

READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH

September 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:03 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	Present	Theresa Brown Biondo	Present	John Kalinich	Present
Karen Mittleman	Present	David Olsen	Present	Chair Colburn	Present

Also in attendance: Board of Health Engineer - Ferriero Engineering, Inc. – Joe Kosinski

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of 8/16/2023

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:

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

D. CORRESPONDENCE

1. HCHD COVID 19 Reporting
2. New Jersey DOH vector-borne surveillance report
3. 2023-2024 Back to School Immunization Reminder
4. Canine Cases of Extensively-Drug-Resistant Pseudomonas Aeruginosa Linked to Artificial Tears
5. CDC COCA Call 8/17/23: Measles Clinical Presentation, Diagnosis, and Prevention
6. Urinary Antigen Testing may miss cases of Legionnaires’ disease
7. Fall 2023 Basic Course for Principles of Infection Prevention and Control
8. Increase of International Healthcare and Travel-Associated New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase (NDM)
9. Public Health Advisory: Tianeptine
10. Important Updates on Locally Acquired Malaria Cases in FL, TX, MD
11. New Jersey College & University Flu Challenge
12. Updated COVID-19 K-12, Childcare and Youth Camp Guidance
13. Severe Vibrio vulnificus Infections in the US associated with Warming Coastal Waters
14. Emerging Tickborne Disease: Hard Tick Relapsing Fever
15. CDC Health Advisory: Increased Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Activity
16. Register Now for the 2023 New Jersey Immunization Updates and Guidance Webinar
17. Updated Immunization Standards Guide and Job Aids
18. SIC Module Reporting K-12 Schools

There was no discussion on any of the correspondence items above. An email received from the Hunterdon County Health Department (HCHD) regarding the change requiring a TWA for ejector pumps was provided to the Board members. Joe Kosinski briefly discussed the changes.

E. APPROVALS

Alteration/No Expansion:

None

F. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION

Time heard 7:09 p.m.

1. Block 15/Lot 23 – Erica Busch – 3480 Route 22

Escrow fees paid 8/19/2023, Ck# 6744, \$750.00.

Ms. Erica Busch, NJ licensed engineer, appeared before the board. The proposed septic design is for a 196-seat assembly building for church services. There will be no food preparation or consumption as part of any services. Ms. Busch stated the soil was surprisingly good and that groundwater testing showed no evidence of high water.

The board asked Ms. Busch:

1. How would you describe the field design?
2. With regard to the existing well – was it functional?
3. What does CL refer to on the diagram?
4. Survey shows a large area of bamboo which should be removed as it is an invasive species.
5. What is the burial area noted on the plan?
6. Does the existing well have to be capped?
7. What is a hanging zone of saturation?

Ms. Busch responded:

1. Fill enclosed; only 30 feet from reserve as part of the ordinance.
2. It was located in the proposed parking area; a new well will be installed.
3. CL is Connecting Line.
4. The area really isn't that large. Ms. Mittleman stated that part of the Board of Adjustment approval is to manage the bamboo located on the site.
5. When removing an existing septic tank, if it is removed from the ground, it must be buried on-site.
6. It will be appropriately decommissioned.
7. A definition of this condition was provided.

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:	15/23
Street Location:	3480 Route 22
Number Bedrooms:	N/A – Religious Facility
Map Title:	Septic System Design, Block 15 Lot 23, Township of Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey
Number Sheets:	1-4
Map Date(s):	8/4/2023; revised 8/23/2023
Prepared By:	Erica Busch, P. E
Survey:	Boundary and Topographic Survey prepared by James W. Ryckman, NJLS dated 11/02/2021 with multiple revision; the last revision dated 12/27/2022
Reports:	Ferriero Engineering Review Letter dated 8/28/2023; Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation (LOI) prepared by the NJDEP dated 10/18/2022
Proposed System:	New construction, gravity-dosed, fill-enclosed, soil replacement system that will use a heavy duty 1,000-gallon, two-compartment septic tank, with a Polylok 525 effluent filter and a 1,000-gallon pump tank. The disposal field measures 966-sf.
Primary Soil Testing:	Done 2/23/2023, Soil log 1 at 130", with no mottling and no seepage. Soil log 2 at 122", with mottling at 27-67" and seepage at 36-48". Permeability testing was done via SPRC test in soil log 2 on 2/23/2023 and resulted in passing results – K1-K4.

Groundwater monitoring was conducted in soil log 2 from 2/27/23 to 4/28/23 via a standpipe installed in the log. The highest groundwater observed during the monitoring period was recorded at a depth of 97.8” on 3/16/23.

Reserve Soil Testing: Done 2/23/2023, Soil log 3 at 132”, with mottling at 28-48” and seepage at 28-48”. Soil log 4 at 132”, with mottling at 29-39” and seepage at 29-84”. Permeability testing was done via SPRC test in soil log 3 on 2/23/2023 and resulted in passing results – K2. Groundwater monitoring was conducted in soil log 3 from 2/27/23 to 4/28/23 via a standpipe installed in the log. No groundwater was recorded during the monitoring period.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kalinich. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

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

G. OLD BUSINESS

Chair Colburn stated that the correction required from the August 2023 meeting has been received.

H. NEW BUSINESS

A replacement for the Board of Health secretary has been found and she will be starting on Monday, September 25, 2023.

I. COMMUNICATION PLAN UPDATE

A discussion of what topic to publicize for the end of September into October ensued. It was suggested that a reminder of vaccinations would be a good topic. A member of the communication sub-committee will write up what will be distributed via available communication channels.

Ms. Brown-Biondo provided information regarding mental health resources for college students. Members agreed that this would also be a good topic to distribute and will provide the secretary with a write-up for distribution.

J. COMMENTS

Mr. Kosinski announced that Ferriero Engineering has merged with a new company and that all indications are that they will not look to renew their contract with the Board of Health once the current contract ends on December 31, 2023.

K. ADJOURNMENT

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. Kalinich to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m., seconded by Ms. Mittleman, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Radziewicz