

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:31 p.m. Present for this meeting were the following Board members: Board of Health Chair Tracy Carluccio, Les Hamilton, Ted Peyrek, Pauline Serafin, Tony Berberabe, Charles Van Horn, Jim Rosso, Larry Tatsch and Christine Rosikiewicz (Board Secretary). David Wang-Iverson, Vice-Chair, was absent.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a regular meeting in the January 26, 2012 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting was sent to the applicants, filed with the Township Clerk, posted on the Township bulletin board and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat and the Trenton Times on July 9, 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA REVIEW

Under Education and Health Issues:

Hunterdon County Division of Public Health LINCS

Advisory: Six Ongoing Multistate Outbreaks of Human Salmonella Infections Linked to Small Turtles

Under Correspondence for East Amwell:

Letter dated 7/11/12 from Farmland and Open Space Preservation Committee re: Letter of support for grant application Plimpton Property: Block 38 Lot 3, 26 acres

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES –June 19, 2012

Ms. Serafin made a motion to approve the June 19, 2012 meeting minutes with minor typographical corrections and clarifications; Mr. Berberabe seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed with Mr. Peyrek and Mr. Tatsch abstaining.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Carluccio opened the meeting to the public for items not on the agenda.

As there was no public present Mr. Hamilton made a motion to close to the public; Mr. Tatsch seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was closed to the public.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Hunterdon County Department of Health - Inspector's Report

1. Owens-AKA Woody's-Block 16, Lot 11

Mr. Wyckoff was unable to attend tonight's meeting and provided a written report which was read into the record:

"No new reports or updates have been generated by Mr. Dave Muscalo, Licensed Site Remediation Professional.

The Remediation project is ongoing and will continue.

I will be looking into the possibility of filing an OPRA request on the project and will do so if it is feasible. The request has not been filed to date.

There is no additional information. "

B. Preview Committee

There were no items for Preview Committee.

C. Unfinished Bussiness:

1. Results from New Jersey Analytical Laboratories re: Sodium and Chloride well study

Mr. Tatsch has reviewed the results from New Jersey Analytical Laboratories. He explained that the results are similar to past results. It was noted that the homeowners of the two most interesting wells previously sampled have ceased participation in the well study; there are only seven wells in the program at this time. Mr. Hamilton suggested a few more wells be added to study. He has been in contact with the homeowners near the grit yard and will contact them about participating next year.

Ms. Serafin asked for an explanation of the program. Mr. Tatsch explained that the Township looked into treating roads with a limited amount of salt several years ago after the school bus company and post office complained that grit was not enough. Salt is not used throughout the Township as there are concerns regarding salt pollution from runoff. Mr. Tatsch commented that the Township Road Department is diligent about keeping salt use to a minimum; the County and State use a greater amount. The well tests will determine if there is an elevation over time, any change will be very slow. Ms. Serafin asked if the wells chosen were strategic; Mr. Tatsch replied that they are. Tim Martin had a process for selecting the wells when the program was started. At least three wells are for background, some are closer to the road, and some are in town.

Mr. Tatsch will contact Mr. Martin for the previous years' reports and use that information to correlate this year's testing results.

2. Resolution 02-12 memorializing the conclusions of the May 15, 2012 Board of Health Meeting re: Stonybrook Meadows – corrected copy of Resolution clarifying "Hunterdon County Division of Public Health", no action to be taken.

There was no action to be taken on this item. Ms. Carluccio explained that the Resolution was corrected to reflect the change from "Hunterdon County Health Department" to "Hunterdon County Division of Public Health" each time it was referenced in the resolution.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

A. Education and Health Issues

There were no comments on this item.

B. Board Secretary's Report

1. Proposed Increase to Secretary's Hours

Ms. Carluccio explained that the secretary has been working additional hours, with her approval as Chair, than what was budgeted for due to changes in the workload. The Board had tried to compress the hours to meet budget goals. When the secretary has to work additional hours she has to plan to come back into the office to complete the work. Ten hours a week was budgeted for 2012. The workload has required ten to fifteen hours per week, sometimes more. Examples of the reasons of the extra workload were discussed including the administration requirements of peat systems in State statute 7:9A. At this point the budgeted amount has not been exceeded; Ms. Carluccio would like to consider increasing the secretary's hours per week. The Board discussed how many hours per week should be added and when the hours could be scheduled for.

