

The regular meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Present for this meeting were: Tracy Carluccio (Board Chair), Les Hamilton, Ted Peyrek, Pauline Serafin, Larry Tatsch (Vice Chair), and Charles Van Horn. Tony Berberabe, Bogden Slecicka, and David Wang-Iverson were absent. Also present: Board Secretary Christine Rosikiewicz and Hunterdon County Division of Public Health Inspector Dan Wyckoff.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a regular meeting in the January 29, 2015 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting was forwarded to the Township Clerk’s office, posted on the Township bulletin board and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, and the Star Ledger on October 14, 2015.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA REVIEW:

The Board Secretary announced the following additions to the agenda:

Under Education and Health Issues Hunterdon County LINCS:

10/14/15 Info: Food Recalls

10/14/15 Info: Register for NJDOH’s Healthy 2020 Regional Meetings

10/20/15 Update: Required Holding Periods for Impounded and Surrendered Animals in Licensed Pounds and Shelters.

Under bills of the evening:

Blue Fish Grill	Refund of New Establishment Food Permit Fee	\$125
Madeline Kurylo	Refund of unused soil log witness fees B 14 L 6	\$360

PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES –September 15, 2015

Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve the September 15, 2015 minutes. Mr. Tatsch seconded the motion with typographical corrections and the following edits: Mr. Peyrek should be listed as absent to the meeting; on page 5, third paragraph, line 9 remove “to restaurant increasing the flows”. All were in favor; the motion passed with two abstentions from Mr. Van Horn and Mr. Peyrek.

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Being no comments from any public Mr. Van Horn made a motion to close to the public. Ms. Serafin seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Hunterdon County Division of Health and Safety – Inspector’s Report – Dan Wyckoff

1. Owens - AKA Woody’s – B 16, L 11 – 202 Old York Road

Dave Muscala, the LSRP, advised Mr. Wyckoff that all the samples taken in August had levels below the allowed MCL. Testing will be done again this fall. This project can be closed out if the levels remain below the allowed MCL.

2. NOV 9/3/14 B 15.01 L 2 – update

Mr. Wyckoff is still awaiting the pumping receipt for September. He provided a copy of the October receipt to the Board which they reviewed. Mr. Wyckoff reported that he has a request in to the Project Manager to determine the status of the project. There has been no response to the letter sent to the County or an e-mail Mr. Wyckoff sent this morning. Mr. Wyckoff said to put a thirty day limit on the project is unrealistic; but it should be completed by the end of the year. The monitoring wells should be removed and properly abandoned; this is a condition of the Board's approval of the septic application. There will be a period of time where the store will need to be closed while the septic system is being constructed. A timeline of this was requested in the letter from the County.

Preview Committee

There were no items for Preview Committee.

C. New Business

1. Approval of Professional Contract: Princeton Hydro LLC for professional consulting services for 2015 Review of The Ridge at the Back Brook

Ms. Carluccio said this contract was requested at the beginning of the year. One thousand dollars is in the budget for the report.

Mr. Van Horn moved to approve the professional contract for Princeton Hydro LLC for professional consulting services for the 2015 Review of The Ridge at the Back Brook. Mr. Tatsch seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

2. 9/11/15 & 10/2/15 Report of Analysis – Garden State Laboratories, Inc. Men's Room Sink- Clawson Park

Mr. Tatsch reviewed these reports and commented that they both looked good. The total coliform detected was less than one. The plate counts were way below a level of concern.

3. Remediation at the Municipal Building

Mr. Tatsch reported that there has been an ongoing remediation at the municipal building from an underground storage tank in the early 1990's which resulted in groundwater contamination with gasoline components. It has been over twenty years since this was discovered. The levels have slowly been dropping over the years but in the last few years there was an increase in benzene. The project cannot be closed out until there is one part per billion or below of benzene. The most recent results, which were received today, were 1.1 part per billion.

4. 2016 Budget

Ms. Carluccio said this item is for discussion as the budget does not need to be decided tonight. The Board members were provided a copy of the most recent budget to date in their packets. Mr. Tatsch commented that the Board appears to be “in pretty good shape”, Ms. Carluccio agreed.

