

EAST AMWELL BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
7:30 PM ZOOM
May 24, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Statement of Compliance

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Board of Health was opened on May 24, 2022 at 7:30 PM. In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was published in the February 17, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. A copy of the agenda was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, posted on the bulletin board and township website.

Roll Call:

Committee Member (term expires)	1/25/2022	2/22/2022	3/22/2022	4/26/2022	5/24/2022	6/28/2022	7/26/2022	8/23/2022	9/27/2022	10/25/2022	11/22/2022	12/27/2022
Tracy Carluccio (12/2024) - Chair	X	Cancelled	X	X	X							
Janis Grover (12/2024)	X		A	X	A							
Rick Wolfe (12/2024) - TC Liaison	X		X	X	X							
Larry Tatsch (12/2024)	X		X	X	X							
Chris Sobieski (12/2023)	X		X	X	X							
Pete Miller (12/2023)	X		A	A	A							
Pauline Serafin (12/2023)	X		X	A	A							
Leo DeCandia (12/2024) - Alternate #1	X		X	X	X							
Jennifer O’Sullivan - Hunterdon County	A		A	A	A							
Amy Jo Merz - Secretary (12/2022)	X		X	X	X							

Agenda Review

Ms. Merz noted a correction under New Business 1a; Lot 41 should be Lot 4.

Presentation of Minutes

April 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes

A motion made by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Presentation of Vouchers

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Sobieski to approve the vouchers was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Open to the Public

Seeing no members of the public present, a motion made by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Wolfe to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Merz provided an update from Jennifer O’Sullivan regarding the notice of violation issued to Integrity Auto Body. Ms. O’Sullivan conducted a follow-up inspection in May and confirmed that the area impacted by the garbage has been cleaned up and the notice of violation has been closed.

New Business:

Preview Committee

Warminsky, Block 26, Lot 4, 116 Wertsville Road, Septic Application

Present was Doug Fine of Fine Engineering, LLC, to discuss the replacement of a malfunctioning system to an existing three-bedroom dwelling with no expansion with the use of an Advanced Treatment Unit (ATU). This design incorporates a Hoot H-500A which is adequate for a 3-bedroom dwelling and is NSF approved according to standards 40 and 245. The plans and related documents were previously reviewed by the Preview Committee. Questions asked regarding location and orientation were answered to the satisfaction of the Board.

Motion was made to grant the following waivers requested:

1. The use of the Hoot H-500A pretreatment tank and design will need to be reviewed and approved by the Board.
 - This system is being used because the small lot size limits the layout of the system being installed.
2. The proposed disposal bed toe of slope will be only 22 feet from the rear property line, which does not meet the minimum setback requirement of 25 feet according to East Amwell ordinance.
 - The Engineer stated this waiver is only needed for the back of the property line to Lot 9, as indicated on the revised diagram, emailed to the Board on 5/24/22. All other areas of the property meet the setback requirement of 25 feet.
3. The proposed Hoot tank will be only 75 feet from the existing well on this property, which meets State code but does not meet the minimum separation distance of 100 feet per the East Amwell ordinance.
 - The small lot size limits the area where the system can be installed, thus the 100-foot separation distance cannot be met but the greatest distance possible was achieved. The Engineer stated the tank location was changed from the original diagram. The change was based on the ease of construction and input from the contractor about the best way to get the tank installed. Keeping the tank parallel with the driveway will make installation much easier based on the wet conditions of the lot.

4. The proposed pump tank will be only 85 feet from the existing well on this property, which does not meet the minimum separation distance of 100 feet as per East Amwell ordinance.
 - The small lot size limits the areas where the system can be installed, thus the 100-foot separation distance cannot be met but the greatest distance possible was achieved. As far as the change in the location from the original plan, the explanation of this item is the same as item #3 above. The change was based on the ease of construction and input from the contractor about the best way to get the tank installed. Keeping the tank parallel with the driveway will make installation much easier based on the wet conditions of the lot.
5. The system is designed based upon the ATU design chart in the code which is .956 ft/gpd and is oversized by 56%; however, East Amwell code requires a minimum of 2.08 ft/gpd.
 - The Engineer stated that due to the size constraints of the lot, he designed the system to reduce the footprint of the unit to try to save space and mound height.

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Tatsch to approve the application and waivers as outlined in the County letter was unanimously approved by voice vote

Gilbert, Block 21, Lot 1.08, 109 Cider Mill Road, Septic Application

Present was Wayne Ingram of E&LP to discuss the replacement of a malfunctioning system to an existing four-bedroom dwelling with no expansion. Soil logs 1, 2, 3, 4 and pit bail test in soil log 2 performed at 78 inches and pit bail test in soil log 3 performed at 63 inches were conducted on April 7, 2022. The design will incorporate a HOOT H600A Aerobic unit. The design requires a minimum of 1352 square feet of disposal area, the engineer has proposed 1354.5 square feet of disposal area. The plans and related documents were previously reviewed by the Preview Committee. Questions asked regarding location and orientation were answered to the satisfaction of the Board.

Motion was made to grant the following waivers requested:

1. The use of an advanced treatment unit (HOOT H600A Aerobic Unit) will need to be reviewed and approved by the Board.
 - This new system will provide improved treatment of the sewage, does not represent an expansion of use, and is for a malfunctioning system for an existing residence.
2. The highest regional water table is at 23 inches in soil log 3, which is greater than the maximum allowed by State Code of 24 inches from existing grade. The design will have a minimum of 18 inches of separation from the regional water table and the proposed level of infiltration.
 - The Engineer stated 23 inches is conservative as it is a foot higher than the other results and the ground water levels range from 23 inches at the shallowest point to just under five feet at the highest point. Additionally, the system must be designed using the highest level found.

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Sobieski to approve the application and waiver as outlined in the County letter was unanimously approved by voice vote

Items of Discussion:

Education and Health Issues

There were no items for discussion.

Board Secretary's Report

Ms. Merz updated the Board to let them know that the information to be included in the upcoming tax bill mailing will need to be sent to Deputy Clerk Pam Dymek by June 1st in order to be approved at the June 9th Township Committee meeting. Chair Carluccio stated that she and Mr. Tatsch are putting information together about well water protection and will get that to Ms. Merz by June 1st.

Ordinance Review Committee

Chapter 152 - FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS/LICENSING Ordinance

Chair Carluccio stated that an ordinance review committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at 7pm. This is not a public work session but instead a report of committee members to discuss items related to the food establishment/licensing ordinance. Dan Wyckoff from the County Health Department has been invited as a guest. The committee would like Mr. Wyckoff's help on how to publicly address questions, misunderstandings and preconceptions that the public may have regarding food licensing, what farms can/cannot do and what a farm/farm market is. These items all fall under the health code which is what the Township's ordinance is under.

Mr. Wolfe added that he would like to thank Chair Carluccio for her patience in answering his questions during prior preview committee meetings; it is very much appreciated.

Open to the Public

A motion made by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Wolfe to open the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote. Seeing no members of the public present, a motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Tatsch to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Correspondence

Chair Carluccio reviewed the correspondence with the Board. There was no discussion amongst the members.

Adjourn

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Tatsch to adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Amy Jo Merz, Board of Health Secretary