

EAST AMWELL BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
7:30 p.m. <http://Zoom.us/j/7106754155> and [646-558-8656](tel:646-558-8656) ID 710 675 4155
Regular Meeting June 23, 2020

Statement of Compliance

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Board of Health was opened on June 23, 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 June 18, 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
Janis Grover

Absent: Tara Ramsey
Jennifer O’Sullivan - Hunterdon County Division of Public Health

Agenda Review – no items.

Presentation of Minutes –

May 26, 2020 - **A motion by Mr. Tatsch seconded by Ms. Serafin, to approve minutes without edit was carried with no objections or abstentions.**

Open to the Public –

With no members of the public coming forward a **motion by Mr. Sobieski, 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 read an email sent by Ms. O’Sullivan and it is pasted below.

Good afternoon,

I will not be able to attend tomorrow night's meeting but do have an update for you-

- 1.) Speedway Corp. Monitoring Wells- we continue to monitor the status of the wells. None have been decommissioned to date.

2.) 6 Zion Road- Mr. Britton has supplied additional receipts for his property and continues to make progress. Receipts are dated 6/8/20 for over a hundred pounds of cement brought to Green Rock Recycling and 6/9/20 for over 200 pounds of scrap metal recycled at Klein's.

3.) 27 Wertsville Road- Ms. Thompson failed to appear for a virtual court date on 6/22/20. The case has been adjourned to 7/6/20. If Ms. Thompson fails to appear again a trial date will be set.

Any questions from the board please send along.

Thank you and have a great rest of the day,

Jenny

Preview Committee

Napoleon, 18 Van Lieu's Road, Block 24 Lot 2 Septic Application

Mr. Steve Parker introduced himself as the professional engineer for this septic application and Ms. Carluccio said this is an existing residence with no expansion. Mr. Parker said yes that is correct, the current septic is no longer working and the property owners, who are living in the house, are replacing it. Mr. Parker said it is not a very big property approximately 250 x 250 feet with the well located near the center of the property and so a 100-foot circle around the well eliminates a lot of area for initial consideration. He continued that tests were performed in the back-right part of the property more than 100 feet from the well and the system was designed there based on the results from pit bail tests performed. Mr. Parker continued by explaining why other areas of the property were not appropriate, and said the area identified is still tight so some waivers are requested.

Mr. Parker identified the four waivers stated in the Hunterdon County letter, and said the field itself is 25 feet from the property line which doesn't meet East Amwell ordinance requirements but does meet State code. Mr. Parker said the septic tank and pump tank can be moved to more than 100 feet from the well however it would then be 60 feet from the house. He continued that the distance from the house to the tank should be short to keep the solids moving into the tank where they can settle before going to the field. He continued that the State code allows a distance of 50 feet from the well which has been met. Mr. Parker said that tanks are now vacuum tested to ensure they are leak proof and new connections incorporated into the wall of the tank make it water tight. Mr. Parker summarized saying that the 100-foot distance from the well could be met but he did not feel it was the best long-term design and asked for the Board's thoughts on this.

Ms. Carluccio said first there are a few quick questions and asked if there is a house or septic system across the street. Mr. Parker said it is farm land with no house that you can see. Ms. Carluccio said Lot 3.02 does have an existing well which is more than 100 feet away, this explains why the back left of the property was not tested, but this information is not on the plot plan so needs to be added. Mr. Parker said he will. Ms. Carluccio asked if the height of the mound is why a pump tank is needed and Mr. Parker said yes. She then invited comments regarding the 100-foot distance from the well question Mr. Parker had proposed. Mr. Tatsch said he agreed that having untreated effluent moving a longer distance from the house to the tank could be problematic, he understands why the system was designed this way, and feels it is a reasonable approach.

Mr. Sobieski and Ms. Serafin both said they agree with the professional engineer's recommendation. Mr. Tatsch asked if it's correct that the land slopes toward the rear of the property and the toe of the mound facing the house will be close to grade and Mr. Parker said yes. Ms. Carluccio summarized the discussion and asked if there was a motion.

A motion by Mr. Sobieski, seconded by Mr. Tatsch to approve the Septic System with four waivers and one condition was carried with no objections or abstentions.

Items of Discussion

Education and Health Issues: Ms. Carluccio said that correspondence regarding tickborne disease from Hunterdon County was distributed to the Board, and updated on the website. Mr. Tatsch mentioned that the animal bite report was a cat, not a dog.

Board Secretary's Report: Ms. Georgett said that the Municipal Building will be opening to the public the week of July 6, 2020 with admittance to the lobby and hallway by the tax collector only. She continued that face covering masks will be required and the staff will resume normal working hours that week as well.

Correspondence: No Comment

Bills of the Evening: A motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Sobieski to approve 5 bills was carried with no objections or abstentions.

Open to the Public:

Seeing no members of the public present, a motion by Ms. Serafin, seconded by Mr. Sobieski, 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 Ms. Serafin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. was unanimously carried with no objections or abstentions.

Rosemary Georgett, Board of Health Secretary