential impacts on surface water, private wells, local air quality, odor issues, blasting risk, physical illness, and quality of life of our residents.

Now, therefore, be it resolved,

The Board will forward this resolution to the West Amwell Township Committee for use in any proceedings brought by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, PennEast, or any other public body involved in and considering approval of the pipeline, or for any other purposes which the Township Committee deems appropriate.

Certification

The foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Health of West Amwell Township on October 22, 2015.

_____ Richard Kropp _____
Richard Kropp, Chairman
Board of Health
Township of West Amwell, State of New Jersey

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on Salt Testing – The most recent results were reviewed with seasonal variability noted as the reason for fluctuations. A brief discussion about the need for capping the former salt storage area was held. Working with the Road Supervisor to accomplish the required digging, backfilling and capping to remove the ongoing source is the next step. A budget allocation for this work will be needed in 2016.

Soil Test Witness for 2016 – Contact was made with Rutgers to inquire about obtaining a listing of persons who have taken and passed their soils course. The response was that the course was offered a few years ago but no tests were given. A list was not provided and the suggestion was made that individuals could request their transcripts. As the Board's long time witness is leaving at the end of the year, a replacement will be needed. The proposed request and requirements for the position were presented and reviewed. Advertisement will be made with information also posted on the website.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Bill List for September & October 2015

BILL LIST
October 22, 2015

DATE	VENDOR	AMOUNT PAID
September 19, 2015	Russell Reid, Inc (pump outs)	\$997.41
	James P. Chalupa (STW)	\$400.00
October 22, 2015	Russell Reid, Inc (pump outs)	\$664.38

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

Soil Test Witness Report for September 2015

BOARD OF HEALTH
SOIL WITNESSING REPORT
Month of: September 2015

Tests Performed:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Block Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>
None		

Monies Received and Deposited:	\$ 185.00
Fees Refunded:	\$ 0.00

Website Review – None

CLOSED SESSION & RESULTS, IF ANY:
N/A

CORRESPONDENCE:
The correspondence as listed on the Agenda was reviewed and ordered filed.

DISCUSSION:
None

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:58 p.m. on motion from Cally, seconded by Fisher.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Olsen, Secretary

APPROVED: December 17, 2015