

Delaware Township, Board of Health  
September 9, 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, Katie Hooven, PhD, Michael Bokach, Jim Vena  
Also Present: Carla Hobbs, from the Hunterdon County Division of Public Safety

Absent: Chadd Tindall, DVM, Norman Strauss, Jr., Jorge Berkowitz, PhD

**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**

Peter Sudano made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on August 3, 2020, Katie Hooven seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye. Michael Bokach and Jim Vena abstained.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHER**

None

**BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS**

None

**BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS**

A. Major Subdivision, B41, L1.01 (Phase II) 12 lots, Sandbrook Hqtrs Road - Roger Locandro, was present to address the board. The board reviewed the August 12, 2020 letter from the County Health Department. They reviewed the revised plot plan and the additional soil tests.

Mike Textores asked about the soil tests on the map. The board approved Phase II of the proposed subdivision.

The board requested a new updated map showing the soil log numbers more clearly and would like a copy of the wetlands permit from DEP. Katie Hooven made a motion to approve the soil log testing, Pete Sudano seconded the motion. All Voted Aye.

B. Septic System Waiver, B22, Lot 33.02, 12 Reading Rd - Bob Dunn, homeowner was present to address the board. The board reviewed the August 13, 2020 letter from the County Health Department. They wish to add a building addition with no intent to add a bedroom. The work will consist of a one-story frame addition over a crawl space. The waiver is for the new addition not being at least 10 feet from the existing septic tank. It will be about 8 feet from the septic tank. Carla said this board can approve up to 5 feet away. Mr. Dunn said the excavator doesn't need to go near the tank. Mike Textores asked how old the field is. The owner thinks it is original. Carla said this

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has a four-bedroom system. Katie Hooven made a motion to approve the waiver, Michael Bokach seconded the motion. All Voted Aye.

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT**

The Board reviewed the most recent report.

The Board reviewed the 2021 contract. The total cost will stay the same as 2020. Michael Bokach made a motion to approve the 2021 contract for \$10,200.00, Peter Sudano seconded the motion. All Voted Aye. Roll Call.

Michael Textores asked Carla about coyote activity in the area. She said last year there were two rabid ones. There was a recent rabid raccoon. Katie said there is a bear in her area.

Carla asked Mrs. Gooding if the animal control reports and bite reports that come in are made public. Mrs. Gooding said they are not. They go to Dee Higgins the Animal Licensing Agent. Carla said they should be kept private.

**HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Solid Waste N.O.V., B17, L18- 490 Sergeantsville Rd – Carla said they are going to court for this violation. There isn't any progress on the main part. The parts he sold off are being cleaned.
- B. Suspect Kennel, B33, L18- 148 Lower Creek Road – Carla had no update on this property. It's hard since it is a private home. She will contact the ACO. The dogs she licenses are not the dogs she is selling. She has a website selling dogs. She may be selling them but fostering them elsewhere.
- C. Illegal dumping, B7, L16 Q0073- 31 Stone Signpost Road – Carla said the state will enforce the clean-up. This is a DEP case. This will be a long term clean up. Soil testing still needs to be marked and tested.
- D. Septic Malfunction, B1, L9- 300 Old Croton Rd – Carla said this is still an active malfunction. They do have an approved septic design, but nothing has been done. They are going to court. They need an advanced system and a grease trap. The owner of the property is responsible not the owner of the business.
- E. Solid Waste Notice of Violation – B26, L21 – 66 Britton Road – Carla said the renovation on this property has stopped. The debris is still sitting there.

**HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Katie reviewed the Health LINC reports with the board. There were state guidelines on Covid, school immunizations, mental health issues and information on webinars. We are low in Delaware Twp. only 22 cases.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danene L. Gooding,  
Board of Health Secretary

cc: Township Committee