

Delaware Township, Board of Health
August 1, 2022 Minutes

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

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 11, 2022.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Danene Gooding, Katie Hooven, PhD, Michael Bokach, Michael Textores

Absent: Jorge Berkowitz, PhD, Jim Vena

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled until September due to no quorum

BOARD OF HEALTH OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

BOARD OF HEALTH NEW BUSINESS

- A. Septic Waiver – B8, L1 – 323 Locktown Sergeantsville Road, Locktown Stone Church – Ted Bayer, PE and Robert Roop of the Friends of Locktown Stone Church were present to address the board. They discussed items listed on the Hunterdon County Department of Health letter dated May 6, 2022.

Bayer stated the design is for a permanent use of a 2,000-gallon holding tank with a high-level alarm as required by the NJDEP due to being in wetlands and close to the Lockatong River, a category 1 stream with no septic allowed in the transition zone. Bayer noted there will be a cistern with limited water use and a purveyor to provide water as needed.

Textores inquired to the use of the church. Roop stated it is no longer used for worship and that it is leased from Delaware Township by the Friends of Locktown Stone Church who utilizes it for wedding rentals, art shows, and concerts. Roop noted that on a given event, there are approximately 50 – 60 persons in attendance. Roop also noted that having no restroom facility limits the use.

Textores asked if the uses change the calculations at all for the holding tank. Bayer stated no that it is more conservative as it can withstand 250-300 persons per day, with 2,000 gallons being more than adequate. Bayer also noted there is no food prep, although there will be a warming kitchen with sink.

Textores inquired about the use of a cistern versus a well. Roop stated he was unaware of any environmental issues, but that the cost for a well for water to be used would be exuberant and it would be more cost effective for a tank with potable water delivery as needed.

Textores asked about local zoning regulations and the use of the carriage house. Bayer stated they will need a variance but have not yet gone before the board and that it is an accessory / second use building.

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Textores noted he liked the high-level alarm and inquired how this would alert the appropriate persons. Bayer stated the alarm would have a sound and/or light on the outside of the structure to alert of the high level. Textores then inquired if people are there often as he has a concern with no one hearing or seeing it otherwise. Roop stated they have a neighbor who is a member and whom he believed would notice the alarm. Bayer suggested that a Wi-Fi alarm may be able to be utilized and would explore other options.

Textores had some concerns over the potable water cistern and suggested a resolution for an 003-form endorsement / treatment works holding tank be heard at the next meeting before any decisions are made.

- B. Septic Waiver – B16 L8 – 11 Dogwood Drive – Alex Mikos, PE, was present to address the board. He discussed items listed on the Hunterdon County Health Department letter dated July 17, 2020.

Mikos advised this is a design to correct a malfunctioning system with no expansion of two cesspools and a holding tank in the rear of the home with a new bed. Mikos noted that the area of use is limited due to steepness.

Textores inquired if this was due to a real estate sale and if there are any environmental issues. Mikos stated there is no sale and that there are wetlands, however this would not be in a transition zone.

Textores asked about the well. Mikos noted it is unknown on how much casing in the well as there is no record and it is original circa 1953, but that it will be moved five feet further with a sand filter. Residents agreed to have a UV light.

Hobbs asked the Worobij's (owners) if the well has been tested. The Worobij's stated they have not tested it within the nine years they have resided there and do not recall it at the sale. Hobbs stated it may not have been done.

The waiver was approved with the recommendations noted by the Hunterdon County Board of Health as stated on their letter dated July 17, 202 since this is a correction to a malfunctioning system and the proposed design in conformance with NJAC 7:9A. A motion by Gooding, seconded by Bokach to approve the waiver was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Bokach: Yes, Gooding: Yes, Hooven: Yes, Textores: Yes

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT

- A. The Board reviewed the most recent reports.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solid Waste Notice of Violation – B17, L 18 – 490 Sergeantsville Road –Hobbs stated that State DEP has taken over clean up since they obtained funding. Hobbs noted DEP is starting soil sampling.
- B. Illegal Dumping- B7 L 16 Q 0073 – 31 Stone Signpost Road – Hobbs reports nothing new.
- C. Future Kennel – 48 Locktown School Road – Hobbs noted there are no updates, and it is believed the resident is no longer pursuing.
- D. Solid Waste Notice of Violation – B5, L7.02 Q 0056 – 5 Locktown School Road – Hobbs advised the owner is still actively cleaning and providing receipts. Hobbs noted it is approximately 75% completed.

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- E. 955 Sergeantsville Road – Making and selling homemade doughnuts – Hobbs advised the County would check with the state to see if there is an active Cottage License for this residence and will provide an update.
- F. 893 & 895 Sergeantsville Road – Hobbs advised she would follow up with the Delaware Township Construction Department.
- G. Possible Unlicensed Farmers Markets:
 - a. Blue Jangler Farm Market – 865 County Road 579 – Hobbs reports they were inspected on April 1 and advised to contact the Township for licensing. Hobbs advised she would investigate this as they are still not licensed.
 - b. Woodsedge Farm Store (Yak Farm) – 78 Bowne Station Road – Hobbs stated they are closed until November.
 - c. Wiley Farm – 167 Kingwood Stockton Road – Hobbs reports they are not active at the moment.
 - d. Bowne Station Farm, LLC – 32 Bowne Station Road – Carla Hobbs reports they were inspected on May 29 and advised to contact the Township for licensing. Hobbs advised she would investigate this as they are still not licensed.

HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

CORRESPONDENCE

Hooven reviewed the Health LINCS reports with the board

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Members moved, seconded and unanimously approved a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Crivelli
Board of Health Secretary