

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH**

**May 17, 2023 7:00 p.m.**

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

**A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**B. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL:**

Jodi Bettermann	Absent	Theresa Brown Biondo	Present	John Kalinich	Present
Karen Mittleman	Present	David Olsen	Present	Chair Colburn	Present

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of 3/15/2023**

A motion was made by Ms. Mittleman and seconded by Mr. Olsen for approval of the minutes as amended. On roll call, the following was recorded:

Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye
David Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye		

**D. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. HCHD COVID 19 Reporting
2. HCHD Influenza Reporting
3. N.J. Vector-borne Disease Surveillance
4. NJDEP Site Remediation - 291 Route 22 - B. 20 Lot 6
5. Increase in Invasive Group A Strep Infections in New Jersey
6. Reminder: Animal Cruelty Investigator (ACI) Title No Longer Exists in New Jersey
7. National Adult Hepatitis B Vaccination Awareness Day
8. NJ Adopt A Shelter Pet Events: April 28th-April 30th
9. NJDEP applications for Block 36, Lots 5, 5.02, 5.04
10. JCPL Appl for GP 21 - various locations
11. NJDEP LOI - B. 38 Lots 27 and 28 - Minalex Corp
12. HCHD - 2023 Pool Season
13. Laboratory requirements for reporting results of COVID-19 tests to NJDOH
14. PSEG - Culvert Extension - B. 97 Lot 5 - 648 Old York Rd
15. N.J.A.C. 8:57: Communicable Diseases - Request for Stakeholder Input

*A comment was made regarding item #4 and that the letter did not specify what was being remediated.*

**E. APPROVALS**

**Alteration/No Expansion:**

*Time heard 7:05 p.m.*

**1. Block 57/Lot 11.41 – Hoffman Engineering – 4 Little Brook Road**

Escrow fees paid 4/26/2023, Ck# 122, \$750.00.

Mr. Kurt Hoffman, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. The applicant received the property through an inheritance and is preparing the home for sale. An inspection found ponding with the existing system. The shallow basin flood necessitates the need for a mound.

The board asked Mr. Hoffman:

1. Because all six (6) soil logs had early mottling, was basin flood testing performed in all of them?
2. How many trees must be removed?
3. Because the mound is quite high, can a 5:1 slope be used instead of a 3:1 slope?

Mr. Hoffman responded:

1. An explanation of how a small test with 5 gallons of water is done first to determine which soil log to use for the full basin flood test.
2. Not too many due to the location selected for the proposed system.
3. Would prefer not to do this; many more trees would have to be removed and it could potentially cause it to be too close to the property line.

Chair Colburn asked if there were any additional questions or discussion; there was no response.

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Olsen for approval as follows:

**Block / Lot:** 57/11.41  
**Street Location:** 4 Little Brook Road  
**Number Bedrooms:** 3  
**Map Title:** Septic Design, Block 57 Lot 11.41, Readington Township, Hunterdon County, NJ  
**Number Sheets:** 1-6  
**Map Date(s):** 3/28/2023; Revised April 14, 2023  
**Prepared By:** Kurt Hoffman Engineering  
**Survey:** Location/Topographic Survey prepared by David M Newton NJPLS dated 3/21/2023  
**Reports:** Hunterdon County Department of Health dated 4/20/2023; Wetland Investigation Letter prepared by Jeff Tareila dated 3/16/2023  
**Proposed System:** Alteration with no expansion, gravity-dosed, mounded, soil replacement system that will use a new 1,300-gallon, two-compartment septic tank with a 6-inch effluent filter, and a 1,000-gallon pump tank. The disposal field is 819-sf.  
**Soil Testing:** Done 2/16/2023, Soil log 4 at 84", with mottling at 36-84" and no seepage. Soil log 5 at 80", with mottling at 24-80" and no seepage. Permeability testing was done via basin flood in soil log 4 on 2/16/2023 at a depth of 36" and resulted in passing result.

There were no freshwater wetlands or state open waters within 100' of the proposed system as noted by Tareila's letter and in the design.

The system will incorporate a pump which will require a deed restriction to be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk's office and a copy returned to the BOH secretary within 90 days after installation. The engineer has informed the property owner of the maintenance requirements of the pump and effluent filter. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction information to Mr. Hoffman so that he can provide the deed restriction information to the applicant.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Mittleman. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye
David Olsen	Aye	Chair Colburn	Aye		

**F. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION**  
**None**

## **G. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Ordinance Change: Separation Distance for Septic Tank/Pump Pits**

The township attorney provided a document with the proposed change. The members reviewed and found no changes needed to be made. The secretary will get the proposed change advertised and this will be placed on the June 2023 agenda for First Reading.

### **2. Revisit topic selected at April meeting for publication**

In the April meeting, the members selected NJ Register Ready as a topic to publicize for the quarterly topic. The secretary asked the members to revisit the topic due to two (2) other programs that are being promoted by the Township – Blue Angel and File of Life. The members discussed all options available. Ms. Mittleman and Ms. Brown Biondo will work together to create a write-up for publication that includes all programs as well as including Nixle (via Readington Police) as communication vehicles for health and safety of community residents.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Prepare Items for HCHD Demarco Visit**

Karen Demarco, Hunterdon County Health Official, is scheduled to be a guest speaker at the June 2023 Board of Health meeting. The members were asked to provide the secretary with any topics they would like to see Ms. DeMarco address during her visit.

### **2. HCHD Reporting – Spreadsheet vs. Reports from HCHD**

The members were provided with copies of the sample reports from the Hunterdon County Health Department (HCHD) showing information concerning new septic systems, alterations, and repairs that HCHD permits, inspects and approves. The secretary entered the information from the reports into a spreadsheet as the county reports provided were hard to read. The members discussed the data contained in the reports and indicated they would like to see more information on the type of repairs performed. It was also determined that it would be best to get the data from the County once the change/repair is completed.

## **I. COMMENTS**

Chair Colburn stated he was trying to get a picture of a septic system actually getting pumped to be used in a blurb/publication to remind homeowners to regularly pump their septic systems – maybe reference Spring Cleaning in the write-up.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Ms. Mittleman to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kalinich, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Radziewicz