

Delaware Township, Board of Health
March 2, 2020 Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Board Chairman.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Chairman led the assembly in the pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Textores, Peter Sudano, Norman Strauss, Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, and Jim Vena
Also, Present: Jennifer O’Sullivan, from the Hunterdon County Division of Public Safety

Absent: Chadd Tindall, DVM, Katie Hooven, PhD, Michael Bokach

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Proper notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, and the Star Ledger, posted at the Delaware Township Municipal Building and filed with the Township Clerk all on January 7, 2020.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Strauss made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on February 3, 2020, Peter Sudano seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye. Jim Vena abstained.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER

A voucher from the Hunterdon County Health Dept. for \$200.00 for Retail Food Inspection was reviewed by the Board. Peter Sudano made a motion to pay this voucher, Norman Strauss seconded the motion. All Voted Aye. Roll Call.

BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS

- A. Septic Waiver, B5, L11.02 – 9 Whiskey Lane. Mr. Kelley O’Such, PE from Engineering and Land Planning was present to address the board. This waiver is to correct a malfunctioning system. A 4-bedroom dwelling with no expansion. The design is for a Hoot 600A advanced Treatment. The proposed disposal system will be outside the building envelope and there is a high-water table. Michael Textores asked about wetlands on the property. A GP24 permit will be obtained. Michael Textores asked about the well location and the 100-foot setback. This new system will be farther from the well then, the old current system is now. Jorge Berkowitz was concerned about the high-water table. Jorge asked if ground water is flowing toward the well. Jorge wondered if the well will be tested before the sale. He asked that the County Health Dept. to check on the impact of nitrates on wells with these aerobic systems. Ms. O’Sullivan said she will have Carla check and report back. There will be a deed notice on this new system. Jorge Berkowitz made a motion to approve this waiver with the conditions listed in the January 31, 2020 letter from the county as well as receiving a response back from the county about nitrates on the well. The board would also like a copy of the GP24 permit. Peter Sudano seconded the motion with the conditions stated. All Voted Aye.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

The Board reviewed the most recent report.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solid Waste N.O.V., B17, L18 490 Sergeantsville Rd – Jennifer O’Sullivan informed the board that no solid waste has been removed from this property. A summons will be sent.
- B. Suspect Kennel, B3, L18- 148 Lower Creek Road – Jennifer O’Sullivan informed the board that Carla is working with the Department of Health on how to proceed since this is a private residence.
- C. Illegal dumping, B7, L16 Q0073- 31 Stone Signpost Road – Jennifer O’Sullivan informed the board that DEP is working with the homeowner. The soil may be put on a tarp for now on an adjacent field. Pete asked if the soil has been tested yet. The soil has not been tested yet.
- D. Septic Malfunction, B1, L9, 300 Old Croton Rd – A NOV was sent giving them 30 days to schedule a start date for the project or a summons will be issued.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

- A. Solid Waste NOV – B26, L21- 66 Britton Road, the board reviewed the Notice of Violation dated January 18, 2020. Ms. O’Sullivan said there has been no clean up and a final NOV will be sent. They will have 50 days to respond. The board reviewed the letter listing all the items dumped on the property.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board went over the letters and LINC’S reports in the members’ packets. The D&R approval from last month’s meeting was reviewed. The Dirty Dirt notice will be added to the next Township Newsletter. Quarry opening burning permit was reviewed. The rabies public health alert.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Peter Sudano asked Ms. O’Sullivan to check whether anything can be done about a resident is Rosemont feeding cats outside. The feed is not in a secure container. Neighbors have seen rats nearby. This could bring in wildlife and become a health hazard.

Jorge said there is a DEP law now that if you have a non-occupied building like a shed with indoor air problems you may need to sign an affidavit or schedule it for demo. It could just be a small gas spill in a shed.

ADJOURNMENT

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danene L. Gooding
Board of Health Secretary

cc: Township Committee