

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2012**

The Tewksbury Township Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. on the above date, in the Mountainville Meeting Hall, 60 Water Street, Mountainville, NJ.

Anthony Formica, Peter Goyer were in attendance.
Shirley Czajkowski , Anna Marie Miele and Anthony Miele, members elect were in attendance.

Janet Masterton and Zia Shey were absent.

Debie Vaccarella of the Hunterdon County Department of Health was also present.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Ms. Brassard read the Open Public Meetings Statement.

2. Flag Salute

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

3. Swearing in of Board of Health Members

Shirley Czajkowski and Anna Marie Miele were sworn in as regular members of the Board of Health.

Antonio Miele was sworn in as an alternate member of the Board of Health.

4. Appointment of Temporary Chair/Secretary

Roberta Brassard served as temporary chair of the Board of Health.

5. Election of Officers

Mrs. Czajkowski made a motion to appoint Peter Goyer as chairman of the Board of Health for 2012, seconded by Mr. Formica. The motion was approved. Ayes: Czajkowski, Formica, Goyer, Miele , Miele. Nays: None. Absent: Masterton, Shey.

Mr. Goyer made a motion to appoint Janet Masterton as vice-chair of the Board of Health for 2012, seconded by Mrs. Czajkowski. The motion was approved. Ayes: Czajkowski, Formica, Goyer, Miele , Miele. Nays: None. Absent: Masterton, Shey.

6. Action to be Taken

Block 47.01 Lot 40 Waiver discussion for peat system

Steve Parker presented information related to a malfunctioning septic system for an existing three bedroom house. He noted that testing proved difficult due to the restrictive nature of the property and poor soil permeability. He added that the location of the system would be restricted to the front corner of the property. Further comments were made regarding the basin flood testing.

Mr. Parker stated that he has designed a peat moss filter system which affects a higher level of effluent treatment. He explained the construction of the system and how the 30" zone of treatment required can effectively reduce the amount of select fill.

It was added that a waiver is needed with regard to the reserve area as the testing yielded no permeable spoil.

The following comments were based on the HCDOH letter dated 12/22/11(attached).

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Further comments were heard regarding the State approved peat systems and the need for local Board of Health approval. It was added that maintenance of the peat system is the responsibility of the home owner.

It was added that the HCDOH recommends that a deed restriction be filed with, and made part of the documents related to the property.

Maintenance must be performed annually by the installer/operator of the system.

The HCDOH and local Board will be held harmless with regard to the installation of the system.

A water tightness test will be performed prior to activating the system. Mr. Parker stressed the need to have an absolutely water tight system.

The DEP will be copied on any decision made by the HCDOH and local Board.

Discussion followed regarding the auto dialer that will be included with the installation of the system. The auto dialer functions as a security system and notifies the manufacturer of any problem with the system.

Mr. Formica noted that the key to the peat moss system is maintenance and the annual reports should also come to the local Board of Health.

Mrs. Czajkowski requested that any reports related to other peat moss systems be shared with the Board.

In response to a question from Mr. Formica, Mr. Parker noted that there really is no other area on the property for the system. He added that the issue is the soil and the water does not go into the soil. Mr. Goyer agreed with this statement as his property is very close to the property under discussion.

Mr. Parker stated that if there were no house on the property, one could not be built at the current time.

Discussion followed regarding the high water table on the property

Further comments were heard regarding the age of the house (possibly 1960's) and the related cost to install a peat system. It was noted that the price of the maintenance agreement is included in the cost of the system.

Mr. Goyer made a motion to accept the plans for Block 47.01 Lot 40 with the following conditions.

1. To accept the use of the EcoFlo STB-650 peat system.
2. To apply deed restrictions on the property indicating that annual maintenance be maintained.
3. To provide proof of maintenance contract and reports on the monitoring to the local Board and HCDOH.
4. To provide a maintenance agreement and maintain with the house.

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5. To hold Tewksbury Township and Hunterdon County Health Department harmless and not responsible for the system.
6. To waive the reserve area requirement.
7. To have the design engineer inspect the system and provide certification.
8. To certify that the contractor installing the system be trained by the manufacturer and provide a copy of the training certificate.
9. To conduct a water tightness test on the septic and pump tanks.
10. To provide a copy of the design to the DEP and to notice the DEP a minimum of one week prior to date of construction.
11. To install an auto dialer to be made part of the system.
12. To waive the permeability testing as no passing permeability tests were conducted on the property.