Ms. Carluccio went over the lists of permits for each year that the Board Secretary provided in the meeting packets. Two well permits have been issued so far this year; another from Speedway is expected. In 2014 only one permit was issued, there were four issued in 2013. There was one issued each year in 2012 and 2011. There were 10 septic applications in 2011, 8 in 2012, 14 in 2013, and 16 in 2014. She noted these are trending upwards therefore the budget cannot be reduced for expenses related to them. In 2011 there were 11 soil log tests, 10 in 2012, 19 in 2013, and 20 in 2014. This year there are only 14 so far. There were 103 food permits issued in 2011, 99 in 2012, 101 in 2013, and 105 in 2014. There have been 99 issued so far this year. Comments were made about the helpfulness of this information and that this year is similar to where the Board was last year.

Ms. Carluccio asked to discuss the idea of increasing the Board Secretary’s hours as she routinely has to approve extra hours due to the volume of work. A few years ago activity was down and now activity has crept up again. The idea is to add three to five hours; currently she is working a total of 15 hours, 7.5 hours each on Mondays and Wednesdays. She noted practical problems such as complicated applications being heard at the meeting where the recording needs to be listened to in order to compose approval letters, these letters need to be sent out immediately after the meeting. If the Board Secretary is unable to complete this on the Wednesday after the meeting then it cannot be addressed until Monday. There are often Monday holidays where the Board Secretary does not get paid for holidays and she does not come in so the work must wait until Wednesday. Ms. Carluccio commented on there being “always things that are happening” that may be quickly resolved if they receive immediate attention, such as problems residents may have. She commented that she speaks to the Board Secretary a lot and noted the large amount of activity that the Board of Health deals with. Ms. Carluccio commented on the volume of work. She commented on the need to often come in at an “odd hour” to get something done that is time sensitive. She said it would be better if there could just be more hours. She commented on the importance of the Board keeping the budget flat and that some other budget items can be reduced next year specifying that the report for The Ridge at Back Brook will not be in the budget next year therefore there is a possibility the secretary hours could be increased by three hours, or ideally five, while keeping the budget flat. Ms. Carluccio went over the amount the budget would increase for both a three hour per week and five hour increase in hours.

Mr. Van Horn spoke of discretionary items and items that aren’t discretionary when working on the budget and the need to determine this in the budget. The Board members spoke about the categories in the budget and which are known costs verses which need to be estimated. Mr. Hamilton said this may result in a small budget increase. Mr. Van Horn cautioned against “coming in with any budget increase” and that the priority for the next

year will be road improvement. This will be first and foremost and then Township Committee will look at all other areas where they can cut back or keep flat. He spoke of the Township going through many years of not funding the roads and the DPW working constantly to patch and repair.

Ms. Carluccio said the Board should think about it. Mr. Tatsch asked the Board Secretary if she would work an extra half day if the hours are increased by three hours. The Board Secretary expressed that she would prefer not to work a third day unless it was a full third day. There was a suggestion that the hours would not be advertised to the public so work that requires uninterrupted concentration can be more efficiently completed by the Board Secretary. Currently the public Board of Health hours are from 8:30-3 Monday and Wednesday although the Secretary is here until 4:00pm each of those days. Floating the five "non-public" hours was suggested. Ms. Carluccio said those details could be worked out and it's a matter of the budget. The main goal is for this to be efficient. Ms. Carluccio explained about the new administrative duties required by the state for maintaining reports and files on alternative treatment systems and that this time could be used for projects such as this and composing the minutes.

Mr. Tatsch asked if the Board should wait to make a decision on this until there is a more in depth budget discussion. Ms. Carluccio said yes it could be decided next month. She explained that an additional five hours would be another full day rather than a half day that would "cut in to her working at something else". The Board Secretary said she would gladly do what the Board decides but would prefer to not be committed to a third day unless it is a full day and spoke of lists her and Ms. Carluccio have exchanged of projects that need attention. The well packet and Board of Health files were mentioned as two of these projects. Ms. Carluccio spoke of keeping the budget flat while meeting the Board's goals.

