

Delaware Township, Board of Health
June 1, 2020 Minutes

The Regular Meeting (Virtual) 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, Jr., Katie Hooven, PhD, Michael Bokach, Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, and Jim Vena.

Also, Present: Carla Hobbs, from the Hunterdon County Division of Public Safety

Absent: Chadd Tindall, DVM

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. Updated May 21, 2020 and transmitted to newspapers listed above for reference purposes as required by statute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Norman Strauss made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on May 4, 2020 Pete Sudano seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER

None

BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS

None

BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review – New Citizen Leadership Form, Lori Holmes - The board reviewed form. Mike Textores will call her to let her know what the board does. Lori can be added to fill in the vacant Alternate II spot.

- B. Septic Waiver, B12, L29 – 197 Locktown Flemington Rd – Bill Jupinka, PE addressed the board. This is a malfunctioning system to an existing three-bedroom home with no expansion. This property is for sale. The waiver is for a highwater table and proposed septic will be outside of the building envelope because of the location of the well. Mike asked about more test areas. There wasn't enough area. Mike asked about the stream near the property. It is 73 ft away from the top of the bank. There are no DEP issues. Jorge Berkowitz asked if this is a C-1 stream. The requirements for an Advanced Treatment Unit shall be adhered to.

Jorge Berkowitz made a motion to approve these waivers, Peter Sudano seconded the motion. All Voted Aye. Roll Call.

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 – Carla told the board a summons will be signed. They need to go to Delaware Twp. police this week since the court is not open for them to sign the summons. The only part of the property being cleaned is the part that was sold off to someone else. The tires were cleaned up with help of the county recycling department.
- B. Suspect Kennel, B33, L18- 148 Lower Creek Road – Carla had no update on this property
- C. Illegal dumping, B7, L16 Q0073- 31 Stone Signpost Road – Carla said there hasn't been anything done here. The state will enforce the clean-up. There will be a large amount of soil testing done here. This will be a long clean up.
- D. Septic Malfunction, B1, L9, 300 Old Croton Rd – Carla said this is still an active malfunction. The plans were approved to repair septic, but nothing has been done. A summons will be issued against the owner of Old Croton Bar and Grill. the judge can order them to put the system in. The property owner and owner of business are disagreeing on who should pay for the new system. It is important since restaurants will be opening soon.
- E. Solid Waste Notice of Violation – B26, L21 – 66 Britton Road – Carla not much clean up here.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Board went over the letters and LINC'S reports in the members' packets.

Katie reviewed the Health LINC'S reports with the board. As of May 30th , Delaware Twp. had 19 cases and 1 death due to Covid 19. The trends are being watched as we open back up. Mike asked about the status of the vaccines. Jorge state the Oxford Group in England is conducting a human study.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Jorge said there is a drinking water test for PFAS chemicals on private wells. He said this may be required next year. The seller would need to tell a potential buyer when selling. It is in everything like a Teflon cooking pan. Pete said the Rosemont Water Company is already testing for that. It is pretty much everywhere.

This board does not meet in July.

ADJOURNMENT

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danene L. Gooding, Board of Health Secretary

cc: Township Committee