

EAST AMWELL BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES
5:30 p.m. <http://Zoom.us/j/7106754155> and [646-558-8656](tel:646-558-8656) ID 710 675 4155
Special Meeting August 17, 2020

Statement of Compliance

The special meeting of the East Amwell Board of Health was opened on August 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM. The following notice was read, “In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice this special emergency meeting was submitted on Friday August 14, 2010 to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Star Ledger NJ providing more than the required 48 hours of notice. Notice of this meeting was also posted on the Township website and bulletin board.”

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

New Business:

Solakian Associates, 12 Iron Horse Drive, Block 14 Lot 7 Revised Septic Application

Ms. Carluccio said this is for an application that was originally approved by the Board in April and the Township DPW discovered that the system was being installed on an easement. She continued that work was stopped, a revised application has been submitted for review and there is a letter from the County. Mr. Wayne Ingram introduced himself as the professional engineer for this septic application saying the owner had certified a survey for the property and the survey they were provided did not show the easement, so they did not know it was there. He continued that the DPW knew about the easement and when he asked the owner about it, they acknowledged knowing about the easement. Mr. Ingram continued that there is no location on the property which is not in the easement and not within 100 feet of the well. He said they have rotated the field so it is outside of the easement and is now 81 feet from the well. Mr. Ingram said all soil logs are still within proximity, however, the system is now slightly closer to some pipes in the roadway. He said the distance was 81 feet and is now 75 feet, so only a minor change.

Ms. Serafin said in the past there was flooding from the park into this area, and something was done. She asked about the impact of this on the design. Mr. Ingram said the berm and easement were installed because of that issue and the new system design will not interfere with that drainage. Ms. Serafin said there is a pipe on the property line and asked if this system will have an effect on it. Mr. Ingram said the easement for that pipe was on the survey that the owner had provided, and the design was never getting near it. Ms. Carluccio said the County letter states a recommendation that the DPW inspects the site to ensure it does not interfere with the easement, and so an inspection needs to be once the hole is filled, easement & berm restored to its original condition. Also, the silt fence must be properly installed now. She continued that we want confirmation that DPW and the Soil Conservation District are satisfied. Mr. Ingram said they were informed by Soil Conservation, based on their inspection, that the silt fence was not

properly installed and needs to be imbedded in the ground. He continued saying that the property owner will instruct the contractor to fix this. Ms. Carluccio said the Township would like a copy of the Soil Conservation letter approving this and Mr. Ingram agreed to provide it.

Mr. Tatsch asked how they would be dealing with the area that was already dug, and Mr. Ingram said the field has been rotated. Mr. Ingram continued that when the new portion is excavated, the material will be used to fill in the current hole that will be outside of the field with the new location. He continued that it is fractured rock and the water is flowing very well, so there should not be a problem with the relocation of that material. Mr. Ingram said if the material was clay he would be more concerned about compacting but in this instance there should not be a problem. Ms. Carluccio said a larger area than normal has been impacted and so the area being filled in needs to be properly graded and seeded. Mr. Ingram agreed and said that the berm will add to proper draining. He said this was actually a surprising part, because the owner had complained about drainage which is why the easement was created, yet never mentioned that the survey had been changed when certifying it.

Ms. Carluccio said an additional condition could be a requirement or recommendation that an Ultra Violet (UV) system be installed on the well. Mr. Ingram said this is not a transaction, the property owner will continue to live in the house and has been advised of the reduction in distance to the well. Ms. Carluccio said in most instances the Board has required a UV system when the depth of the well casing is not known, and Mr. Sobieski asked what the cost of this would be to the homeowner. Mr. Ingram said around \$1,000 with installation and it would be the property owner's preference not to require it. Mr. Tatsch asked if the existing system is closer than this one to the well and Mr. Ingram said yes, it is around 75 feet from the well and substandard. Mr. Tatsch said he feels the recommendation of a UV system would be appropriate as well as well water quality testing. Mr. Sobieski clarified that a recommendation is not a requirement and Ms. Carluccio agreed. Ms. Serafin asked if the survey has been updated to show the easement so that this problem does not occur again, and Mr. Ingram said this was done.

A motion by Mr. Tatsch, seconded by Ms. Serafin to approve the Septic System with two waivers and conditions outlined in the Hunterdon County letter as well as recommendations on the installation of a UV System and water quality testing of the well was carried with no objections or abstentions.

Open to the Public:

Seeing no members of the public present, **a motion by Mr. Tatsch, 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 Ms. Serafin, and seconded by Mr. Sobieski, to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. was unanimously carried with no objections or abstentions.**

Rosemary Georgett, Board of Health Secretary