



Delaware Township - Hunterdon County
Board of Health
PO BOX 500 | 570 Rosemont Ringoes Rd
Sergeantsville, NJ 08557

Meeting Minutes - December 4, 2023 – In Person

The regular meeting of the Township of Delaware Board of Health was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman Textores.

Notice Requirement

The Notice Requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. Proper notice of this meeting was sent 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 12, 2023.

Flag Salute

Chairman Textores led the meeting in the pledge to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Jorge Berkowitz, Katie Hooven, Jim Vena, Michael Textores

Also Present: Carla Hobbs – HC Dept. of Health, Diana Ramage – BOH Secretary

Absent: Michael Bokach, Danene Gooding

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve minutes from the Board of Health meeting on November 6, 2023 was made by Jim Vena and seconded by Jorge Berkowitz. Berkowitz, Vena and Textores voted yes, Hooven abstained and Bokach and Gooding were absent. The motion did not carry due to a lack of majority vote. Minutes will be on the next agenda for approval.

Approval of Vouchers

None

Board of Health – Old Business

Jorge Berkowitz had nothing more to report on Rosemont Water Company.

Board of Health – New Business

The date was set for Wednesday, January 3, 2024 for the Board of Health Reorganization Meeting. 2024 meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month, except as noted: February 5, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, August 5, September 4 (Wednesday), October 7, November 4, December 2, 2024.

Board Secretary to notify those members whose terms expire on December 31, 2023.

Animal Control Officer Report

The Board reviewed the October 2023 report. Katie Hooven asked about handling of a call regarding an injured cat. The Secretary reported that handling was consistent with our process. The Board also questioned the outcome of an incident from 10/10/23.



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Hunterdon County Health Department – Old Business

- a. 61 Kingwood Stockton Rd, Dirt Importing, B51, L1

Carla Hobbs reported that the company operating at this location is on the State website as tested and claimed clean. They are conducting business with 3 companies – one is licensed, one is registered and there is no information for the third. The Department of Health will take enforcement action with the State. There are currently regulations, but no statute for citing and penalties.

Jorge Berkowitz asked if the A-901 license requires the receiver to maintain records. He also asked about the ramifications for accepting fill from a non-licensed hauler.

- b. Solid Waste NOV - 66 Raven Rock Rd B30, L17.01

Ms. Hobbs reported that there has been no response from the owner. House burned down, but there is evidence of someone living there. The Dept of Health will assign a summons for court and referred the matter to social services.

- c. The Bubbly Goat – 248 Locktown Sergeantsville Rd – added to food establishment list

Ms. Hobbs reported that a retail food license is required due to cheese & breadmaking. Retail food program coordinator will work with the proprietors in Jan/Feb and they will need to test their water.

- d. 31 Lambertville-Headquarters Rd. B60, L9.04

Ms. Hobbs reported that the USDA reported that they are conducting regular farm activities. Complaints must be filed before County Department of Health can go to the property. She outlined the procedure for filing an odor complaint.

Jorge Berkowitz asked about allegation of contamination. Karen Spolar, resident, noted that millings from the driveway washing into a drain, to a tributary and to Alexauken Creek.

David Hirsch, resident, commented about the business advertising poultry delivery service in NJ and asked about the associated regulations and exemptions.

Jorge Berkowitz suggested filing a complaint with the Department of Agriculture. Ms. Spolar stated that there should be an open complaint which she submitted online

Jack Skeuse, resident, commented on the apartments, wiring & pipe work and propane storage in the barn. Ms. Hobb replied that the concerns about propane would be for the Fire Marshall, Zoning would be the authority for the apartments and the subcode official would be the authority for wiring/pipes.

Ms. Spolar commented on a case of dogs barking in the night. The police were called. Mr. Hirsh added an incident in which puppies were housed with emus and the safety concerns for the puppies.

Valerie Tucci, resident, asked at what point Zoning gets involved. Chairman Textores offered to talk to Zoning.



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Mr. Hirsch asked about requirements for the planned petting zoo. Ms. Hobbs replied that per the Department of Agriculture, they will be required to have a hand washing area.

Mr. Hirsch asked about manure. Ms. Hobbs replied that the County works with the Agricultural Extension, but if they are practicing good farm practices, they're not in violation. Mr. Hirsh indicated that he would call the Ag Extension.

Hunterdon County Health Department – New Business

Ms. Hobbs commented on a recall of lead contaminated cinnamon applesauce pouches.

Correspondence

- a. LINCS Health Alerts – no report
- b. Mortality & Morbidity Weekly Reports (MMWR) – Jorge Berkowitz summarized the information contained in the last 4 week's reports. He noted a salmonella outbreak in cantaloupe and asked Ms. Hobbs if they are notified of outbreaks. She responded that confirmed cases go to the state and then the County is notified. Dr. Berkowitz also reported that there is now, but increasing influenza activity, Covid is low in our area. Dr. Hooven noted that testing and reporting are down.

Public Comments

None

Comments from Board Members

None

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Katie Hooven, seconded by Michael Textores and approved unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Ramage
Board of Health Secretary