

Delaware Township, Board of Health

June 7, 2021 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, Jim Vena, Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, Danene Gooding, and Tiffany Crivelli,

Absent: 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 14, 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim Vena made the motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on May 3, 2021, Katie Hooven seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER

Katie Hooven made a motion to approve the Animal Control Solutions Kenneling and Medical voucher for veterinary care for an impounded sick/injured animal for \$227.32. Jim Vena seconded the motion and members unanimously approved the minutes. All voted Aye.

BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS

- A. Financial Disclosure has been extended until June 30th, 2021.

BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS

- A. Septic Waiver – B24 L2, 709 Sergeantsville Road, Bill Jupinka, P.E., was present to address the board. He discussed items listed on the May 3rd, 2021 letter from the Hunterdon County Department of Health.

Jupinka stated that the property currently has a cesspool which needs to be replaced due to the home recently being sold. Jupinka stated that there was good permeability and that there is a soft set back from the well.

The waiver was approved since this is an alteration to a malfunctioning system with no expansion and the proposed alteration is in more conformance with 7:9A-3.3(e)2 ii than the original components. Katie Hooven made the motion to approve the waiver, Jim Vena seconded. Waiver was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Berkowitz: Absent, Bokach: Absent, Gooding: Yes, Hooven: Yes, Textores: Yes, Vena: Yes

- B. Septic Waiver – B13 L22.02, 74 Pine Hill Road, Steve Parker, was present to address the board. He discussed items listed on the May 10th, 2021 letter from the Hunterdon County Department of Health.

Parker stated that this would only be an alteration to a current malfunctioning system and not an expansion. Parker noted that the ground water table was less than 24” at 18”.

Berkowitz inquired about the two houses into a single pump system then into their own fields and who was responsible for maintaining. Parker stated that each house has its own tank they are responsible for, but the property owner is responsible for the system.

Textores inquired about the GP24 permit. Parker stated that part of the area is a wetland buffer and that Kurt Hoffman, P.E. would apply for the permit from the DEP if needed.

Parker was unable to provide further information as he stated this was not his project and he was filling in for Kurt Hoffman.

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Berkowitz: Yes, Bokach: Absent, Gooding: Yes, Hooven: Yes, Textores: Yes, Vena: Yes

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

A. 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 Hobbs stated court was postponed until 6/14/2021. She stated they did not receive the list of names or contracts yet for the work that has allegedly been done and that the LSRP did not check the property yet either.
- B. Suspect Kennel, B33, L18- 148 Lower Creek Road – Carla Hobbs stated that the person involved is looking into getting the animals licensed. Hobbs stated she would contact them and follow – up.
- C. Illegal dumping, B7, L16 Q0073- 31 Stone Signpost Road – Carla Hobbs stated that the DEP is handling the enforcement of this property. She stated the County was out last week to check and that there was still no fence nor was there any indication of testing. She noted the back area is starting to wash out and that more solid waste is visible. At this time, it is unknown what the State is doing about enforcement with the owner.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Katie reviewed the Health LINC reports with the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Katie Hooven stated that the Board should discuss whether to keep meetings on Zoom or in person for August.

ADJOURNMENT

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Crivelli
Board of Health Secretary

cc: Township Committee