



## Delaware Township - Hunterdon County

### Board of Health

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### **Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2023 – in Person**

The Regular Meeting of the Delaware Township Board of Health was called to order at 7:31 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, on the Township website and filed with the Township Clerk all on January 12, 2023.

#### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Jorge Berkowitz, Michael Bokach, Danene Gooding, Katie Hooven, Jim Vena, Michael Textores

**Also Present:** Diana Rumage, BOH Secretary, Carla Hobbs, HC Dept of Health

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Health meeting on August 7, 2023 made by Michael Bokach, seconded by Jorge Berkowitz. Approved by voice vote. Abstain: Katie Hooven

#### **APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS**

Motion to approve ACS Invoice #4576 for \$700 made by Jorge Berkowitz seconded by Danene Gooding and approved by Roll Call: Jorge Berkowitz - yes, Michael Bokach - yes, Danene Gooding - yes, Katie Hooven - yes, Jim Vena - yes, Michael Textores - yes.

Jorge Berkowitz commented that he would like to see more information included in the reports. Would like a representative from ACS to attend the meetings. Chairman Michael Textores added he called ACS today and agreed that we used to get too much information, but now feels there is not enough.

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

Rosemont Water Company – Jorge Berkowitz reported that he had no response from the DEP, which he expected due to the occurrence of enforcement issues and therefore they can only discuss what is part of the open records. He then suggested that Liza Davis be invited to the next meeting to provide a status update. The BOH Secretary agreed to email Ms. Davis.

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

- a. Septic System Alteration Waiver, B19, L37 35 Hewitt Road  
Engineer Kurt Hoffman presented the waiver request as detailed in the letter from the Department of Health, dated 8/15/23. After posing several questions to Mr. Hoffman, the Board voted to approve the waiver with the condition that the GP24 permit be obtained from the DEP prior to installation.



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Motion to approve the waiver made by Jorge Berkowitz, seconded by Michael Bokach. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

- b. ACS Contract – The current ACS contract expires at the end of the year. The Board discussed approving a one-year contract, the final renewal of a one-year contract with the option to renew for two additional years.
- c. Tier A Stormwater Ordinance – The Board of Health will review the ordinance which was introduced by title at the 9/11/23 Township Committee meeting in advance of the public hearing scheduled for 11/21/23. The ordinance contains enforcement sections that pertain to the Board of Health.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER REPORT**

The board reviewed the latest Animal Control Solutions Reports for July & August.

#### **HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Solid Waste NOV – 729 Route 579 – Ms. Hobbs indicated that she spoke with a representative from this property and they provided receipts of clean-up to date. The clean-up is expected to be completed by 10/20/23.
- b. 61 Kingwood Stockton Rd, Dirt Importing, B51, L1 – Jorge Berkowitz discussed the need for an A-901 license. Ms. Hobbs indicated that she would check if they have applied, stating that if they have not submitted the application, they cannot operate. If they are in violation, it needs to be documented. When Jorge Berkowitz asked that the Department of Health monitor the situation and Ms. Hobbs agreed.

Chairman Michael Textores asked for an update on the property on Stone Signpost Road. Ms. Hobbs indicated that the issue has been sent to the State and that there is a consent against the owner and therefore the property cannot be sold.

#### **HUNTERDON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Solid Waste NOV – 66 Raven Rock Rd – Ms. Hobbs reported that the house on this property burned down, yet there appears to be someone living there. There has been no response to contact attempts by the County Dept. of Health.
- b. The Bubbly Goat 248 Locktown Sergeantsville Rd – Ms. Hobbs noted that she would look into this business, however, it is possible, depending on their activities, that the County does not have jurisdiction. If they are providing goods wholesale to local businesses, the State may already be involved.

Jorge Berkowitz asked if the Covered Bridge Café was licensed. The Board of Health Secretary responded that they were inspected and provided the County Department of Health Sanitary Inspection Report certificate along with their application for a retail food permit with Delaware Township.



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#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. LINCIS Health Alerts – no report
- b. Air Pollution Control – the Board acknowledged receipt of the Preconstruction Permit for Open Burning for Trap Rock Industries, LLC.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jack Skeuse, David Hirsch and other residents attended the meeting to bring the activities at 31 Lambertville-Headquarters Rd to the attention of the Board, several of which require licensing and permitting. They provided information regarding their personal contact with the owner/operator(s), incidents they've witnessed, or that were witnessed by other neighbors, and information they accessed online via the companies' websites and Facebook. They also discussed similar issues occurring at owner's property in Pennsylvania. Jorge Berkowitz commented that the Board of Health's focus has been the environmental/health issues such as filling of wetlands, disposal of solid waste and air pollution. Ms. Hobbs gave the attendees her contact information so that they can communicate their concerns directly to her attention. She will follow up on this matter and look into the status of license applications (if any).

Valerie Tucci, resident, Inquired about the pig farm near her property. Ms. Hobbs informed her that if her inquiries have to do with livestock, she should contact the Department of Agriculture.

#### **COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

No comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:03 made by Danene Gooding, seconded by Katie Hooven and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Ramage  
Board of Health Secretary