

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

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, Tewksbury Township, NJ.

Chairwoman Janet Masterton presided.

Other members present were Jennifer Kraft and Anna Maria Miele.

Shirley Czajkowski , Anthony Formica and alternate Anthony Miele were absent.

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

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Ms. Masterton.

2. Flag Salute

Those present stood and pledged allegiance to the American flag.

3. Action to be Taken

Joe Kosinski of Ferriero Engineering was present to discuss an alteration to the septic system on the three acre property located at block 18, lot 2.03 – 184 Old Turnpike Road. He noted that the property is heavily wooded and strewn with large boulders and there is little area to perform testing.

Discussion followed regarding the size of the proposed bed and the fact that the driveway was constructed over the existing distribution box.

Mr. Kosinski noted that there is no break out visible on the property, but a home inspection revealed that an alteration was needed to bring the system into compliance. He added that the soil tests revealed decent soil for the disposal of effluent (K3) with shallow refusal at 11”.

Mr Kosinski reiterated that his firm could not find room for placing a reserve area, the backhoe could severely damage existing trees and if the system were to fail in the future, the sand could be removed and the system could be replaced and reconstructed.

In response to a question from Ms. Masterton, Mr. Kosinski noted that is if a trench were used, the disturbance would be much greater, the tree cover would be lost and large boulders would be exposed.

Mr. Vaccarella stated his agreement with Mr. Kosinski’s findings, noting that the system worked for 25 years, the soils are good for a system and the proposed alteration should last another 25 years, adding that if the system were to fail, it could be reconstructed.

Mr. Kosinski added that if the home were enlarged in the future, the main area could serve as a reserve area. It currently is a three bedroom home.

In response to a question from Ms. Masterton, Mr. Vaccarella opined that this is the best remedy and the system would function better than what is currently there. He added that the system meets the 100’ requirement for distance from the well.

Mr. Kosinski noted that the system is not too close to neighboring properties and there is an effluent filter in the existing tank. It was further noted that there will be a manhole cover at grade and Bruce Apgar of Apgar Brothers Excavating is doing the work.

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Ms. Masterton surmised that the sale of the home is contingent on the approval and the work needs to be completed as quickly as possible.

Per Mr. Vaccarella's request, Mr. Kosinski stated that he would have the plans revised to denote a weep-hole on the end of the cap.

Ms. Masterton made a motion to grant the waiver for the property located on Block 18 Lot 2.03 and to accept the proposal as presented with no testing for and locating of a reserve area due to the topography and physical constraints of the property, seconded by Mrs. Miele. The motion was approved. Ayes: Kraft, Masterton, Miele. Nays: none. Absent: Czajkowski, Formica, Miele.

4. Minutes

Ms. Masterton made a motion to adopt the minutes of 7/16/13, seconded by Mrs. Miele. The motion was approved. Ayes: Kraft, Masterton, Miele. Nays: none. Absent: Czajkowski, Formica, Miele.

5. Correspondence

- a. From Michael & Rosanne Masi – letter of concern re: property maintenance

Discussion followed regarding the above noted letter and a conversation Ms. Masterton had with the author (of the letter) and property owner.

The letter addressed the home owner's concern of an unkempt neighboring property and the seemed increase in rodents and animal population. Ms. Masterton noted that she had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Masi and suggested speaking directly with the neighbor to find a solution to the problem.

Ms. Masterton stressed the importance of responding to residents' concerns and representing the Township and specifically the Board of Health in an accommodating manner.

6. Reports

Animal Bite Report

Bat bite – Rosalie Ferrari	8-24-13	treatment started
Dog bite- Teresa Green	8-11-13	
Dog Bite – Anaya Mortsea	07-09-13	

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta A. Brassard
Board of Health Secretary

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