

EAST AMWELL BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
7:30 p.m. <http://Zoom.us/j/7106754155> and [646-558-8656](http://Zoom.us/j/646-558-8656) ID 710 675 4155
Regular Meeting May 26, 2020

Statement of Compliance

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Board of Health was opened on May 26, 2020 at 7:33 PM. The following notice was read, “In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised in the December 12, 2019 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and a revised notice with the location change to a virtual Zoom meeting in accordance with the open public meetings act was advertised on May 21, 2020. Notice of this meeting was posted on the Township website and bulletin board, and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat.”

Present: Tracy Carluccio
Larry Tatsch
Pauline Serafin
Leonardo DeCandia, Alt. 1
Chris Sobieski
Tara Ramsey

Absent: Janis Grover
Jennifer O’Sullivan - Hunterdon County Division of Public Health

Agenda Review – no items.

Presentation of Minutes –

April 28, 2020 - **A motion by Mr. Tatsch seconded by Mr. Sobieski, to approve minutes with minor edits was carried with no objections or abstentions.**

Open to the Public –

With no members of the public coming forward a **motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Ms. Serafin, to close to the public was unanimously carried with no objections or abstentions.**

Unfinished and New Business

Hunterdon County Division of Public Health Inspector’s Report

Ms. Georgett said that Ms. O’Sullivan sent an email stating there are no updates for the Board.

NOV Lillian Thompson 7/16/19 – 27 Wertsville Rd, Block 16 Lot 35

Mr. Fine said that on 2/28/2020 he completed a septic inspection on this property for Ms. Thompson and determined that the system is malfunctioning. He continued stating that an engineering proposal to correct the malfunctioning system was provided to Ms. Thompson on 3/5/2020 and the Hunterdon County Inspector is aware of these actions.

Preview Committee

Linda Ranft, 148 Cider Mill Road, Block 20 Lot 17.01 Septic Application

Mr. Doug Fine of Fine Engineering introduced himself as the professional engineer for this septic application. Ms. Carluccio summarized the application stating it is an existing, malfunctioning system and the Board can consider waivers.

Mr. Fine said they did soil testing to mitigate a non-functioning system, and that the owners had put a port-a-potty at the house the system was literally unable to flush without backing up. He continued that adequate permeability could not be proven at the existing system location and they found mottling and shale. Mr. Fine said they had to move up hill from the house to find a location with permeability but it had higher groundwater than the State Code allows. Mr. Fine said State Code is that you can't construct a system where the water table is shallower than 24 inches from the ground surface and there was only 12 inches. He continued that in the permeability test they saw groundwater come up as high as 20 inches from the ground surface, and that it is saturated and permeable. Mr. Fine said they had to build the zone of treatment four feet above the highest water table, therefore it is a mounded system five and a half feet above existing grade to the top of the mound. Ms. Carluccio said it wasn't possible to avoid going that high and Mr. Fine said it is the right design for this system.

Ms. Serafin said the length of the pipe from the tank to the treatment area is very long with a sharp elbow turn and asked if that would cause a problem. Mr. Fine said it is a 2 inch pressurized line because it is pumping from the house up to the system, and with this type of line a 90 degree bend is allowed. He said this is with a 1500-gallon two compartment tank with a filter, and so the only thing that will be pumping through the pipe is liquid. Mr. Fine said the filter will capture particles that would typically flow freely in the system. There was discussion regarding pumping the system to keep the filter from clogging, and Mr. Fine said because the filter is oversized, he has recommended pumping the system every other year regardless of whether solids are seen during pumping. Mr. Tatsch asked if this was an Advanced Treatment Unit and Mr. Fine said no it is a conventional mounded system.

Ms. Carluccio said the Board can consider the waiver as stated in the County letter and it is a waiver from the State Code. She continued that the design notes confirm that all other Ordinance requirements are met.

A motion by Ms. Serafin, seconded by Mr. Sobieski to approve the Septic System with one waiver was carried with no objections or abstentions.

Items of Discussion

Education and Health Issues: No Comment

Board Secretary's Report: No Comment

Correspondence: NA

Ordinance 20-01 BH

Proof of Publication and Public Hearing:

Ms. Carluccio said this is regarding Ordinance 20-01 BH an Ordinance amending Chapter 149 Board of Health Fees, Article 1 – Witnessing well tests and field work, Section 149-1 Fee

Schedule. Ms. Georgett said that confirmation of legal notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat including information about how to participate in this Zoom Meeting and additionally comments could be submitted in writing via email to herself and/or by letter delivered to the township office no later than 12:00 noon today, and no comments were received. Ms. Carluccio asked if any member of the public wished to make a comment, and Ms. Georgett stated that no members of the public were present on the zoom/call. Ms. Carluccio asked if any Board member was representing a member of the public and there were no comments.

A motion by Mr. Sobieski, seconded by Ms. Serafin, to close to the public was unanimously carried with no objections or abstentions.

Action on Ordinance:

An Ordinance Amending the Board of Health Chapter 149 entitled “Fees” of the Code of the Township of East Amwell to change the amount charged for Witness Services for Field Work

Be it ordained by the East Amwell Board of Health as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

SECTION 1. Subsection (E) of Section 149-1 entitled “Witnessing Well Tests and Field Work” is hereby amended as follows:

Provision of witness services for field work provided by a contracted engineer on single or multiple lots by a single witness:

	1 Lot	2 Lots	3+ Lots
Half Day (Up to 4 hours)	\$200	\$240	\$290
Full Day (Over 4 hours/up to 8 hours)	\$375	\$425	\$450

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.

A motion by Mr. Sobieski, seconded by Mr. Tatsch to adopt Ordinance 20-10 BH was unanimously carried by roll call with no objections or abstentions.

Bills of the Evening: No Comment

Open to the Public:

Seeing no members of the public present, **a motion by Mr. Sobieski, seconded by Ms. Serafin, to close to the public was unanimously carried with no objections or abstentions.**

Adjournment:

There being no further business, **a motion by Mr. Tatsch, and seconded by Mr. Sobieski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. was unanimously carried with no objections or abstentions.**

Rosemary Georgett, Board of Health Secretary