

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020
GOTOMEETING Conference Call
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Mrs. McKittrick called the regular meeting of the Harding Township Board of Health to order on July 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., and announced the meeting was called in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

ROLL CALL:

Secretary Sharp called the following Board of Health members in attendance.

BOH Attendance: Mr. George Boyan (via GoToMeeting), Dr. Stephen Kao, Mrs. DiTosto (via GoToMeeting), Dr. Nicole Lacz (via GoToMeeting), Mrs. Christina McKittrick

Absent: Dr. Joseph Cervone and Mr. Nicolas Platt

Health Department Attendance: Mrs. Lisa Sharp and Mr. George Byrnes

Morris Country Public Health Attendance: Miss Casey Brady

BOH Counsel: Mr. Joseph Sordillo, Board of Health Attorney, (via GoToMeeting)

Members of the Public: Mr. Chris Allyn (via GoToMeeting), Ms. Karen Pennett (via GoToMeeting), Mr. Paul Rosen (via GoToMeeting), and Mr. Greg Yannaccone, Yannaccone Villa & Aldrich

BOH WAIVER REQUEST – PAUL & LOIS ROSEN, 24 LEE’S HILL ROAD:

Mrs. McKittrick, Vice Chairwoman, asked Mr. Yannaccone to proceed with the Waiver Request.

Mr. Greg Yannaccone, Engineer from Yannaccone Villa & Aldrich appeared before the Board representing Paul & Lois Rosen. Mr. Yannaccone informed the Board that the Rosen’s live at 24 Lee’s Hill Road. The property is a well maintained historic home with a barn on the property. The septic system requires upgrading as it has been found to be malfunctioning.

Soil testing was conducted and acceptable soils were found. The site is constrained by the location of the well on the existing property, the neighbor’s property to the right (Lot #5), and adjoining septic systems on both sides of this property that limit where the septic can go. In addition to having to stay a certain distance away from the existing house, the barn, and the driveway, along with the small lot size (under ½ an acre), the game board is very small. Due to these constraints, a pressure dosed disposal field and an advanced waste water treatment system was designed. Before discharging into the ground, the system will clean up the effluent the best way possible. By going with this design option, we have been able to significantly increase the distance from the neighbor’s well on adjoining Lot 5. Right now from the existing septic system, the neighbor’s well is 48 feet. With the proposed system, we are 67 feet from the field. Mr. Yannaccone explained there is no way to get the 100 foot setback distance. In addition, there is a reserve area in the plan if this field was ever to have a problem and it is 56 feet away. Unfortunately, due to these constraints, we cannot provide a conformity to the location. Mr. Yannaccone stated that this proposed plan is a substantial improvement based on the existing malfunctioning system. It is important to protect the environment and their neighbor’s well.

Mrs. McKittrick commented that it is her understanding, and she asked for clarification, even though the system is not conforming with regard to Harding Township's code or the State because it represents a significant improvement to basically a non-functioning system by adding an advanced waste water treatment system, this is really the only possible solution. Mrs. McKittrick asked if there were any comments. Dr. Kao commented with the failing system currently has the neighbor's well been tested. Mr. Yanncone responded it has not been tested. Mr. Yanncone commented for the record that the neighbor's well is only 43 feet from his client's septic system. The neighbor's septic is approximately 20 feet from their well. Mr. Yanncone commented if the well was tested, it could be from their neighbor's septic. A discussion ensued.

Karen Pennett, neighbor – commented that her father Mr. Ness has no objection to this waiver request.

Mrs. McKittrick asked for a motion to approve the waiver requested for the proximity to the neighbor's well. Upon a motion made by Dr. Kao, seconded by Dr. Lacz, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the waiver to the proximity of the neighbor's well was granted.

Let the record show that Mr. Yannaccone left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOH MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2020:

Mrs. McKittrick asked if there were any questions with regard to the June 11, 2020 meeting minutes. Upon a motion made by Mr. Boyan, seconded by Mrs. DiTosto, Dr. Kao abstained, and with votes of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes for the June 11, 2020 meeting were accepted.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOH MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2020:

Mrs. McKittrick asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department report for June 2020. Mr. Byrnes commented that several septic systems have been installed during the month of June. There have been many applications coming in. Mrs. Sharp informed the Board of Health that there have been several dog bites that occurred during the month. A review of the dogs not currently registered was conducted and about 100 letters went out to residents of unregistered dogs. A question was asked regarding the circumstance of the dog bites. Mrs. Sharp commented that one was a dog on animal bite, one incident was a dog ran at another dog, and another incident was a dog ran out from the garage and bit a delivery person. Mrs. McKittrick asked for a motion to accept the June 2020 monthly report. Upon a motion made by Dr. Kao, seconded by Dr. Lacz, with votes of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly report for June 2020 was accepted.

ACCEPTANCE OF MORRIS COUNTY MONTHLY REPORTS FOR JUNE 2020:

Mrs. McKittrick asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Report for June 2020.

Miss Brady informed the Board that the Public Health Nurses are still investigating COVID-19 cases and the health educator is working on educational material for COVID-19. Miss Brady commented that Harding's cases to date are 28, which is an increase of four cases from May 2020.

Mr. Allyn, resident – commented that he has seen reporting from the County that bounced up and down from 28 to 29 and in May it bounced from 27 to 28. Mr. Allyn asked if this could be explained. Mrs. McKittrick commented that this has to do with presumed positives where people had symptoms

and went for testing but the test result turned out to be negative, despite having symptoms that could be related to COVID-19. Mr. Allyn asked if there was any indication of mortality or institutional, i.e., where there is a place where more than one test positive that comes from a single location. Mr. Byrnes commented that it is not broken down that far and we do not have that information. Mrs. McKittrick mentioned that the tests are linked to residences and does not believe that the tracking goes back into the places where the infected might work. Mr. Allyn commented regarding the institution on Tiger Lily. Mr. Byrnes responded that the County does not provide that information to the Township. That information would be provided directly to the Police. A discussion ensued.

Mrs. Sharp informed the Board that in speaking with Dr. Perez, Jr., he was informed that the Visiting Nurse Association would not be conducting the flu clinics this year due to COVID-19. Dr. Perez, Jr. will keep the Board posted.

With no further comments a motion was made by Dr. Lacz, seconded by Mrs. DiTosto to accept the June Morris County Monthly report. With a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly report for June 2020 was accepted.

OTHER MATTERS AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

Mr. Chris Allyn, resident – commented that the Lake Board is aware that 15 Lake Trail West is likely to have a septic rebuilt or repaired. Mr. Allyn questioned if the application was submitted and would it render a waiver review. Mrs. Sharp commented that the application for a septic alteration was received today. Mr. Byrnes reported that he has not reviewed the application but will keep Mr. Allyn apprised if any waivers are required.

Mr. Allyn informed the Board of Health that the Boards at the Lake have received a request for access across Lakeshore property to get to that property. Mr. Allyn commented that the Boards at the Lake are very interested that there is representation of the Board for this application if there are any waivers. Mrs. McKittrick asked if the request is a temporary request or permanent request of the Lakeshore Boards. Mr. Allyn commented that he believes the request is temporary for the construction but is not aware of the details.

ADJOURNMENT:

Seeing no further business, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Dr. Kao, seconded by Mrs. DiTosto, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health