

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2016**

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. Chairwoman Janet Masterton presided.

Other members present were Melissa Burruezo, Anthony Formica and Jennifer Kraft.

Anna Maria Miele and Anthony Miele were excused.

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 June 24, 2016.

**2. Flag Salute**

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

**3. Public Participation**

There were no comments heard from the public.

**4. Action to be Taken**

**Block 47      Lot 21      Septic Alteration**

John Kearney was present to request a waiver for the property located on 26 Matheson Road. The 2.22 acre property is being sold and the inspection revealed that the existing system is inadequate and needs to be replaced.

Nine soil tests and pit bail tests were performed and only two were considered good.

Mr. Kearney added that the conditions were terrible and in some of the test holes, there was zero (0) permeability. He noted that matching soil logs were needed on the property and there was no extra room to dig in between the existing pits. For these reasons, Mr. Kearney is requesting a waiver from testing for a reserve area on the property.

Mr. Vaccarella noted that the pit bail test yielded better results than the other test holes: adding that the proposed system will be better than what is currently there.

Mr. Kearney noted that tests run on the other side of the property did not drain and were always full of water.

Mr. Vaccarella stated that the 4 foot zone of treatment above the 4 feet zone of disposal will more safely treat the effluent. It was added that the soil on the property is very compacted, surmising that an old railroad line ran through the property.

Mr. Vaccarella noted that the minimum required pitch (2% per inch) in the connecting line could not be achieved. There is a 1.6 % pitch in the 250 foot pipe which is considered a positive pitch and will be satisfactory on this flat lot. He added that the septic code states that ¼" or whatever is deemed appropriate is allowable.

It was noted that the Engineer will certify what was obtained in the field and include on the as-built plan.

Ms. Masterton made a motion to waive the need for a reserve field for the property located on 26 Matheson Road (block 47, lot 21) due to the physical constraints of the property and the poor soil conditions. Additionally a waiver was granted to allow a 1.6%

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pitch in the connecting line as opposed to the required 2%. The Engineer shall certify on the as-built plan this information, seconded by Ms. Kraft. The motion was approved.  
Ayes: Burruezo, Formica, Kraft, Masterton. Nays: none. Absent: A. Miele, A.M. Miele.

**5. Minutes**

Ms. Masterton questioned how follow up would be handled regarding the following matters as outlined in the 05-16-16 minutes.

- How will the new septic and number of patrons in the (former) restaurant located at 307 Main Street (Mountainville) block 31 lot 15.02 be monitored?
  - As there currently is not a restaurant on the property, the County Department of Public Safety will monitor the seats in the restaurant when the annual food handlers' license is issued.
- Regarding the installation of UV lights and obtaining water results for the two properties discussed (124 A Rockaway Road block 51, lot 92 and 17 Homestead Road -block 23 lot 6), Ms. Brassard noted that she would contact the property owners to request proof of installation. She added that water results have been received for block 23, lot 6 and no testing was necessary for Block 51, Lot 92 as the house was not being sold.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to adopt the minutes of 05-16-16, seconded by Ms. Masterton. The motion was approved. Ayes: Burruezo, Formica, Kraft, Masterton. Nays: none. Absent: A. Miele, A.M. Miele.

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**6. Correspondence**

- a. **From Quest Environmental – remediation information related to Block 46 Lots6 – AM Best**
- b. **From Lebanon Boro-notice of cat testing positive for rabies in the Brunswick Avenue area**

In response to a question by Ms. Masterton, Ms. Brassard stated that the matter of feral cats on Vernoy Road has been quiet- no additional cats have been reported.

Ms. Kraft stated that she caught a cat in a trap that appeared to be sick. She released the animal.

**7. Reports**

**Animal Bite Report**

<b>Dog bite</b>	<b>Parsonage Lot Road</b>	<b>6-15-16</b>
<b>Dog bite</b>	<b>Sutton Road</b>	<b>6-29-16</b>

Ms. Brassard stated that she will contact the parties related to the two bites noted above so that the Notice of Bite and Confinement of Animal is completed and returned.

**Suspected Hazardous Substance Discharge Notification**  
**Route 78 – Mile Marker 24.3- 120 gallons of diesel fuel**

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**8. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Masterton questioned the outcome of a recent car/motorcycle accident on Route 512.

Ms. Kraft questioned if a release should be available for the Township Rabies Clinic to protect the workers, residents and volunteers. Ms. Brassard stated that she would contact other municipalities to see if they have this. Additionally, Ms. Brassard will contact the Township's insurance agent to determine if the Township policy provides ample coverage.

**9. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. Brassard  
Board of Health Secretary