

# HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

## HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

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Monday, May 14, 2012

6:30 p.m.

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The May meeting of the Hopewell Township Board of Health was held in the Municipal Building on the above-mentioned date.

Present: Mr. Burd, Ms. Sandom, Ms. Johnson  
Mr. Guarino, Health Officer  
Mr. Robert English, Inspector

Absent: Mayor Markulec and Mr. Cannon

The regular meeting of the Township Board of Health was called to order by Board of Health Chairman, Kim Johnson, at 6:30 in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Notice of this meeting has been posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News and Trenton Times (the official newspapers) on January 5, 2012 P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The first order of business was review and approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2012 Board of Health Meeting. Mr. Burd moved to approve, Ms. Sandom seconded.

Mr. Guarino requested Board members review and approve the Emergency Management Agreement between the Hopewell Valley Regional School District and Hopewell Township Health Department for years 2012-13 and 2013-2014. Mr. Burd moved to approve the agreement, Ms. Sandom seconded.

Mr. Guarino and Mr. English updated the Board on the Health Home Health Family program scheduled for Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2 pm. Mr. English advised the Public Works Garage will be set up as an Expo Hall and vendors representing generator safety, water treatment, septic systems, mosquito control and emergency preparedness will be available to address concerns. A blood mobile will be on site and door prizes will be raffled off.

Mr. Guarino reported on the following septic system applications:

Block 99.04 Lot 8 – Corner lot Maddock Road and Forrest Central Drive. A representative from South Jersey Engineering reported the applicant requests a waiver due to the size of the irregular shape of the corner lot. Mr. Guarino recommends the application be approved and forwarded to the Zoning Board. Mr. Guarino noted the lot has very few issues and meets most requirements. The property percs fairly well, everything fits and the property can accommodate an in-ground septic system. Mr. Burd moved to approve the applicant's request. Ms. Sandom seconded.

Block 69 Lot 53 – 107 Corrine Drive. This application was previously reviewed in 2011 and rejected for verification of wetlands & water quality issues and nitrate levels.

Mr. Guarino noted the lot is less than two acres and will require a waiver from the Zoning Board

as it is undersized, and the lot has drainage and water pressure issues. The property requires a special permit from DEP surrounding wetlands. The application has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Advisory Board of Health on two separate occasions.

Engineer for the applicant, Mr. Wayne Ingram and Mr. Walter Wilson, Esq., attorney for the applicant, presented a detailed report regarding the proposed septic design which would be an advanced mounded peat system in an effort to limit any impact on the surrounding properties. Mr. Ingram reported on testing of nitrate levels, noting the use of alternative technology would limit nitrates. Board members referred to Mr. Guarino requesting his recommendations regarding the above-mentioned property.

Mr. Guarino recommended the following conditions be met prior to approval:

- Well must be compliant with extra casing of 100 feet.
- Well will be put in and tested prior to issuance of building permits
- All DEP approvals must be met
- Setbacks will be over 100 feet from any wells
- Septic system will be restricted to a four bedroom house
- Mr. Pogorzelski, Twp. Engineer, will be doing grading

Mr. Burd moved to approve applicants request with conditions met, Ms. Sandom seconded.

Mr. Guarino presented an update on the Greater Mercer County Public Health Partnership. 2012 County Health Ranking Reports – Mr. Guarino reported on the process of gathering data for the needs assessment. ETS will host an event on July 18 at which time the data will be released. The goal is to complete the report by December 2012, as the hospital is obligated to be prepared for IRS reporting for the 2013 tax year.

Amendments adoption to N.J.A.C. 7:9a Individual Subsurface Sewage disposal system April 2, 2012 and list of the updates and highlights for review and discussion. Mr. Guarino reported there are no changes to our current policies

Red Cross Shelter reception training June 12, 2012 will be held at the Union Fire House in Titusville, NJ. Training and protocol for evacuation will be discussed.

Mr. Guarino reported on the State Audit of the health department April 26, 2012 noting audit was satisfactory. Auditors suggested improvement in the areas of cultural compensation.

Other items:

Flu update and state report for week ending 5-2-2012 – Mr. Guarino notes this past year has been a very mild flu season.

Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play, June 7-9, 2012 will link with the Safe Home, Safe Family Expo scheduled for June 9, from 10am-2pm.

Mr. Guarino reviewed the Animal Shelter Report for 2011 noting all three towns are included in the report.

There being no further business, Ms. Sandom moved to adjourn. Mr. Burd seconded.

Adjournment 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Prassas