

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mike Schmidt called the Board of Health Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following present: Thomas McKee, Marc Laul, Mike Schmidt, Beverly Koehler, Abe Abuchowski and Karen Sandorse, Secretary (via telecom). Absent: Erica Brandmaier

NOMINATION OF THE 2021 BOARD OF HEALTH CHAIRMAN

Motion by Mayor Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Board appointed Mr. Abuchowski as Chairman of the Lebanon Township Board of Health for the 2021 year.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by favorable roll call vote, the Board approved the Dec 2, 2020 meeting minutes. AYES: Laul, McKee, Schmidt, Koehler, ABSTAIN: Abuchowski

PUBLIC COMMENTS – For Agenda Items Only

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Board opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion by Mr. Laul, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Board closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

RESOLUTION

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Board approved Resolution No. 01-2021.

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
BOARD OF HEALTH
RESOLUTION NO. 01-2021
ANNUAL NOTICE SCHEDULE**

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act (Ch 231, P.L. 1975) provides for the giving of annual notice by public bodies of the time, date and location of the regular meetings of such public body to be held during the succeeding year, and

WHEREAS the Open Public Meetings Act (Ch 231, P.L. 1975) hereinafter referred to as the Act, authorizes a public body to make certain other determinations and take certain other actions in conformance therewith:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Health of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Regular meetings of this Board shall be held during the 2021 calendar year at 6:30 p.m. at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building, 530 West Hill Road, Glen Gardner, (Lebanon Township) New Jersey, on the first Wednesday of each month, as needed.
2. If a state of emergency and public health emergency declared by Gov. Phil Murphy continues to exist, and in an effort to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, Lebanon Township Board of Health meetings will be conducted through a telecom system for public participation until further notice. Telecom information can be obtained from the Board Secretary and will be stated on each meeting agenda.
3. The following newspapers are hereby designated as the newspapers to receive any and all notice required or permitted to be given under the Act including but not limited to this Annual Notice and 48 hour notices:
 - a. The Hunterdon Review which is the official newspaper of this public body and
 - b. The Hunterdon County Democrat, Express Times, Courier News, which are hereby determined to be the other newspapers which have the greatest likelihood of informing the public within the area of jurisdiction of this Township of its meetings.

Copies of the Resolution and any revisions or modifications thereof, certified to be true copies by the Board Secretary of this municipality, be disseminated and distributed as required by the Act as follows:

- a. Posted and maintained throughout the 2021 calendar year on the bulletin board at the Lebanon Township Municipal Building;
- b. Faxed or emailed to the newspapers designated in paragraph 2 of this Resolution;
- c. Filed with the Clerk of this Municipality, and
- d. Mailed, faxed or emailed to such other persons as may be entitled thereto under the terms of the Act and this Resolution.

The Board Secretary of the Municipality is hereby authorized and directed to mail such notice as may be required and authorized to any person requesting the same providing that person has first complied with the following terms and conditions:

- a. Any and all requests for notice shall be made in writing either by letter or by signing a Request List to be maintained in the Board of Health office, and
- b. Any person requesting such notice, other than the news media which expressly excluded from payment of any fee hereunder, shall pay to the Township of Lebanon a fee in the amount of which is calculated solely to reimburse this Township for the costs incurred in providing the said notice; including, but not limited to photocopying costs and postage.

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Septic System Waiver Request
Municipality: Lebanon Township
Block: 35 Lot: 70
Location: 45 Red Mill Road

Engineer Steve Parker and Mr. Bob Vaccarella of the Hunterdon County Health Department present via telecom.

Mr. Parker stated that this application is for a new septic system due to a malfunctioning system. The property is for sale and during the inspection it was determined that the system is unsatisfactory. Mr. Parker stated that they are proposing to install a new system in a different location on the property. The property has a single family 4-bedroom home with no expansion proposed. Mr. Parker said that although the property is large, a vast majority of the rear has ponds, streams or wetlands. The left side of the property is also wetlands. These areas had to be taken from consideration. Therefore, the only available location for the system is as close to the road as possible. The location was tested with good soil test results. Mr. Parker stated that the only issue is that the system will be located less than 100 ft. from well. The proposal is to place the disposal field 76 ft. from the well. Mr. Parker said that the proposed system includes an Advanced Treatment Unit so the affluent will receive a much higher level of treatment. An Ultra Violet Light has already been installed on the well.

Ms. Koehler asked if there is a well record stating the amount of casing on the well. Mr. Vaccarella said that the house is so old, there is no well record. Mr. Parker said that it is assumed that there is only 20 ft. of casing on the well, which was required at the time the home was built. Mr. Parker said that the thought was to treat with water with a UV Light to be on the safe side. Mr. Vaccarella said that with the Advanced Treatment System there is another level of protection. Mr. Vaccarella noted that there will be a water test conducted after the alteration to be sure that the UV Light is working. It will also be required that the documentation and specs be provided to the HCHD. Mr. Parker will submit receipts and photos of the of the UV Light, also. Mr. Vaccarella noted that there will be a deed notice for the Advanced Treatment System which will include the UV Light notice for the well. Mr. Abuchowski asked if there is a warning if the UV Light is not working. Mr. Vaccarella said that there is an indicator. There are no permits required from the State relative to the wetland areas.

Motion by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. McKee and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Board approved the Septic System Waiver, as outlined in the HCHD January 7, 2021 correspondence, contingent upon a passing water and coliform test and a deed notice informing future owners of the Advanced Treatment System and the UV Light requirements.

Board Vacancy

Mayor Schmidt said that he spoke with the Township Attorney and the Board is required to have a physician as a member to the extent possible. Ms. Koehler said that she believes that the statute requires a physician or another medical professional.

Motion by Mayor Schmidt, seconded by Ms. Koehler and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, the Board authorized a notice to be placed on the webpage stating that there is a statutory opening on the Township Board of Health for a physician or medical professional.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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ADJOURN

Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Ms. Koehler, seconded by Mr. Laul and carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen J. Sandorse,
Board Secretary

Approved: June 2, 2021

Abe Abuchowski, Chairman

