

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Lacz, Vice Chair called the November 9, 2023, meeting of the Harding Township Board of Health to order at 7:34 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: Mrs. Chipperson, Mr. DeNave, Mrs. DiTosto, Dr. Lacz, Mrs. McKittrick, and Mrs. Somers

Absent: Dr. Cervone

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

County of Morris Attendance: Miss Shelby Meyers, REHS

BOH Counsel: Mr. Tim Beck, BOH Attorney

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BOH WAIVER – GREG & TAMMY PRYOR, 21 LEE’S HILL ROAD, BLOCK 17, LOT 53

Mrs. Tammy Pryor, 19 Lee’s Hill Road explained she purchased 21 Lee’s Hill Road which is next door for her 83-ailing mother. The house is a ranch on two acres with a failing septic. Mrs. Pryor explained she hired Parker Engineering, who conducted many soil tests but could not receive any positive test. The soil testing hit a lot of shale and clay. Mrs. Pryor commented that she does not know what the future plans are for the home but right now we will be renovating the kitchen and the bathroom and possibly in the future her children may move in. Mrs. Pryor explained we would like to put in a bigger septic so that we can add a bedroom. Parker Engineering has recommended waiting for better weather months to conduct testing when a positive outcome could happen. A waiver is needed now due to the soil tests did not provide any positive tests. The holding tank will be pumped every three weeks. Mr. Byrnes explained it was actually the septic field that failed, not the tanks, which is why they require a replacement system. Mr. Byrnes explained the applicant will require Board approval to utilize the tanks while someone is living in the residence until they can design a replacement system.

Mrs. DiTosto commented if the tanks overflow that could back-up into the house. Mr. Byrnes responded yes that is why the resident will need to pump out every three weeks. Mr. Byrnes explained if the resident wanted to put in a three bedroom now, they could use the system, but

they are looking to do either a 4 or 5 bedroom system. The Engineer was not able to find a spot that could accommodate a larger system.

Mr. DeNave asked if the resident is allowed to start the renovations. Mr. Byrnes reported no due to the system is failing. If the resident is granted a waiver to use the holding tanks then they would be allowed to start their inside renovation. Mr. DeNave asked if there was an expansion. Mr. Byrnes commented that is correct. Mr. DeNave asked if the pit bail tests in the spring of 2024 comes back not favorable, the resident would have to come back to the Health Department. Mr. DeNave asked how long a waiver is granted for. Mr. Byrnes commented that the State allows 6 months. Mr. DeNave asked if 6 months is long enough. Mrs. Pryor commented yes. Mrs. McKittrick asked if the outlets to the tanks blocked now or will they be blocked. Mr. Byrnes responded they will be.

With no further questions, Mrs. DiTosto made a motion to grant the waiver request, seconded by Mr. DeNave and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the waiver request for a six month postpone of the septic replacement was granted.

Let the record show that Mrs. Pryor left the meeting at 7:42 pm.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2023:

Dr. Lacz asked if there were any questions with regard to the October 12, 2023 minutes. With two minor changes, Dr. Lacz asked for a motion to accept the minutes. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, Mr. DeNave abstained, the amended meeting minutes for October 12, 2023 were accepted.

MONTHLY REPORT / FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2023:

Dr. Lacz asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department report for October 2023.

Mrs. Sharp reported that the rabies clinic was held on November 4, 2023 at the New Vernon Volunteer Fire Department in conjunction with Morris Township. The clinic vaccinated a total of 57; 42 dogs and 15 cats.

Mrs. Sharp reported that the influenza clinic was held on October 18, 2023 from 4 pm to 6 pm. There were 29 residents who were vaccinated and 8 who also received the COVID vaccination. Mrs. Sharp reported there was some confusion this year on the clinic date due to it was cancelled at the last minute and then rescheduled for a later date.

Mr. DeNave provided an update on the Municipal Building water. A consultant has been hired and the system was shocked. This will continue to be monitored.

Dr. Lacz asked for a motion to accept the October 2023 monthly Health Department report. Upon a motion made by Mrs. DiTosto, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly report for October 2023 was accepted.

**COUNTY OF MORRIS MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP
OF HARDING – OCTOBER 2023:**

Dr. Lacz asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Reports for October 2023.

Miss Meyers reported that the food handlers' class was held on October 3, 2023 and was well represented. The am class was English and the pm class was in Spanish. Miss Meyers and Miss Freer attended an FDA funding event in Arlington, Virginia. There were health departments represented from all over the country. On October 28, 2023, the Lead Screening was conducted. The screening looked at spices, household items to see if their was lead in any of them.

Mrs. McKittrick asked for an update on Café Saporì. Mr. Byrnes reported that they have passed their full water test. Miss Meyers reported that they continue to send their weekly water usage. Mr. Byrnes and I will continue to review the water usage.

With no further comments, a motion was made to accept the October 2023 Monthly County of Morris report by Mrs. DiTosto, seconded by Mr. DeNave, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the monthly Morris County report for October 2023 was accepted.

**OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD AND HEARING
PERSONS PRESENT:**

No hearing persons were present.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments or discussions, Dr. Lacz asked for a motion to adjourn.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. DiTosto, seconded by Mr. DeNave, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health