

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:35 p.m. Present for this meeting were: Tracy Carluccio, Tony Berberabe, Ted Peyrek III, Larry Tatsch, Jim Rosso, and David Wang-Iverson. Members absent: Tim Martin and Les Hamilton. Also present: Carolyn Fritsch, BOH Administrative Officer.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a regularly scheduled meeting in the January 28, 2010 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting was filed with the Township Clerk, posted on the Township bulletin board and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times on April 21, 2010.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA REVIEW**

Ms. Fritsch informed the Board she had inadvertently switched two of the digits in the address for the 542 Spring Hill Road Complaint, and asked the Board if they could please vote for a correction to the January, February and March 2010 agendas and the February 16, 2010 minutes.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES** - March 16, 2010

**Mr. Tatsch motioned to approve the March 16, 2010 minutes as presented, and to correct the February 16, 2010 minutes, and the January, February and March 2010 agendas to reflect 542 instead of 524. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rosso, and carried by unanimous vote, with two abstentions, Mr. Peyrek and Mr. Wang-Iverson.**

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** (limited to 15 minutes for items not on the agenda)

No public was present.

**Mr. Tatsch motioned to close the public comment portion of the meeting, seconded by Mr. Wang-Iverson, and carried unanimously.**

### **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Hunterdon County Inspector, Dan Wyckoff

1. **MTBE - HESS GAS STATION / RINGOES DONUTS**- No further update
2. **OWENS - AKA WOODY'S - B 16, L 11 - 202 OLD YORK ROAD** - No further update
3. **542 SPRING HILL ROAD - COMPLAINT # C082109**  
Mr. Wyckoff informed the Board that Hunterdon County Health Inspector Enea was finally able to contact the homeowner, and a dye test was conducted on March 22, 2010, which proved positive for a failing system. On March 25, the homeowner was given the results, and the homeowner promised he would contact an engineer and begin to design corrections for the septic system. Mr. Wyckoff stated those plans have not been submitted yet. The homeowner is to have the system pumped, and Mr. Wyckoff will ask Inspector Enea to make sure this is completed.

#### B. Preview Committee

Nothing at this time.

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**A. Education and Health Issues

No Comments

B. Road Salt Well Testing Results

Mr. Tatsch discussed the well test sampling results with the Board.

Mr. Tatsch said Mr. Martin compiled the data for the years of the testing 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2010, and he compiled the average for chloride and sodium from all the nine residents used in the test samplings. The data, as originally interpreted, shows a slight increase for both chloride and sodium over that time period.

After further research, and an e-mail discussion between Mr. Tatsch and Mr. Martin, the determination was made that there is essentially no correlation between the sodium levels and the chloride levels. Mr. Tatsch created an Excel spreadsheet to better review the data. The greatest disparity between sodium and chloride occurs along John Ringo Road. At those two sites, the chloride level far exceeds the calculated stoichiometric level. The county heavily treats this road and the excess chloride may also come from the use of calcium chloride, which contains more chloride than ordinary salt.

Consequently, it is difficult to draw conclusions from the data. Mr. Tatsch felt it was more likely that in most cases, except the ones along Old York Road, the result is just probably naturally occurring sodium and chloride from minerals containing those two elements.

Mr. Tatsch said he would like to find out which of the two is the better marker and then evaluate that marker. Ms. Carluccio said maybe we should send the data to NJGS, (New Jersey Geological Survey).

Mr. Tatsch informed the Board of the request made by the Road Superintendant to consider expanding the road salt program to a few additional roads. Mr. Tatsch gave the following explanation as to why the request was made:

Grit is being used on most of the roads, and a salt and grit mix is being used on the other roads. The grit is getting more expensive and harder to get because no one is using it anymore. Grit becomes very ineffective, in many cases, when there is a heavy snowfall. The grit that is laid down gets packed into the snow and becomes useless. More grit has to be put down. Then you end up with a big pack of snow that turns to ice and is very dangerous. The road crew has to go out and either salt it or try to scrape it up. At the end of the season, as required by DEP regulations, the grit must be swept up. A sweeper is rented at the cost of \$9,000.00 and the grit that is missed by the sweeper ends up in the ditches, which then have to be cleaned out by the road crew. It has become increasingly more difficult to justify the continued use of the grit in the face of the budgetary concerns. This coming year, the roads that had been receiving the mixture of salt and grit, will now receive only salt, and then those particular roads will not have to be swept up. The Township is still very sensitive to environmental issues, and this is a terrible quandary. However, in a few years there may not be any choice if the grit is no longer available.

A discussion was held regarding the issue.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. New Jersey - nothing
- B. East Amwell

Ms. Carluccio said she had reviewed the revised plan for Catenacci, B 17, L 16.08. The documents did meet all qualifications as agreed upon at the March 16, 2010 meeting.

- C. Hunterdon County  
No comments

**BILLS OF THE EVENING**

A.	Healy	Refund – Unused witness fees B 12, L 18 – 54 John Ringo Rd.	\$200.00
B.	Hunterdon County Health Dept.	Well Inspection Catenacci, B 17, L 16.08	\$100.00
C.	Pittore	Refund – Unused witness fees B 24, L 1.01- 14 Van Lieus Rd.	\$200.00
D.	NJ Analytical Labs, LLC	Well Testing - 9 Samples Sodium & Chloride	\$450.00

**Mr. Wang-Iverson moved to approve the “Bills of the Evening” seconded by Mr. Peyrek and carried unanimously.**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There being no public;

**Mr. Wang-Iverson moved to close the public session seconded by Mr. Tatsch and carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Wang-Iverson motioned, seconded by Mr. Peyrek to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Carolyn Fritsch, Administrative Officer  
East Amwell Township Board of Health