

**EAST AMWELL BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**  
**7:30 p.m. East Amwell Municipal Building**  
**October 18, 2016**

**Statement of Compliance**

The meeting of the East Amwell Board of Health was called to order on October 18, 2016, at 7:30 PM. The following notice was read, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a regular meeting in the January 28, 2016, Issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of this meeting was forwarded to the Township Clerk's Office, posted on the Township bulletin board, and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat on October 13, 2016."

**Present:** Tracy Carluccio  
David Wang-Iverson  
Larry Tatsch  
Pauline Serafin  
Tony Berberabe  
Bogdan Slecza

**Absent:** Les Hamilton  
Charles Van Horn

**Announcements/Agenda Review**

Under Unfinished and New Business

- Lincs 10/13 Hospital Alert – Contaminated Heater-Coolers in Cardiac Surgery
- Lincs 10/14 Management Strategies to Prevent Transmission of Infectious Disease in Dogs
- Lincs 10/14 Zika Update- Transmission in Southern Florida
- Lincs 10/17 NJ Rabies Cases by County and Species from January 1 to September 30, 2016

Under Correspondence

- 10/11 Tabby's Place 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016 Water Meter Readings

**Presentation of Minutes – September 20, 2016**

Motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Slecza, and carried to approve the minutes with one abstention, Mr. Tatsch.

**Open to the Public – Limited to 15 minutes for items not on the agenda**

There being no members of the public present, motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Ms. Serafin, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

**Unfinished and New Business**

**Hunterdon County Division of Public Health Inspector's Report**

Dan Wyckoff, Hunterdon County Health Department Inspector, came forward and provided the following updates:

Block 16 Lot 11 – Owens (aka Woody’s) – 1034 Old York Road: There are no updates from the NJ DEP at this time, and the matter is on hold.

Block 15.01 Lot 2 – Speedway Corporation – 1019 Route 202: Inspector Wyckoff said that immediately after the County issued their 9/22 letter regarding site conditions and inspections, the project manager met with Speedway, and regular daily pumping of tanks and as needed pumping from an alarm status has been on-going. Mr. Wyckoff reiterated that there is regular daily pumping, and the County has requested receipts. A company was awarded a contract for the new system, and there is a tentative project date of November 1. The Hoot tanks are on order for delivery on November 14, and the anticipated project will be complete by the end of November. In the meantime, the autodial alarm system is operating properly, and tanks are pumped daily or frequently enough that there is no breakout. The owner of Dunkin’ Donuts was notified that the anticipated date of the project is November 1. On a question from Ms. Carluccio, Mr. Wyckoff did not know if the store would be closed during construction.

Ms. Carluccio reminded Mr. Wyckoff that Speedway is required to close the existing well and drill and test a new one, which must be certified. Mr. Wyckoff will tell the company tomorrow about this.

Ms. Carluccio asked about the pumping receipts; Mr. Wyckoff does not have recent receipts, and he will request them.

Mr. Tatsch said that reading last month’s minutes, it looked like the tanks were filling in 5.3 days; Mr. Wyckoff said that was correct. Mr. Tatsch said that in the past, when the Board was getting receipts on and off and asked about this, they were told that they were pumping 2,000 gallons once a month. The Board inquired about how much was being pumped, were the tanks full, and asked if anything was flowing to the field. Based on last month’s comments, it would mean that they should have pumped five times a month, and that untreated sewage may have been flowing to the field in the past months. Mr. Tatsch was very concerned about this, and an easy fix would have to be to have another level sensor on the tank, i.e., after the first sound at 1500 gallons, the well pump would have shut off at 1800 gallons so no water would flow. He was very concerned about a situation where employees may have ignored a warning signal. He was also bothered that for months and months the tanks were filling up in the first few days but not being pumped until the end of the month, i.e., thousands and thousands of gallons were being pumped into a failed system.

Ms. Carluccio agreed, asking how the County could change their procedures going forth. She reiterated that the Board asked so many times about gallonage and about the system filling up and was told that there was no problem with overflow. She thought that this was odd since the system is being pumped every day now.