The above noted motion was seconded by Mr. Formica. The motion was approved.
Ayes: Czajkowski, Formica, Goyer, Miele , Miele. Nays: None. Absent: Masterton, Shey.

Resolution #01-2012 Setting 2012 Meeting Dates

Mr. Goyer made a motion to adopt Resolution #01-2012, seconded by Mrs. Miele. The motion was approved. Ayes: Czajkowski, Formica, Goyer, Miele , Miele. Nays: None. Absent: Masterton, Shey.

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RESOLUTION #01-2012

SETTING THE REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2012

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, requires that certain notices of meetings be submitted to the press and other interested persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Health of the Township of Tewksbury, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The schedule of regular meetings of the Tewksbury Township Board of Health for 2012 is hereby approved. All meetings will convene at 7:30 PM in the Municipal Meeting Hall located at 60 Water Street (except those designated with an *, which will convene at 7:30 PM in the Police Administration Building – 169 Old Turnpike Road).
2. The Board Secretary is designated as the person responsible for making the following list of regular meetings and those other than regular meetings available to those persons and newspapers that request same:

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February	7
March	6
April	3
May	1
June	4*
July	3
August	7
September	4
October	2
November	5*
December	4

3. The Board Secretary is also designated as the person responsible for posting the list of regular meetings and notice of any other meetings on the bulletin board at the Police/Administration Building and filing same in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
4. The Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat are hereby designated to receive all notices of meetings as required under this Act, as it is determined that these are newspapers which would fulfill the requirements of the Act.
5. Requests for notice made by interested persons and the news media shall be granted without cost.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Peter A. Goyer
Chairman

7. Correspondence

- a. From HCDOH – information re: retail food programs updates and requests
- b. From HCDOH – information re: preschool/childcare influenza vaccine
- c. From HCDOH – information re: cold weather and storm services available
- d. HCSCD – LINCS information re: vaccine preventable disease program updates
- e. From HCDOH –“Get Smart About Antibiotics Week”
- f. From HCDOH – influenza like illness surveillance information
- g. HCDOH – NJ Animal Rabies Cases Jan – Sept 2011
- h. HCDOH – diabetes care and infection control
- i. From Drinker Biddle & Reath- letter to NJDEP – re: site remediation at B 47 L 48
- j. HCDOH – LINCS – Animal Control Officer Certification Courses Spring 2012

8. Minutes

Mr. Goyer made a motion to adopt the minutes of 10/04/11 with a grammatical correction on page 1, seconded by Mrs. Czajkowski. The motion was approved. Ayes: Czajkowski, Goyer, Miele, Miele. Nays: None. Absent: Masterton, Shey. Abstain: Formica.

9. Reports

Animal Bite Report

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Cat bite 10-06-11 Melissa Guise (owner) Marilyn Cox (exposed person)

Animal Control Officer Report

October 2011
November 2011
December 2011

Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification

5 Fox Run	Natural Gas
6 James Street	Heating Oil #2 – removal of UST
3 Church Street	Heating Oil #2 - removal of UST
3 Wildwood Road	transformer damage due to storm
1 AM Best Road	permit exceedance of water treatment plant @ AM Best

10. Board Member Comments

Mayor Dana Desiderio was in attendance to introduce herself to the Board members and ask if they had any questions or concerns that they would like brought to the Township Committee.

Mr. Goyer stated that the Board mainly deals with issues related to septic problems in the Township and tonight's application was an excellent example of an ongoing problem in the area of the Township with severe septic suitability.

He noted that the matter of having a sewer system is a sensitive issue with concerns related to cost, burden to the Township, design and tie in. He added that much of the Township has no problem with individual septic systems and these individuals may not want to get involved and bear the cost.

Mr. Goyer added that the matter of bringing sewers to the southerly portion of the Township was brought to the attention of the Planning Board 12-15 years ago and it "didn't fly well."

Mrs. Vaccarella noted that the peat system as discussed tonight could easily be used as a community system for several houses. She noted the concern of some residents that if sewers were built, additional building would occur, adding that new building has occurred (in this area of the Township) without the benefit of sewers. She added that the new designs lend themselves to community septic and there may be grant monies available.

Mayor Desiderio noted that the County has discussed the topic of licensing and monitoring the pumping of septic systems County wide.

Mr. Goyer noted that the problem will not go away and he would like to meet with the Land Use Board or Township Committee to further discuss the matter and possible options.

It was the consensus of the Board members present that a letter be sent to the Township Committee requesting an audience to discuss the matter of sewerage in the southern area of the Township.

11. Adjournment

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. Brassard
Board of Health Secretary