

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
September 20, 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: Jim Cally, John Dale, Ken Hart and Gary Hoyer along with BOH Secretary Maria Andrews and Township Attorney William Pandos.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

A motion by Cally, seconded by Dale to approve the Board's 7/19/23 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. Seeing no 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

Septic System Alteration with Waivers: 204 Circle Drive East – Block 55 Lot 2

Present for the discussion was Engineer Steve Parker. He explained that the alteration is to correct a malfunctioning system to an existing three bedroom dwelling with no proposed expansion. He noted the design incorporates an Ecoflo EC7-500-P-Pack and requires the following 2 waivers from the code:

1. The highest regional water table is at 10 inches, which is less than the maximum allowed by the code of 24 inches from the existing grade. The use of an ATU system allows for the separation from the regional water table and proposed level of infiltration to be reduced to 18 inches. The Board acknowledged the deviation from the code.
2. The horizon that the permeability test was conducted in was only 30 inches in thickness, not the required 48 inches for the zone of disposal, per the code. Engineer Parker explained the difficulties with the soil testing due to the regional groundwater conditions at 10 inches, the shallow massive rock structures and the fact that there is only a 3 foot layer of soil above the rock that can be used. The Board acknowledged the testing difficulties.

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Engineer Parker further explained the ATU will reduce the height of the mound and accommodate the limited separation distances. He also noted the requested waivers are better than seeking a waiver to locate the system closer to the existing well.

A motion was made by Mr. Dale and seconded by Mr. Cally to approve the proposed alteration and grant the requested waivers. The motion 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 correspondence items listed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:28 PM on motion by Mr. Hoyer and seconded by Mr. Hart.

Maria Andrews, Board of Health Secretary

APPROVED: 1/17/24