

**WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**July 19, 2023 – Regular Meeting 7:00 PM**

The West Amwell Township Board of Health met on the above date.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Chairman Hart declared the meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was included in the Resolution faxed to the Hunterdon County Democrat and Trenton Times on January 26, 2023 and was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Building on this date and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute. A copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Present: Stephen Bergenfeld, Jim Cally, John Dale, Ken Hart, Gary Hoyer, Meghan Hudson, Brian Mundhenk and John Crounce along with BOH Secretary Maria Andrews, Township Attorney William Pandos and Township Engineer Patrick Brennan.

**PRESENTATION OF MINUTES**

A motion by Cally, seconded by Mundhenk to approve the Board's 5/17/23 meeting minutes with no revisions noted was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

It was noted for the record that there were no changes made to the posted agenda.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC/TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Chairman Hart opened the floor to public comment. Carrie Sargeant of 16 George Washington Road came forward and then realized she was at the wrong meeting. Seeing no other members of the public who wished to speak, Chairman Hart closed the floor to public comment.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

It was noted for the record that no ordinances were listed on the agenda for discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TWA Application: Block 11 Lot 16 – Proposed 5-8 New Middle School for SHRS: Request for Certification by the Governing Body**

Present for the discussion was Attorney Ben Lindeman, Engineer Nick Decoatis, Architect Pete Campisano and School Superintendent Tony Suozzo.

Chairman Hart clarified that the Board must make a determination whether or not to authorize the County to sign off on the TWA application as the municipalities lead agency. Then the TWA can be sent to NJDEP for approval.

Engineer Decoatis came forward and explained the layout of the proposed septic system and noted it has been designed for 250 students. He indicated all of the calculations have been provided to Engineer Burr's office. Mr. Cally asked if the 250 students also includes staff. Engineer Decoatis said yes. Architect Campisano clarified that the proposed new school will not have any showers, just a cafeteria and

bathroom facilities.

Engineer Decoatis noted the proposed tank placement meets the code requirements. Mr. Cally asked if the system will be able to handle more than 250 students. Chairman Hart commented they are building the school to accommodate 250 students so that's what the system will be able to handle.

Superintendent Suozzo stated that they currently have about 60 students in each class, along with a total of 97 choice students. He remarked that with enrollment steadily decreasing he believes the school will only have about 200 to 225 students.

Mr. Cally asked about flooding at the Lambertville Elementary School from the recent storms and wanted assurances that there won't be continued damages. Superintendent Suozzo stated no one can guarantee there will never be flooding there and said the building was fine after the last storm which dumped 5 hours of steady rain.

Mr. Cally asked if the NJDEP Letter of Interpretation (LOI) has expired. Engineer Decoatis indicated the LOI has been renewed and he clarified that the septic is not in any of the wetlands.

Mr. Mundhenk asked if the system requires NJDEP reporting. Engineer Decoatis said yes and clarified that it is minimal due to the type of system they are installing. Engineer Decoatis stated he believes annual reporting will be required because the system is proprietary.

Engineer Brennan stated that he and Engineer Burr reviewed the TWA application and noted the disposal bed is in compliance with the code but commented the septic tanks must be replaced or reset to ensure they are installed properly.

A motion by Hudson, seconded by Hoyer to provide SHRSD with a resolution allowing the County to sign off on the TWA for submission to NJDEP and authorizing the Township Clerk to effectuate the same was unanimously approved by voice vote.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

It was noted for the record that there were no unfinished business matters listed on the agenda.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

It was noted for the record that there were no comments made on the correspondence listed on the agenda.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:24 PM on motion by Hudson and seconded by Bergenfeld.

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Maria Andrews, Board of Health Secretary

APPROVED: 9/20/23