

**EAST AMWELL BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**  
**7:30 PM ZOOM**  
**June 28, 2022 – Regular Meeting**

**Statement of Compliance**

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Board of Health was opened on June 28, 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	<b>Cancelled</b>	X	X	X	X						
Janis Grover (12/2024)	X		A	X	A	X						
Rick Wolfe (12/2024) - TC Liaison	X		X	X	X	X						
Larry Tatsch (12/2024)	X		X	X	X	X						
Chris Sobieski (12/2023)	X		X	X	X	X*						
Pete Miller (12/2023)	X		A	A	A	A						
Pauline Serafin (12/2023)	X		X	A	A	X*						
Leo DeCandia (12/2024) - Alternate #1	X		X	X	X	X						
Jennifer O’Sullivan - Hunterdon County	A		A	A	A	A						
Amy Jo Merz - Secretary (12/2022)	X		X	X	X	X						

\*joined at 7:31pm

**Agenda Review**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Presentation of Minutes**

**May 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Tatsch to approve the minutes was approved by voice vote, with Ms. Serafin abstaining.

**Presentation of Vouchers**

A motion made by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the vouchers for W.H. Wolf was unanimously approved by voice vote.

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Ms. Serafin to approve the voucher for Larry Tatsch was approved by voice vote, with Mr. Tatsch abstaining.

## **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**

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

## **New Business:**

### **Preview Committee**

#### **Skillman, Block 5, Lot 13, 127 John Ringo 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). Soil logs 1 and 2 and pit bail test in soil log 1, performed at 91 inches, was conducted on June 6, 2022. This design incorporates a Hoot H-500A Aerobic unit and requires a minimum of 478 square feet of disposal area; the engineer has proposed 480 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 with conditions:

1. The use of an advanced treatment unit (Hoot H-500A Aerobic Unit) 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. A recorded deed restriction stating that this type of system requires a maintenance contract for the life of the system is required.
3. Proof of fully executed service contract and reporting information, as per 7:9A(e)2, shall be provided to East Amwell Township Board of Health and Hunterdon County Department of Health.
4. A service contract signed by the owner and kept within the house is required.
5. The design engineer will inspect the system and will provide a certificate of compliance certification to East Amwell Township Board of Health and Hunterdon County Department of Health.
6. The authorized installer shall be physically present at all times during installation of the advanced wastewater treatment unit.
7. A copy of the service installer certification is to be provided to East Amwell Township Board of Health and Hunterdon County Department of Health.
8. Certification that the telemetry control panel or auto dialer for the HOOT Advanced Treatment Unit (ATU) was installed for continuous remote monitoring is required and a

copy of the certification is to be provided to East Amwell Township Board of Health and Hunterdon County Department of Health.

9. The proposed disposal field is less than 100 feet to the existing well. The proposed disposal field is shown 40 feet to the existing well.
  - The Hunterdon County Department of Health has no information on file for this well.
10. The proposed disposal field is less than 100 feet to the existing well located on Lot 12. The proposed disposal field is shown 64 feet to Lot 12's well.
  - The Hunterdon County Department of Health has no information on file for this well. The engineer for the applicant assumes that a 50-foot casing does not exist due to the well's age.
11. The proposed HOOT ATU tank is less than 100 feet to the existing well. The proposed HOOT ATU tank is shown 18 feet to the existing well.
  - The engineer made some adjustments to the design during the meeting discussions and was able to extend the distance from the tank to the existing well by an additional 12 feet. The tank will now be located 30 feet from the existing well.
12. The proposed pump tank is less than 100 feet to the existing well. The proposed HOOT ATU tank is shown 23 feet to the existing well.
  - The engineer made some adjustments to the design during the meeting discussions and was able to extend the distance from the tank to the existing well by an additional 12 feet. The tank will now be located 35 feet from the existing well.
13. The proposed HOOT ATU tank is less than 100 feet to the existing well located on Lot 12. The proposed HOOT ATU tank is shown 38 feet to Lot 12's well.
  - Based on the adjustments to the design that the engineer made during the meeting discussions, the distance of the HOOT tank to the existing well on Lot 12 has been extended from 38 feet to 50 feet which does not meet the East Amwell ordinance of 100 feet but does meet State Code.
14. The proposed pump tank is less than 100 feet to the existing well located on Lot 12. The proposed pump tank is shown 42 feet to Lot 12's well.
  - Based on the adjustments to the design that the engineer made during the meeting discussions, the distance of the pump tank to the existing well on Lot 12 has been extended from 42 feet to over 50 feet which does not meet the East Amwell ordinance of 100 feet but does meet State Code.
15. The proposed disposal field is less than 25 feet to the property line alongside Lots 3, 12 and 14. The proposed disposal field is shown 14 feet to Lot 12's property line, 5 feet to Lot 3's property line and 18 feet to Lot 14's property line.
  - These distances do not meet the minimum setback requirement of 25 feet according to East Amwell ordinance and does not meet the 10-foot setback distance in the State Code for Lot 3 because of the small lot size and space constraints.

