

Delaware Township, Board of Health  
November 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, Katie Hooven, PhD, Michael Bokach, Jim Vena, Chadd Tindall, DVM, Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, Carla Hobbs, from the Hunterdon County Division of Public Safety

Absent: Norman Strauss, Jr.

### **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**

Jorge Berkowitz, PhD made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on October 5, 2020, Michael Bokach seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye.

### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHER**

An invoice from Voorhees Corner Veterinary Clinic for \$5,735.50 for boarding for 13 animals was reviewed by the board. Michael Textores said he and Katie went to the last township committee meeting to discuss this invoice and how the state left us in this position. This case was a total of 13 animals, most held over 30 days. The police will add this charge to their criminal summons. Jorge asked if someone from the township committee could attend one of our meetings. There still is no holding facility for large animals in place.

Carla said the municipality is responsible for having a holding facility. Our current holding facility contract expires December 31, 2020. They have been our holding facility for 15 years. There was no monthly fee, just case by case charge. Michael Textores said the per day charge is not unreasonable, it came to about \$16 per day. Jorge Berkowitz, PhD made a motion to pay this invoice, Katie Hooven seconded the motion. All Voted Aye with Chadd Tindall abstaining. Roll Call.

### **BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Septic System Waiver, B13, Lot 22.07 – 78 Pine Hill Road, Kurt Hoffman, PE was present to address the board. This house is for sale and system failed per a home inspection failed. The board reviewed the October 6, 2020 letter from the County Health Department. The waiver is for a regional zone of saturation is at 18 inches. Jorge asked what will happen to the old system. The entire system will be replaced. The old system will be abandoned in place, pumped and back filled. Michael Textores asked about the age of the system and the buffers and wetlands. Jorge asked about select fill and where will it come from. Jorge Berkowitz, PhD made a motion to approve this waiver, Katie Hooven seconded the motion. All Voted Aye.

- B. Septic System Waiver, B21, lot 16 – 27 Pavilica Road, Doug Fine, PE was present to address the board. The waiver is for the distance from the well. The proposed field will not be 100 feet from the well. There are existing lot constraints. This is a 3bedroom house with no expansion. The board reviewed the County letter dated October 20, 2020. The letter said the Advanced Treatment Unit will have a maintenance contract, deed notice, auto dialer notification and NEHA certification by the installer. Jorge asked about the well construction and the depth. Doug Fine said he did receive a passing well test today and forwarded the results to Danene and Carla before the meeting tonight. Michael Textores asked why no testing was done in the back of the property. There was none done. It is hard to access the back due to the horse paddock, fencing and trees. The board discussed the quality of water in the well and whether it should be tested for coliform after the system is installed. The well results will come to this board. If they fail, this board can then advise the new owner.

Jorge Berkowitz, PhD made a motion to approve this waiver and requests that a UV light be placed on the well and that the water be tested six months and 12 months after the system is installed, Chadd Tindall seconded the motion, All Voted Aye.

- C. Septic System Waiver, B17, Lot 3 – 12 Dogwood Drive, Steve Parker, PE was present to address the board. This 4bedroom home is for sale. This is a small lot with the well in the center of it. There is a high-water table here and the system will be outside the building envelope to stay away from the well. The Board reviewed the County Health letter dated October 22, 2020. The requirements for the Advanced Treatment devices shall be met. The testing was done by a prior engineer, Doug Fine, PE. Michael Textores remembers this area having high water tables. He asked about the modeling here and if any well testing was done.

Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, seconded by Michael Bokach, All Voted Aye

- D. Septic System Wavier, B56, Lot 11 – 967 Sergeantsville Road, Steve Parker, PE was present to address the board. A 3bedroom home with no expansion. This property currently has a cesspool and will be abandoned. Michael asked about the distance of the well. The well is on the left of the house 100 ft away. The board reviewed the County Health letter dated October 22, 2020. The soil permeability test was only 24 inches not the required 48 inches by code. There was only a K2 permeability rate.

Mike Bokach made a motion to approve this waiver, Jorge Berkowitz, PhD seconded the motion. 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 – Carla’s said the Judge gave them to the beginning of January to clean up. There was a possible minor oil spill from an old engine being put into a dumpster, but it was cleaned up.
- B. Suspect Kennel, B33, L18- 148 Lower Creek Road – Carla said no change here, it is a private home. Women hasn’t responded to them. The website is still active on Petfinder.

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- C. Illegal dumping, B7, L16 Q0073- 31 Stone Signpost Road – Carla said DEP is handling this case.
- D. Septic Malfunction, B1, L9- 300 Old Croton Rd – Carla said a summons was sent to the owner of the property for the malfunctioning septic system. Court is set for end of November.
- E. Solid Waste Notice of Violation – B26, L21 – 66 Britton Road – Carla said this can be removed off the agenda. The cleanup is done.

**HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Solid Waste, B30, L13 – Kingwood Stockton Road – The county went out with a police officer to inspect the site. A Notice of Violation is ready to go this week. They have pictures of the items.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Katie reviewed the Health LINCS reports with the board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Reminder: Rabies Clinic is Saturday, December 5, 2020 10am till 12 noon. Social distancing will be done, gloves, mask wearing, etc.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danene L. Gooding,  
Board of Health Secretary

cc: Township Committee