

**TOWNSHIP OF LEBANON
BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES**

April 3, 2024

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jay Wojcik, Chairman, called the Board of Health Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that in compliance with the “Open Public Meeting Act” this is a Regular Meeting of the Township of Lebanon Board of Health as published in the Hunterdon Review, the agenda has been posted at the Municipal Building and as a courtesy posted on the Township website. Official action will be taken at this meeting.

FLAG SALUTE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Jay Wojcik asked everyone to please stand for the Flag Salute and for a moment of silence in honor of Front-Line Workers, First Responders and Members of the Military.

ROLL CALL

The following officials were present:

Mr. Abe Abuchowski
Mr. Jay Wojcik
Ms. Beverly Koehler
Mr. Brian Wunder
Mr. Tom McKee

Also present were:

Mr. Mark Roselli, Esq., Township Attorney
Ms.Carolynn Budd, Board of Health Secretary
4 Members of the Public

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

3/6/2024 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to approve the 3/6/2024 Re-Organization Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve: Mr. Abuchowski
Second: Ms. Koehler
Ayes: Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Ms. Koehler, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only

Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to open Public Comment.

Motion to Open: Mr. Wojcik
Second: Mr. Wunder
Ayes: Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Ms. Koehler, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee

Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak, Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to close Public Comment for agenda items only.

Motion to Close: Mr. Wunder
Second: Mr. Abuchowski
Ayes: Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Ms. Koehler, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee

NEW BUSINESS

Septic System Alteration Waiver Request
Municipality: Lebanon Township
Block 69, Lot 23.01
Location: 116 Musconetcong River Road

The following waivers will need to be acted on by the Board:

1. The existing well located on Lot 22 is not the minimum 100 feet to the proposed disposal field. The existing well is shown 86.4 feet from the proposed disposal field. The distance may be decreased by the administrative authority to a minimum of 50 feet only when the well is provided a water-tight casing to a depth of 50 feet or more. An existing well record on file with Hunterdon County Department of Health for Lot 22 indicates this well has more than 50 feet of casing.
2. The proposed disposal bed for this design shall have a minimum of 669.2 square foot area. Due to site constraints the proposed disposal bed will have less than this square foot area. The proposed disposal bed is shown with 432 square feet.
3. The proposed disposal bed will have more than the required 18 inches of fill above the field. The proposed disposal bed is shown with 37 inches of fill above the field.
4. The proposed disposal bed is less than 50 feet to the drainage pipe and inlet. The Engineer has proposed to install a PVC liner on the north and east side of the excavation closest to the drainage inlets.

Mr. Wayne Ingram, P.E. of French & Parrello Associates provided details on the system and requested waivers.

Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to approve the waivers noting this is an alteration that does not comply fully with state and local requirements and the granting of waivers and approvals, holds the Lebanon Township Board of Health and Hunterdon County Health Department harmless and assumes no responsibility for the functioning of the system. Additional approval request to place a statement in the deed that the disposal system cannot be expanded in the future and the house can only be kept as a three-bedroom dwelling.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Koehler
Second: Mr. Wunder
Ayes: Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Ms. Koehler, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee

Septic System Alteration Waiver Request

Municipality: Lebanon Township

Block 40, Lot 32

Location: 9 Spring Mountain Road

The following waiver requests that will need to be acted by the Board:

1. The existing well is not the minimum 100 feet to the proposed disposal field. The existing well is shown 64 feet from the proposed disposal field. The distance may be decreased by the administrative authority to a minimum of 50 feet only when the well is provided a water-tight casing to a depth of 50 feet or more. Hunterdon County Department of Health has no information on this existing well. The Department would recommend a report from a well driller to determine how much casing is in the well. The Engineer is also proposing an ultraviolet device be installed on the well to address this issue. Hunterdon County Department of Health would require a passing coliform test from a NJ certified laboratory after the ultraviolet light has been installed.

Ms. Robin Sellitto of Careaga Engineering, Inc. provided details on the system and waiver requested.

Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to approve the waiver noting the system is not in full conformance with the code and the Lebanon Township Board of Health, Hunterdon County Health Department and design Engineer shall be held harmless from the applicant for the functioning of the system and future operation.

Motion to Approve: Mr. Wunder
Second: Mr. Abuchowski
Ayes: Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Ms. Koehler, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WAIVER APPROVED 12/6/2023

Installation of Septic System in Township R.O.W.

Block 27, Lot 5

Location: 3 High View Street

Mr. Kurt Hoffman, P.E. of Kurt Hoffman Engineering and Mr. Ron Milkowski, Excavator, spoke to the Board regarding the installation of the septic system at 3 High View Street and how the system encroaches in the Township Right of Way. Mr. Mark Roselli questioned Mr. Milkowski asking for an explanation of how the system ended up crossing into the ROW. Mr. Milkowski explained he encountered large boulders when excavating and needed to move the system accordingly, not realizing he was in the ROW. The Board discussed with Mr. Roselli options on how to handle the issue. Mr. Roselli, Esq. advised an Ordinance could be done to vacate the property within the ROW, taking responsibility away from the Township. After reviewing this option with Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Milkowski and outlining the cost implications the option of moving the system to be within the property lines was discussed. Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Milkowski agreed to move the system to be within the property line. Mr. Wunder recommended a plastic liner be installed on the street side of the system as added protection. The Board requested a new/updated "As Built Plan" be provided once the system is moved. A waiver was granted to allow the system to be moved within the property line. Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to allow a waiver to move the system of not less than one (1) foot from the property line and installation of a plastic liner.

Motion to Approve: Ms. Koehler
Second: Mr. Wojcik
Ayes: Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Ms. Koehler, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to conduct, Mr. Wojcik asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Wunder
Second: Mr. Abuchowski
Ayes: Mr. Abuchowski, Mr. Wojcik, Ms. Koehler, Mr. Wunder, Mr. McKee

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carolynn Budd, RMC
Board of Health Secretary

Jay Wojcik
Board of Health Chair

Date Approved