

**TOWNSHIP OF HARDING
BOARD OF HEALTH
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

Meeting Minutes

Dr. Cervone, Chair called the September 12, 2024 meeting of the Township of Harding Board of Health to order at 7:304 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. Chambers, Mr. DeNave, Mrs. McKittrick, Mrs. Somers, Dr. Cervone

ABSENT: Mrs. Chipperson and Dr. Lacz

BOH Attorney: Joseph Sordillo, Esq.

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

County of Morris Attendance: Miss Shelby Meyers, Assistant Health Officer and Alyssa Bryant, REHS

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BOH WAIVER REQUEST: GREG/TAMMY PRYOR, 21 LEE'S HILL ROAD, B 35, L 17:

Mr. Sordillo, BOH Attorney conducted the swearing in of Mr. Steve Parker of Parker Engineering for the applicant Mr. & Mrs. Pryor. Mr. Parker explained that the septic system is not functioning. The Pryor's purchased 21 Lee's Hill Road two years ago with intent to fix the septic. Permeability testing was conducted in the front and back of the house with no acceptable soils in either location. The septic system is an advanced coco filter system with two separate tanks. The field will be increased by thirty percent. The applicant is not expanding the number of bedrooms and meets all setbacks. A basin flood test and pit bailing test were conducted but neither test worked. Mr. Parker explained that the applicant is currently pumping the system every three to five weeks. The system has been designed on the best location possible and this Board is allowed to approve as the soil tests were found not to be good.

Mr. DeNave commented that the applicant is pumping on a regular basis what happens if the new system fails. Mr. Parker responded that there is an advanced treatment tank if the system fails and there is an alarm in the home. Mr. DeNave commented that the worst case would be if the system fails, the applicant will continue to pump the system. Mr. Parker mentioned that the system has been oversized, it is bigger than what is there now. Dr. Cervone asked if this area is a flood prone area. Mr. Parker responded no. Mrs. Somers asked if there are other systems nearby. Mr. Parker responded the neighboring systems are greater than 50 feet away. The applicant meets all setbacks for septic and well. A discussion ensued pertaining to the expansion of the system. It was recommended that the Board add a condition to the approval regarding no expansion to the system will be allowed and that the deed be amended to include this condition.

Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to approve the waiver request with the condition regarding no expansion to the system. Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mr. DeNave, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the waiver request for Mr. and Mrs. Pryor, 21 Lee's Hill Road, along with the condition that no expansion to the system was accepted.

MINUTES FROM JULY 11, 2024 BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions with regard to the July 11, 2024 minutes. Upon a motion made by Mr. DeNave, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the minutes for the July 11, 2024, meeting minutes were accepted.

MONTHLY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR JULY & AUGUST 2024:

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions regarding the monthly Health Department reports for July and August 2024.

Mrs. McKittrick questioned the number of dog bites in the August monthly report. Mrs. Sharp will make the change from one to zero.

Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to accept the July and August 2024 monthly Health Department reports. Upon a motion made by Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Mr. DeNave, and a vote of all ayes, none opposed, the monthly Health Department reports for July and August were accepted.

COUNTY OF MORRIS MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING – JULY & AUGUST 2024

Dr. Cervone asked if there were any comments or questions with regard to the Morris County Monthly Reports for July and August 2024.

Miss Myers reported that she attended the National Environmental Education Conference in July which focused on retail food programs, emergency preparedness, etc. This was an informative conference where changes can be made with regards to the retail food programs.

Miss Myers reported that the flu clinic is scheduled for October 22, 2024 from 4 pm to 6 pm here at the Municipal Building. Miss Myers reported that Morris County is conducting a lead test on October 19, 2024, where residents can test their spices, plates, mugs, etc. Dr. Cervone thanked Miss Myers for having information on Pertussis in the monthly packet as there is currently an outbreak in New Jersey. Dr. Cervone asked a question pertaining to shellfish outbreaks in Morris County. Miss Myers was not aware of any but would look into this.

With no further comments, a motion was made to accept the July and August 2024 Monthly County of Morris reports by Mrs. Somers, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick and with a vote of all ayes, none opposed the monthly Morris County reports for July and August were accepted.

BOH ORDINANCE #01-2024 – AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 – INTRODUCTION

Dr. Cervone, Chair read BOH Ordinance #01-2024 by title; “AN ORDINANCE FIXING SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025”.

WHEREAS, Ordinance BOH #01-2024 was introduced and read by title at this Board of Health Meeting held on September 12, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED, that at the Board of Health meeting to be held on October 10, 2024 at 7:30 pm at the Kirby Municipal Building, the Board of Health will further consider this ordinance for a second reading, public hearing, and final passage, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Health Secretary is hereby requested to publish the property notice thereof, including this ordinance, post the ordinance, and make copies available to members of the general public.

Mrs. Sharp mentioned that the Board of Health has not amended their salary ordinance since 2016. Dr. Cervone asked for a motion to approve the introduction of BOH Ordinance #01-2024. Upon a motion made by Board of Health Member Mrs. McKittrick, seconded by Board of Health Member Mr. DeNave, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the BOH Ordinance #01-2024 was introduced. Mrs. Sharp commented that she will advertise the introduction of the ordinance in the Observer Tribune.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2025 HEALTH DEPARTMENT EXPENSE BUDGET:

Mrs. Sharp commented that there is a slight increase to the budget due to the increase in the Public Health Shared Service Contract and the Animal Control Solution Contract. Dr. Cervone asked if there were any questions or comments with the proposed 2025 Health Department Expense Budget. With no comments, a motion was made by Mr. DeNave, seconded by Mrs. McKittrick, and with a roll call vote of all ayes, none opposed, the 2025 Health Department Expense Budget was accepted.

OTHER MATTERS AND HEARING PERSONS PRESENT:

Mrs. Somers informed the Board that on October 18, 2024, there will be the 6th Annual New Jersey Northwest Rivers Conference at the Lackland Center of Centenary University in Hackettstown. Mrs. Somers had asked Dr. Cervone to speak but his schedule did not allow. The theme of the conference is water, and this will commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, and the Highlands Conservation Act. The conference celebrates water and the lands and forests upon which its quality depends. Mrs. Somers will send the registration information to Lisa Sharp who will pass it on to everyone.

There were no other matters, and no hearing persons present.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was duly made by Mr. DeNave, seconded by Mrs. Somers, and with a vote of all ayes, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa A. Sharp
Secretary, Board of Health