

**EAST AMWELL BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES**  
**7:30 PM ZOOM**  
**August 23, 2022 – Regular Meeting**

**Statement of Compliance**

The regular meeting of the East Amwell Board of Health was opened on August 23, 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	X	X				
Janis Grover (12/2024)	X		A	X	A	X	X	A				
Rick Wolfe (12/2024) - TC Liaison	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
Larry Tatsch (12/2024)	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
Chris Sobieski (12/2023)	X		X	X	X	7:31	A	X				
Pete Miller (12/2023)	X		A	A	A	7:31	A	A				
Pauline Serafin (12/2023)	X		X	A	A	7:31	X	X				
Leo DeCandia (12/2024) - Alternate #1	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				
Jennifer O’Sullivan - Hunterdon County	A		A	A	A	A	A	A				
Amy Jo Merz - Secretary (12/2022)	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				

**Agenda Review**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**Presentation of Minutes**

**July 26, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Presentation of Vouchers**

A motion made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Ms. Serafin 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. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Tatsch to close the meeting to the public was unanimously approved by voice vote.

## **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business for discussion.

## **New Business**

There was no new business for discussion.

## **Items of Discussion:**

### **Education and Health Issues**

Mr. Tatsch commented on the water test results received from Garden State Laboratories for testing of the men's bathroom sink water at the municipal building. After reviewing the report, Mr. Tatsch shared that everything looked good and, most importantly, that no fecal coliform bacterium was found. Mr. Tatsch also noted an item of interest, Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC), which refers mainly to soil bacteria, fungus or yeast spores that grow on the medium used to test the samples, incubated at a certain temperature. HPC shows the presence of naturally occurring soil bacteria, yeast or molds. The lack of HPC indicates that the water is in no way being contaminated by surface water and the results are below the lab's detection limit of 5. Ms. Serafin asked if there has been an elevation in any of the test areas over the years since these reports started. Mr. Tatsch said it's hard to say because we now have an ultra-violet treatment system on the water supply. The reports show whether the treatment system is working correctly or not.

### **NJDEP information regarding 165 Lindbergh Road:**

Chair Carluccio stated that Ms. Merz has submitted a follow-up OPRA request with NJDEP to request the results from sampling that was to be done on or about June 29, 2022, subsequent to the May 31<sup>st</sup> access request letter. Ms. Merz is currently awaiting the results.

### **Board Secretary's Report**

Ms. Merz reported that she processed 29 temporary food permit applications for vendors the 4-H Fair, which begins Aug 24<sup>th</sup> and runs through Aug 28<sup>th</sup> at the County Fairgrounds.

### **Ordinance Review Committee**

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

Chair Carluccio reported that the ordinance review committee did make one final change and the final draft of the amended food ordinance has been completed. Chair Carluccio will send the final draft to Ms. Merz to share with the Board. Based on discussions tonight, the consensus of the Board is to also share the final draft with other Boards and Committees for review and feedback at the same time as sending to the Board of Health members. Also, the consensus of the Board was that the introduction and first reading would occur at the regular meeting in September and the public hearing and adoption would occur at the regular meeting in October. The Board felt this was a sufficient amount of time for other Boards and Committees to receive the final draft and provide feedback prior to the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting date.

**Item added from Chair**

Chair Carluccio spoke of an ongoing issue regarding a property at 13 Ridge Road. The original house on the property burned down and a garage was built by the owner without a building permit and the owner was living in the garage. The issue is being handled properly; when it came to our attention, it was referred to the County Health Department to make sure they were aware. The zoning officer was already involved because of numerous violations issued. The building inspector in West Amwell, Gail Brewi, was also already involved. Ms. Merz emailed Ms. Brewi to let her know to be sure to note that they need to pay attention to the septic system hook-up. We may not need to be involved but we will definitely need an engineering report indicating that the flow of the septic system for the garage is proper and in working condition. We may see an application come through, or not, but expect that all of the issues will be handled properly. Also, if the system expands by 20% of existing use, it may need a well re-certification.

**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.

**Correspondence**

Chair Carluccio reviewed the correspondence received with the Board. Chair Carluccio shared that of the many reports, it is interesting to see covid levels in the medium range for Hunterdon County versus the low range and also noted there is still so much concern on wearing masks. It is advised that if you are seeing someone who is especially vulnerable, one should wear a mask and get tested prior. Most people do not think about that scenario or being cautious about what one might pass to someone else. Covid is very communicable still with many cases but not as many being hospitalized or dying. Mr. Tatsch added that many people are still not reporting cases so the actual numbers could be as much as five times higher than what is being reported. Ms. Carluccio added that some counties don't count at-home test results as valid and therefore are not included in overall case numbers.

**Adjourn**

A motion made by Mr. Sobieski, seconded by Mr. Wolfe to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm was unanimously approved by voice vote.

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Amy Jo Merz, Board of Health Secretary