

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2016**

The Tewksbury Township Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. on the above date, in the Police Administration Building, 169 Old Turnpike Road.

Chairwoman Janet Masterton presided.

Other members present were Melissa Burruezo, Anthony Formica and alternate Anthony Miele.

Jennifer Kraft and Anna Maria Miele were not present.

Bob Vaccarella of the Hunterdon County Division of Public Health was also present.

**1. Open Public Meetings Statement**

Ms. Masterton opened the meeting by announcing that adequate notice of the meeting had been provided by posting a copy thereof on the Police/Administration Building bulletin board, transmitting a copy to the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat, and filing with the Municipal Clerk, all on August 3, 2016.

**2. Flag Salute**

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

**3. Action to be Taken**

- **Distance Waiver – Block 45, Lot 22**

Jeff Careaga of Carreaga Engineering presented information related to the property located at 8 Felmley Road. He noted that the well is located at the front of the house and the testing for the new septic was performed at the rear of the property which is relatively flat.

Mr. Carreaga added that the property is narrow (100 feet) and there is not sufficient room on the property to have the required 75 feet between logs for a primary and reserve area. It was added that there is a 34" specimen tree close to an existing shed, but the Engineer noted that removal of the tree would ruin the back yard.

It was noted that the soil logs revealed silt loam at 2-3 feet and a clay ledge at 4 feet. This soil would yield a 2 foot zone of disposal – there is no area where a 4 foot zone of disposal is available. .

Mr. Vaccarella noted that the soil has a K3 rating and the pressure dose mound system would function well for the house, which is currently a three bedroom structure, with plans and capacity to enlarge to a four bedroom structure.

Mark Schneider and Danielle Fol, prospective buyers were present to answer any questions regarding the application. Mr. Schneider noted that currently they have no plans to add a bedroom, but wanted to have the capacity to enlarge at a later date.

In response to a question from Mr. Formica, Mr. Vaccarella noted that the maintenance for the mound system does not require any monitoring as is required with an advanced treatment system.

Mr. Carreaga noted that the plans for the septic could be altered to accommodate an advanced treatment system as opposed to the mound system, but the owner would have

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an annual fee payable to the service provider. Mr. Schneider noted that they are satisfied with the proposed mound system as he understands the backyard will appear flat and not be overly obtrusive.

Ms. Masterton made a motion to approve the septic design submitted for Block 45, Lot 22, allowing the following waiver. Due to the lot dimensions and property constraints, the Board will waive the 75 foot distance requirement between the primary and reserve testing areas as the separation from soil logs 2 and 3 is 40.1 feet and the separation from soil logs 4 and 5 is 47.2 feet, seconded by Dr. Burruezo. The motion was approved. Ayes: Burruezo, Formica, Masterton, Miele. Nays: none. Absent: Kraft, Miele.

Mr. Schneider and Ms. Fol were advised to contact the County to move the process forward.

**4. Minutes**

In response to a question from Ms. Masterton, Mr. Vaccarella stated that the County Division of Public Health receives inspection reports for properties that require annual inspections or monitoring. These reports come directly to the County from the service provider and if there are any problems, a County representative would contact the Township. Reports would be for annual inspections for advance treatments systems and UV lighting.

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming Rabies Clinic scheduled for 10-08-16. Dr. Miele questioned if a certificate of insurance should be required by the Township from the administering veterinarian. Ms. Brassard provided e-mail correspondence from the Township insurance agent advising of what documentation would be preferred. Further discussion followed regarding the set-up of the clinic, the responsibility of pet owners, past clinics and the need to properly advise pet owners of the need to be prudent and sensible with regard to their animals and others.

Dr. Miele stated that he and his daughter Sofia would be available to provide veterinary services at the 10-08-16 Rabies Clinic.

In response to a question from Ms. Masterton, it was noted that the Animal Control Officer has reported that there have been 6 cats/kittens surrendered and one adult cat spayed from the Golden residence on Vernoy Road. The situation with large numbers of cats seems to be under control.

Ms. Masterton made a motion to adopt the minutes of 06-29-16, seconded by Mr. Formica. The motion was approved. Ayes: Burruezo, Formica, Masterton, Miele. Nays: none. Absent: Kraft, Miele.

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**5. Correspondence**

**a. Report from HC DOH re: inspection at Oldwick General Store**

Discussion followed regarding the report generated by the HC Division of Public Health based on an anonymous phone call about conditions at the Oldwick General Store. A copy of the report will be made available to the Board Chair.

Mr. Vaccarella noted that the Health inspector will follow up on the violations in one week so that the treatment of the (fruit fly) problem can be addressed.

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**6. Reports**

**Animal Bite Report**

**Information from ACO's report pertaining to the bite that was previously reported 6/7/16** - Received Hunterdon County Health Department Animal Bite Report regarding a dog residing at 28 Parsonage Lot Road. The dog had been recently adopted from a rescue then returned after the bite. The rescue euthanized the dog and had it tested for rabies. I confirmed with the Health Department that the result was negative.

**Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification**

**South of Taylors Mill Road                      Vanadium Oxytrichloride      Replacing gas main**

It was noted that this incident was related to the replacement of the gas main on Rockaway Road which has been ongoing for several weeks.

**7. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. Brassard  
Board of Health Secretary