Mr. Wyckoff commented that until August they were pumping effluent into the disposal bed, and there was no breakout. Mr. Tatsch said that there doesn’t have to be breakout to have the field being contaminated and breaking out elsewhere away from the system, and he spoke about pumping to prevent the use of a failed field. He commented that the process did not work, and he hoped that it would be better in the future. He also was amazed that the operation would use 400 – 500 gallons per day.

Ms. Carluccio said that the conditions support the use of a more robust system being installed, including the Hoot system and alarms. It is a commercial operation, and the Township and County cannot be inspecting on a daily basis. She would support having meters and other monitoring devices on all commercial properties going forth. Mr. Tatsch concurred, also suggesting “deadman switches” to turn off pumps to keep water from going into the fields. Ms. Carluccio thought that the alarm would have helped on the property and was concerned that there was a 24 hour response time, and no one on site heard the alarm a whole day or more. She suggested that both the Board and the County think about the problem and how to handle something like this in the future for health and safety assurances, asking about County inspections. Mr. Wyckoff said that the County was on site and verified pumping the next day after the failed alarm system incident.

Ms. Carluccio said that the Board still wants to see pumping receipts and was glad to hear about the November 1 start date. Mr. Wyckoff also said that the court date, scheduled for October 17, was postponed until November 21.

Block 41, Lot 15 Remediation Project (Menchek Property): Mr. Wyckoff reminded the Board that they wanted him to continue with his updates on this property. There was nothing to report at this time, but he will continue to monitor conditions.

**Preview Committee** – No activity

**Frederick Septic Alteration, Block 34 Lot 2.06**

The Board was copied on satisfactory soil test results, and the alteration permit was issued after a discussion with the Board Chair.

**Request for a Letter of Support for NJ DOT Transportation Alternative Grant for the Demolition of the Kleinschmidt House on County Route 514**

Mr. Wang-Iverson explained the request for a letter of support as part of the grant process. The Township is also looking for a resolution from the County Freeholders. A letter of support was already received from the Amwell Ridge Cemetery Association, who will be the primary victims if the house falls, and there is a potential that part of the house might fall into County Route 514. Mr. Wang-Iverson said that the application is “a long stretch, but he is cautiously optimistic” about the application.

Mr. Tatsch asked about ownership, and it was noted that there are tax liens. There was a title search for the owner, who is deceased, but no relatives were determined. The property is about 30 feet wide and runs from Dutch Lane to the entrance of the cemetery. Mr. Wang-Iverson hoped that there would be a foreclosure by the Township at some point and perhaps the land would be donated to the Cemetery Association to maintain the strip.

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Slecicka, and carried unanimously to draft a letter from the Board of Health to support the grant application based on the fact that the property is an active nuisance, is sided with asbestos shingles, and there are potential health hazards of the building left standing in its current condition.

**Items of Discussion**

Mr. Tatsch presented significant information about the New World Screw-worm presence confirmed in Big Pine Key, Florida. In condensed form, the worm/fly lives in tropical areas, looks similar to a house fly, females lay eggs in open wounds of livestock and pets and sometimes humans and devour live flesh, causing sores, pain, infection and sometimes death in animals. Mr. Tatsch provided information on the life cycle of the fly and a management program in the 1950's to sterilize male flies to wipe out the population in various parts of the world. There was a great drop in population after that time and is the reason why there are very few cases reported.

Ms. Carluccio mentioned the bot fly, which usually affects horses and burrows under their skin. She related an unusual story about a bot fly case in a human.

On a question from Ms. Serafin, Mr. Tatsch said that the screw-worms must be manually removed by tweezers, using a magnifying glass. The worm gets its name from the spiral pattern on the hairs of the insect.

**Board of Health Budget Status as of October 1, 2016**

The Board is still within budget.

**Board Secretary's Report**

The Clerk said that the office is functional without any problems at this time.

**Correspondence – No Comments**

**Bills of the Evening**

Motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Berberabe, and carried unanimously to approve the bill to pay Ferriero Engineering for Witnessing Services on Block 34 Lot 30, Fasano property, \$470.00.

**Open to the Public**

There being no members of the public present, motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Ms. Serafin, and carried unanimously to close to the public.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Wang-Iverson, seconded by Mr. Tatsch, and carried unanimously to close to the public at 8:00 p.m.

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Teresa R. Stahl, RMC/CMC  
Municipal Clerk