C. Rosikiewicz provided the Board with the number of septic system permit applications and food permit licenses that have been issued over the past three years; there has been an increase over the years.

L. Tatsch made a motion stating the Board approves the Chair, Tracy Carluccio, to work with the Board Secretary, Christine Rosikiewicz, to determine what additional hours are needed with a range of fourteen to fifteen hours total. Mr. Van Horn seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

C. Board Chair's Report

1. Periodic Monitoring - The Ridge at Back Brook

Ms. Carluccio explained that there is a yearly monitoring program at The Ridge at Back Brook which was set up through the approvals given by the Planning Board and Board of Health. If there were no exceedences of any standards after a certain amount of years the annual monitoring could be replaced by periodic testing. The periodic testing may not start this year due to the weather conditions since April was unusually dry; there is a certain protocol for testing. If not this year then testing would begin next year. If the testing will be completed this year the Board will have to request funds after November 1st.

2. NJDEP Training Re: NJAC 7:9A rule changes – continuation of report from June 19, 2012 meeting

Ms. Carluccio provided the Board with information regarding the basic changes in 8.3 addressing advanced wastewater pretreatment components. This is a new section of 7:9A that allows peat systems and other systems to be used for new construction; this was not allowed in the past. DEP no longer requires witnessing the installation of peat or alternative systems. There are many guidelines for these systems. Only certain types of systems can be used and the brand must be approved by the DEP. The DEP will maintain a list of approved devices and manufacturers. The installer must be certified by the manufacturer. Components and specifications in the systems cannot be changed or realigned; accurate installation is critical. The contract for maintenance must be with a certified company. The new regulations allow peat biofilters, trickling filters and sequencing batch reactors in new constructions. Peat systems cannot exceed 2000 GPD and have to meet EPA secondary treatment effluent standards. Approval of peat systems is still at the discretion of the Board; the Board can choose to not allow peat systems for new construction. There are added administrative requirements and clerical costs for the Board of Health if alternative systems such as peat systems are used as per the revised NJAC 7:9A regulations.

The Board discussed enforcement of the required maintenance. The possibility for a different fee for this type of system was discussed due to the increased record keeping and administrative work with peat system applications.

Ms. Carluccio explained that the Guidance Document requires the designer certify on the plans that they are specifically knowledgeable of the design. These types of systems must be put on the deed of the home and a yearly contract for inspection must be put in place. The design must comply with all manufacturer's minimum requirements in addition to 7:9A. There are no bypasses allowed; grey water must also go through the peat system.

The Board expressed concern regarding educating homeowners about these systems as they are often installed when homes are being sold. The new homeowner needs to be aware of the maintenance responsibilities of the system; the Board will consider how to handle this.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter dated June 15, 2012 from Mr. Jeffery P. Blumstein, Esp. and Hydrogeological Evaluation of Well Certification Testing, Block 41 Lot 40.05, East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey

Mr. Tatsch explained that the Hydrogeological Evaluation addressed concerns that the well wasn't properly tested after it was fracked; he does not believe this to be true. The Board briefly discussed this item. T. Carluccio said this item will be discussed at the September meeting. If there is information brought forward that would trigger the well ordinance then the Board of Health would act; there does not appear to be such evidence in the letter. The Board briefly discussed the ordinance in relation to the letter.

BILLS OF THE EVENING

A. Ferriero Engineering, Inc.	Soil Witnessing B 6 L 26.01	\$580
B. Ferriero Engineering, Inc.	Soil Witnessing B 31 L 2	\$270
C. Ferriero Engineering, Inc.	Soil Witnessing B 2 L 2	\$1210
D. Ferriero Engineering, Inc.	Soil Witnessing B9 L 11	\$580

Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the bills of the evening; Mr. Tatsch seconded it. All were in favor; the motion passed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Tatsch referenced an article in the Hunterdon County Democrat regarding State well test data that referenced East Amwell; C. Rosikiewicz will provide the Board with a copy of the article.

Mr. Tatsch moved to close the public session, seconded by Ms. Serafin, and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rosso made a motion, seconded by Ms. Serafin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Rosikiewicz
Board of Health Secretary