

MINUTES

PRESENT: J. Burke
M. DeSapio
S. DeSapio
T. Kratzer
R. Phillips

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by M. DeSapio at 8:03 PM.

NOTIFICATION

In order to ensure full public participation at this meeting, all members of this Board, and members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Notification of the time, date and place of this meeting has been published in the Delaware Valley News and Express Times and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, and has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building at least 48 hours prior to this meeting and has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NEW AND PENDING MATTERS

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by T. Kratzer and carried to approve the minutes of February 5, 2007. All members voted **AYE**.

Approval of Meeting Dates:

May 23, 2007	September 19, 2007
June 20, 2007	October 17, 2007
July 18, 2007	November 21, 2007
August 15, 2007	December 19, 2007

It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by J. Burke and carried to approve the above meeting dates for the remainder of 2007 for the Board of Health. All members present voted **AYE**.

Well Ordinance

T. Kratzer stated the proposed well ordinance provides the Township with a more comprehensive ordinance because it looks at the different aspects of hydrology and not just the testing. The ordinance takes into account other factors, such as drought conditions, number of wells within 2500' and the number of observation wells. It

looks at incorporating a well monitoring technique for water quality when you get into the larger water withdrawals and includes additional septic systems.

M. DeSapio inquired as to the solution to page 5, Section 3 pertaining to the failure to wells. T. Kratzer responded there are several alternatives before you arrive at determining failure. You could redesign your lot layout or deepen the well. The failure of a well would be determined by the hydro geologist.

M. DeSapio inquired the meaning of the term “unacceptable” in the ordinance. T. Kratzer responded it provides them with a heads up. The owner can drill additional wells to get the required yield. There is no limit to the number of additional wells an owner can drill on their property as long as there is adequate spacing.

M. DeSapio inquired in Section “b” there is a requirement the applicant has to identify all pre-existing wells. How would the applicant obtain the information? J. Burke suggested the wording “all identifiable pre-existing wells and existing subsurface disposal areas”.

S. DeSapio is not familiar with the type of existing records and stated as long as the applicant does a diligent search, the requirements of the ordinance should be satisfied with those results.

M. DeSapio inquired how long it takes to recharge the aquifer with precipitation. T. Kratzer responded in the summer time and in the winter time, with the frozen soils, it may not recharge. T. Kratzer stated if there are fractures nearby, precipitation can make a difference in the results. A .5” of precipitation can cause a recharge or might change the drawdown of a well.

M. DeSapio inquired about page 9, Section “7” regarding the time frame of June through September for the testing. T. Kratzer responded there can be seasonal variations of the water level. T. Kratzer commented sufficient data is not available to convert a result in January to reflect conditions in July or August. J. Burke stated the applicant could apply for a waiver. T. Kratzer stated there are some municipalities who limit the time frame of drilling a well from July to September.

T. Kratzer stated the ordinance is going to be a joint ordinance between the Planning Board and Board of Health. J. Burke stated the applicant would appear before the Planning Board to request a waiver of the time frame indicated in the ordinance to do a pump test. T. Kratzer stated it will be included on the checklist.

M. DeSapio commented the Planning Board has jurisdiction on site plans and subdivisions but who will be the administrative authority in the other cases. J. Burke stated he will contact D. Pierce to find out which Board will have jurisdiction in cases not dealing with a subdivision or site plan.

T. Kratzer stated the well will have to be dug and the results approved by the hydro geologist prior to the issuance of a construction permit.

J. Burke stated the fees still have to be reviewed. Data entry as well as additional record keeping will be required.

M. DeSapio inquired how much review is required in a standard case. T. Kratzer responded for the well certification, the information will be provided to the hydro geologist and will be discussed with the Board of Health and Planning Board.

T. Kratzer will be reviewing and receiving input from V. Uhl, Kingwood Township's hydro geologist, in regard fees.

There was some general discussion as to the appropriate fees for the procedures outlined in the proposed ordinance. T. Kratzer stated for replacement or repairs no fees would be charged.

S. DeSapio stated he has not had a sufficient time to review the proposed ordinance.

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by T. Kratzer and carried to introduce and adopt on first reading with the provision that all the concerns of the Board members this evening were reviewed and addressed in the ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD TO AMEND CHAPTER 153, ARTICLE 2 - "NON-PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS AND WELLS", TO EXPAND THE EXISTING CODE TO INCLUDE AMENDED STANDARDS, AND INCORPORATE NEW PERFORMANCE AND INTERFERENCE TEST REQUIREMENTS.

The public hearing will be held on May 23, 2007 beginning at 8:00 PM.

All members voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**, except **S. DeSapio**, who abstained.

Septic Ordinance

T. Kratzer stated the subject of a septic ordinance came up for discussion with the Planning Board members, Township Engineer and Planning Board Attorney. Once a well ordinance is adopted, the other component is to keep the well water clean with a septic ordinance. A septic ordinance can provide some extra protection. The Board can look at a dual site septic installation, where you would perform testing for two sites on one property. On the one site the septic would be installed and the other would be a reserve site. The second part can require a seasonal test for the septic. Delaware, Franklin and Raritan Townships require seasonal testing for septic. Alexandria and West Amwell Townships require seasonal testing as well as the dual site component. The ordinance is not extensive. J. Burke stated it is important with our geology to have more than one site pre-approved as a septic site in case they have to move their septic. T. Kratzer stated, when they blast for the installation of septic systems, there is a possibility that the fractures that are existing will have a direct pathway to a well. S. DeSapio stated he is familiar with commercial projects and most projects prohibit it. T. Kratzer would be providing copies of sample septic ordinances to the members electronically.

CORRESPONDENCE

M. DeSapio reviewed as per the agenda.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

S. McNicol questioned about the septic ordinance and commented the Township does not receive any information from the County Department of Health in regard to septic installations or repairs. She feels the Township should receive a copy of the information provided to the County Department of Health. The information would allow the Township to do a study as to the pattern of septic failures and their causes. The

Environmental Commission is adding to the website some information for a homeowner in regard to the care and management of their septic system. J. Burke suggested they also provide a list of septic pumpers with the information. S. DeSapio, stated if a list is provided, everyone listed in the yellow pages should be on the list. S. McNicol stated ANJEC has provided some information in regard to the development of a septic ordinance. She will provide them to the Board.

E. Niemann would like to request a monthly report regarding septic installations and repairs from the County Department of Health. She has been in contact with C. Hobbs.

J. Burke suggested some of the septic pumpers might be interested in attending Community Day and providing a \$20.00 off coupon.

There was some general discussion as to the cost of maintaining a system and installing a new one. A suggestion to have little banners promoting septic pumping hung in three or four locations throughout the Township was made.

E. Niemann, regarding Board of Health meetings, expressed that if there is no business before the Board, the meeting be held.

M. Mac Connell inquired who the residents were who wished to have their wells monitored and who selected the individuals who were eligible. D. Laudenbach responded P. Althoff made the choices.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by T. Kratzer, seconded by J. Burke and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 PM. All members voted **AYE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Laudenbach, Secretary