16. The proposed disposal area does not have the required 4 soil logs tests and 2 pit bail tests that are required per East Amwell ordinance. Two soil logs and one pit bail test were performed within 15 feet of the proposed bed.
  - The engineer explained that due to space constraints, there was not enough room to perform the additional soil logs tests. Within the 15x32 ft space, they were able to get 2 test holes and satisfactory pit bail tests.
17. The proposed system is being based on 0.956 sq. ft/gal per day, which meets State Code, and not the minimum 2.08 sq. ft/gal per day requirement by East Amwell Township Board of Health ordinance.
  - Due to the limited lot size of 2/10 of an acre and sizing constraints, smaller sizing had to be utilized.

**Conditions:**

1. Waiver items #9, #11 and #12 are conditional upon the engineer performing a water quality test for coliform bacteria on the existing well on Lot 13 after implementing the new system.
2. An ultra violet treatment device shall be installed on the existing well on Lot 13 for added protection.

The Board recommended that a water quality test for fecal coliform be performed on the existing well on Lot 12 for informational purposes for the resident of Lot 12.

A motion made by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the application and waivers as outlined in the County letter, with amended distances defined by Mr. Fine, and the conditions outlined above, was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Items of Discussion:**

**Education and Health Issues**

There were no items for discussion.

**Board Secretary's Report**

The Board of Health information submitted earlier this month by Chair Carluccio and Mr. Tatsch regarding well water protection, to be included in the upcoming tax bill mailing, was approved at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Township Committee meeting. In addition, Ms. Merz reported that she processed a number of temporary license applications for various events during the month and has also started receiving applications for the 4-H Fair in August.

**Ordinance Review Committee**

**Chapter 152 - FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS/LICENSING Ordinance**

Chair Carluccio reported that the ordinance review committee did have a meeting on May 31, 2022, at 7pm, and Dan Wyckoff from the County Health Department attended. More information was gathered and the plan is for the subcommittee to have a round of discussion and if in agreement, send a draft to the full Board at one of the next meetings. After that, send the

draft to all of the Township Boards and Committees for feedback. If the responses come back quickly, it is possible to have it presented for a first reading in August or September. Mr. Tatsch added that he has some ideas of how to resolve the issue of what size farms are allowed food trucks and he would be happy to put together wording that could work.

### **Open to the Public**

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

### **Correspondence**

Chair Carluccio reviewed the correspondence with the Board. Chair Carluccio discussed the letter received from NJDEP regarding a toxic chemical compound called Tetrachloroethene (also known as Perchloroethylene, or PCE), or commonly called dry cleaning fluid per Mr. Tatsch, found in a residential well located at 165 Lindbergh Road and the State's plan to sample that well and with the property owner's permission. Upon receipt of the letter by the Township Board of Health, an OPRA (Open Public Records Act) request was submitted to NJDEP to obtain information related to what testing is being done and the history of what happened at this location. NJDEP provided documentation to the Board of Health that will be posted to the webpage for the public to view. According to the information received, the State will be sampling other wells in the surrounding location. Since the documents requested through the OPRA request were just received today, the Board didn't have time to review these documents prior to the meeting. Chair Carluccio suggested that the Board could create an informal subcommittee to review this information or discussion could be done informally through emails prior to the next meeting. This will be added as an item of discussion for the next meeting.

### **Adjourn**

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Ms. Serafin to adjourn the meeting at 8:21pm was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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Amy Jo Merz, Board of Health Secretary