

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: T. Kratzer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by M. DeSapio at 8:05 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 the Minutes**

It was moved by S. DeSapio, seconded by J. Burke and carried to approve the minutes of October 17, 2007 and place on file. All members present voted **AYE**.

Septic Waiver Request – Block 19, Lot 4.02

R. Templin, engineer, stated there is currently a failing system on the property. The dwelling is a three bedroom dwelling. The replacement septic system could not be located in the front on the property due to the well and driveway. A swale waterway is located on the side of the house running towards the rear of the property. On the other side of the house, there is little room between the house and the property line. The soil tests were conducted towards the rear of the property in the buffer adjacent to the wetlands. The groundwater is at 12" and bedrock at 7'. The system is a mounded system with a height of 36". It is a pressure does system. The applicant is requesting a waiver for mottling and a high ground water table. The dwelling is currently being occupied. The applicant has received a GP25 permit from the State, which is a waiver of the transition area for access. The LOI has been received on November 7, 2007. The easiest area to locate the system was behind the current system. He feels he would have found the same soil conditions on most of the lot. The ground has a very high permeability rate. The laterals will be 5' above the water table, infiltration will be about 4' above the water table and 6' of the material below the level of infiltration will be excavated. There is 8' from the system to the bedrock level. There is a 48" zone of treatment, 12" above the ground water level to the existing grade and 36" above the existing grade. The top of the mound will be 5.5' above grade. It will not interfere with the aesthetics of the lot.

It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by S. DeSapio and carried to grant the waivers for:

The highest regional water table is at 12 inches in soil log 1 & 2 which is greater than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from existing grade. The design will still have a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table and the proposed level of infiltration; Stipulations of the GP 25 permit; No increase in the number of bedrooms or more intense use of the dwelling.

All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

2008 Budget Request

After some discussion, it was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by J. Burke and carried that the Board would request \$5,000 for their 2008 Budget for Other Expenses from the Township Committee. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Block 6, Lot 55 – Delmonte – Sanctions

The owner of the above referenced block and lot has not obtained a permit to construct a well as required by the Township Well Ordinance. The owner has been notified by certified mail, return receipt as well as regular mail of the violation. The ordinance provides for a \$500.00 per day penalty for the violation.

It was moved by J. Burke, seconded by R. Phillips and carried to instruct the secretary to write a letter, including an application, to the owner informing him of the need to comply with the Well Ordinance by December 1, 2007, provide proof of abandonment of the existing well, submit a plat with the correct scale and indicate the location of the existing well. Failure to comply by December 1, 2007, will result in a penalty of \$500.00 per day. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Well Ordinance – Forms and/or packet

T. Stover, well driller, was present this evening and in response to a discussion of the Board members regarding chlorination of the well after opening, stated the well has to be chlorinated after opening according to state requirements. The forms will be forwarded for review to the hydrogeologist and attorney with T. Stover's comment.

2008 Reorganization Meeting

It was moved by S. DeSapio, seconded by M. DeSapio and carried to schedule the 2008 Re-Organization meeting for January 16, 2008 beginning at 8:00 PM. All members present voted **AYE**.

CORRESPONDENCE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Block 18, Lot 7 – Waiver for Well Pump Testing

D. Harris and L. Harris were present to request a waiver of the pump test required under the Well Ordinance. They need to drill a new well because of the replacement of their septic system. Mr. and Mrs. Harris feel there is no need for a pump test for the new well, since they will not be increasing the demand for water.

T. Stover stated the Harris' have already spent \$2,000 to an engineer to plot the neighbors. The ordinance is not protecting the neighbors, it is causing a hardship. The current well is taking approximately 100 gallons per day and so will the new well. T. Stover stated the underground water is owned by the State of New Jersey. T. Stover reviewed the costs other Township's charge for a well permit and the witnessing of the pump test.

J. Burke stated it is the Township's responsibility to protect the residents. The Board wants to know the effect on the neighboring houses, the aquifer and the drawdown. He stated the expenses have been set in the ordinance and are not up for negotiation.

The Township hydrogeologist has been contacted for his expert opinion in regard to the need for a pump test and his response was:

The single well test (3-part) would be required as this is a new well that requires testing to establish yield and recovery characteristics. While the well may be drawing from the same aquifer, well yield characteristics in bedrock aquifers can be quite variable from even very proximate locations.

J. MacConnell, Spring Hill Road, stated the Pauch property's well was dug the first day of the Well Ordinance enforcement and a question arose regarding the levy of fines. It is incumbent upon the well drillers to obtain the most current information in regard to the requirements of any township.

M. DeSapio stated the Well Ordinance provides for a seasonality waiver for the pump test for replacement wells. Everyone in the Township is bound by the parameters of the ordinance.

T. Stover stated some tweaking needs to be done with the Ordinance. S. DeSapio requested he provide a list of his concerns so the Board may review them. M. DeSapio stated the Board would like the concerns in writing so they could be prepared with the reasoning behind the requirements.

T. Stover stated he had spoken with V. Uhl and V. Uhl indicated the Harris' could request a waiver. M. DeSapio apologized but stated the Well Ordinance does not provide a waiver for the pump test.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by M. DeSapio, seconded by R. Phillips and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 PM. All members present voted **AYE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Laudenschick

Diane Laudenschick, Secretary