

MINUTES

7:30 PM

PRESENT: J. Golden
I. Kyd
P. Lubitz
R. Phillips
N. Marmorato, Alt #2

ABSENT: P. Mikes, Alt #1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by J. Golden at 7:30 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 Hunterdon County Democrat and Courier News on January 26, 2017, and has been posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building on January 26, 2017 and has been filed with the Municipal Clerk.

NEW AND PENDING MATTERS

Block 33, Lot 3.03 – Barcroft Road – Septic System TWA Application

D. Holzli was present for the application this evening. The lot was subdivided approximately 15 years ago. Percs and soils were done at the time of subdivision but the tests are now in the wetlands so new testing has been done. After the testing was done, the applicant submitted an application to the County for approval. Since the lot is empty he will be required to submit a TWA application for the system.

D. Holzli stated there is significant distance between the lot and the next lot north. The topography slopes away from the lot to the north. There are no lots located to the south of the lot.

It was moved by J. Golden, seconded by I. Kyd and carried to authorize the signing of the TWA application. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**.

Well Ordinance – Waiver Criteria

D. Laudenbach explained that the Township received a call from a property owner who had an issue with the well on his property. The property owner inquired if there was any way he would be able to drill and utilize a new well on his property. Currently the ordinance does not provide any waivers for a replacement well.

The Board adopted Ordinance No. 2007-02 which provided for the following waiver criteria:

In regard to single well tests, the only exceptions that shall be permitted to the window of testing (July through October) for the Three-Part Pump Test shall be as follows:

1. Replacement of or alteration to a well in the event of well failure due to:
 - a. Well yield diminishment;
 - b. Well construction problems; and/or
 - c. Water quality problems.

In 2010 the Board adopted Ordinance No. 2010-01 which replaced the above section with the following section:

As is also set forth in § **153-26B**, lots less than four acres in an existing subdivision that have a minimum of six soil tests that present a very limited (Note: include soil types) area of acceptable conditions for a subsurface disposal system, and are located upgradient, within 200 feet of an existing or proposed new well, may make written request for a waiver from the administrative authority for the location of the subject disposal area, which request shall be heard at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Kingwood Township Board of Health occurring not less than 10 days following the submission of the written request . If a waiver is granted by the administrative authority, all new or altered wells within 200 feet downgradient of the disposal area shall have casing lengths of no less than 100 feet as measured from the top of the bore hole. The spacing requirement for wells may be waived for multiple wells (only), on single lots that serve one individual residence, to not less than 50 feet.

[Amended 6-16-2010 by Ord. No. BOH 2010-01]

The Board discussed the difference between an occupied residence and a new unoccupied dwelling. With an occupied residence the owner would not be able to live in their home if they encountered any issues with their well. With a new unoccupied dwelling, testing should be done before someone sells or occupies the home to determine that there is an adequate supply of water.

The Board authorized its hydrogeologist, V. Uhl, to draft appropriate waiver criteria.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by P. Lubitz, seconded by R. Phillips and carried to approve the minutes of January 18, 2017. All members present voted **AYE** on **ROLL CALL VOTE**, except I. Kyd, who **ABSTAINED**.

CORRESPONDENCE

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

P. Lubitz stated the Township's OEM Coordinator reported that there was a rabid raccoon and coyote on Spring Hill Road.

P. Lubitz stated that the Emerald Ash Borer is making its way towards Kingwood. There will be a major cutting of trees along the canal. Ash make up 25% of the Township's wooded land.

In response to a Board member's question, P. Lubitz responded that Franklin Township has approved the modeling SASI provided instead of requiring an aquifer test. Franklin has determined that the application will impact the aquifer so there is no need for SASI to conduct an aquifer test. One portion of SASI's project had been in a little corner in Kingwood and they have removed it so they will not be appearing before the Planning Board. He stated anyone who is going to develop the property across the street will be impacted.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by P. Lubitz, seconded by N. Marmorato and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. All members present voted **AYE**.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Laudenbach, Secretary