Ms. Rosikiewicz went over the Board of Health budget. She recommended the line for legal expenses be increased if the Board is planning on passing an ordinance next year. She estimates the line for Hunterdon County contractual will be slightly lower next year. The Board has to decide if they are going to fund the line for hydrogeologist next year or if applicants will pay the fee; currently the line is budgeted for \$650. Fifteen thousand dollars was budgeted for soil log witnessing in 2015. There is \$6920 remaining for this year. There is less sodium chloride testing being done than in the past therefore this line could be reduced. The report for The Ridge at Back Brook monitoring will not be needed next year so that line will be zero in 2016.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Well permit for B 8 L 16

Mr. Tatsch inquired if the drilling discharge test results have been received for block 8 lot 16. He was unable to witness this test as he was away and the well driller witnessed it. The Board Secretary has not received it yet; she will follow up.

A. Education and Health Issues

1. Hunterdon County Division of Public Health LINCS 10/1/15 Public Health Info: Food and Pet Food Recalls

Mr. Hamilton commented that it would be beneficial to put this recall information on the website. Ms. Rosikiewicz said it was posted there along with any LINCS that would be beneficial to the public. He inquired if the school gets a copy. Ms. Rosikiewicz said she would forward food recall notices to the school.

- B. Board of Health Budget Status as of October 7, 2015

The budget status was discussed during the New Business portion of the meeting.

- C. Board Secretary's Report

There was no report.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Hunterdon County

1. 10/6/15 E-mail from Delaware Township Clerk – Resolution No. 2015-01

Ms. Carluccio reported that this resolution was passed by Delaware Township regarding the proposed Penn East natural gas pipeline. She explained that there may be potential adverse health and safety impacts on citizens of Delaware and West Amwell Townships as the pipeline goes through these neighboring townships. East Amwell Township Committee passed a resolution expressing concern about the pipeline “as good neighbors”. Ms. Carluccio has done research on the pipeline and spoke to Township Committee on it. She offered to provide a copy of the East Amwell Township Committee resolution to the Board members. It is proposed 1.2 miles away from East Amwell Township on one side and 1.3 miles on another side. The location of the proposed pipeline could shift. It is not very far in terms of traffic and impacts. The blasting that is done to install the pipeline is a concern with regard to the groundwater/septic systems as there could be shifting rock formations. There is also concern about what this would do to streams. East Amwell is upstream of where the pipeline is proposed; however the proposed location could change. The stream impacts are huge with erosion and sedimentary run off and changed ground water run offs. There is a big impact on wetlands. Hydrologically the townships are connected as Ringoes flows to the Alexauken Creek which is a Category 1 stream (the highest quality category for regular streams in New Jersey). The Alexauken Creek is a water supply as it has a substantial downstream flow to the Delaware River. Intermunicipal coordination is important in our Township; Township Committee passed their resolution to foster this. Ms. Carluccio recalled that East Amwell Township completed a Watershed Plan together with West Amwell Township for the Alexauken Creek.

Ms. Carluccio solicited the Board's input. Mr. Hamilton said that Township Committee, every other municipality in the County, and the County has taken a position against the pipeline. Comments were exchanged from Board members regarding whether or not the Board of Health should make a resolution opposing the pipeline. The Sourland Mountain Watershed Management plan included West Amwell who cooperated with East Amwell.

Ms. Carluccio said that only 38% of New Jersey landowners, who own land where the pipeline is proposed, have agreed to have their land surveyed. She believes this demonstrates significant opposition to the pipeline. DEP has refused to move forward with the necessary permits to cross wetlands and streams to PennEast due to a lack of information from the surveys.

Ms. Carluccio suggested the Board pass a motion to support the East Amwell Township Committee's resolution. The motion would then be filed in the thirty day Federal Energy Regulatory Commission public comment period. A resolution was suggested but the comment period will be over by the Board's next meeting when the Resolution would have to be passed.

Mr. Van Horn made a motion to support East Amwell Township Resolution 131-14. Mr. Tatsch seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

BILLS OF THE EVENING

Mr. Hamilton moved the approval of the bills of the evening. Mr. Van Horn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tatsch inquired about the refund to Blue Fish Grill. Ms. Rosikiewicz explained that Blue Fish Grill had applied for an application as owner of the Grass Roots Café at Rutgers Nursery. That application was rescinded and a second application naming Rutgers Nursery as the business owner was submitted. Mr. Wyckoff explained that packaged food is delivered to the Rutgers Nursery from the Blue Fish Grill.

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Mr. Van Horn moved to close to the public. Ms. Serafin seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Van Horn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. Mr. Tatsch seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Rosikiewicz

Board Secretary