

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF HEALTH
Regular Meeting
June 19, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:06 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. ROLL CALL:

Jodi Bettermann	Present	Theresa Brown Biondo	Absent	Chair Colburn	Present
John Kalinich	Present	Karen Mittleman	Present	David Olsen	Present
Helen Pollack	Absent	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. BOH Meeting Minutes of 5/15/2024

A motion was made by Ms. Mittleman to table the minutes and seconded by Ms. Bettermann.
All in favor.

D. APPROVALS - ALTERATION/NO EXPANSION:

1. Block 21/Lot 11 – Bayer-Risse Engineering – 506 Mountain Road

Escrow fees paid 4/26/2024, Ck#6517, \$750.00.

Time heard 7:57 p.m.

Bill Jupinka, a NJ licensed engineer introduced himself and discussed the application. The application is for an existing 5-bedroom dwelling with a saturated disposal system and saturated disposal trenches. The home is currently for sale and the current owners are looking to put in a new system. The entire property is wetlands or a wetlands transition area. From the tree line back, is standing water. A GP24 permit will be submitted pending local board approval. There are no wells, on-site or off-site, within 50 ft of the proposed location. There are no streams or water courses within 100 ft of the proposed system. The new system will be comprised of a new 1500-gallon two compartment septic tank with an effluent filter and a pump tank to dose the mounded disposal field. Bill reviewed the soil testing results. The homeowner is aware of the maintenance requirements and deed restriction and has passed on the information to the prospective buyer.

The board asked Mr. Jupinka:

1. For soil log 409-2 the witness soil log says seepage at 36 inches on the design it says 30 inches.
2. Which one is it?
3. I noticed on the pit bail test data form it was different from what was witnessed as far as area of the pit which effects the K value. The length and width had the same values.
4. Page 3 of 11 is that there are 24 ft from the edge of the septic bed to the property line and the minimum is 15 ft
5. Is there a property right next to it?
6. So you have space?
7. Is where it dips down and there is a marker of flooding on Mountain Road?

Mr. Jupinka responded:

1. It is both. It was two different horizons which is why we noted two different levels. I would rather be more conservative on the 30 inches.
2. 30 is the highest but we are building up at 24 inches because of the mottling
3. Our report is correct on the application. There were some typos and issues with that that we had to clarify with the witness.

4. Correct. But we need to be 24 ft to accommodate for the grading. The 10 ft to the slope is a county regulation.
5. There are two vacant lots between this house and the house to the right. There is something to the left but further down to the left
6. Yes, there is space.
7. It is just before the bend further down from the highway. The property is wet.

Chair Colburn asked if there were any additional questions or discussion; there was no response.

Block / Lot: 21/11
Street Location: 506 Mountain Road
Number Bedrooms: 5-bedroom dwelling
Map Title: Septic System Alteration Design, Block 21 Lot 11, Readington Twp, Hunterdon Co., NJ 506 Mountain Road May 20, 2024
Number Sheets: 1-11
Map Date(s): 05/20/2024
Prepared By: Theodore H. Bayer, P. E
Survey: Location Survey prepared by Robert W. Lee, P.LS dated 12/31/1985
Reports: Hunterdon County Health Department dated 6/3/2024

Proposed System: Alteration/no expansion for a real estate transfer. New two compartment 1500-gallon septic tank with a 6-inch effluent filter that will feed a 1500-gallon pump tank pressure dosing a mounded soil replacement disposal field of 1298.5 sq. ft. There is direct discharge to ground water. Primary soil logs were completed on 4/9/2024. Soil log 409-1 was dug to a depth of 120 inches with mottling at 24-120, seepage at 38, and ground water at 38. Soil log 409-2 was dug to a depth of 101 inches with mottling at 25-101, seepage a 30, and ground water at 30. A permeability pit bail test was completed on 4/9/2024 at a depth of 86 inches and yielded a K-rating of .4 inches per hour. Due to wetlands, a GP24 permit will be required. Jeff Tareila’s inspection was noted on the plans, but no letter was submitted. There are no water courses within 25 feet of the disposal bed which is documented on page 3. The system will incorporate a pump which will require a deed restriction to be filed at the Hunterdon County Clerk’s office. The clerk’s office and a copy be returned to the BOH secretary within 90 days after installation. The engineer has informed the property owner of the maintenance requirements of the pump. The Board of Health secretary will email the deed restriction information to the engineer. Corrected BOH application and a signed HCHD application will be provided to the board.

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

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Absent	Chair Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Karen Mittleman	Aye	David Olsen	Aye
Helen Pollack	Absent	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

E. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION:
None.

F. CORRESPONDENCE:

F.1 Public Health Alert: Cluster of Delaware Overdose Poisonings Involving Bromazol

F.2 Public Health Recall: Food Recalls

F.3 Public Health Info: COVID-19 and Respiratory Illness Activity Report for week ending 5_4_24

F.4 Public Health Info: Influenza Surveillance Report, Week ending May 11, 2024 (MMWR week 19)

F.5 Training Announcement: Please register for the Communicable Disease Forum - Novel Bugs, Superbugs, Birds, Cows, Foodborne, Waterborne, and More! - June 4th

F.6 Public Health Info: COVID-19 and Respiratory Illness Activity Report for week ending 5-11-24

F.7 Public Health Advisory: Meningococcal Disease Cases Linked to Travel to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA): Ensure Pilgrims are Current on Meningococcal Vaccination

F.8 Public Health Info: Influenza Surveillance Report, Week ending May 18, 2024 (MMWR week 20)

F.9 Public Health Advisory: Call for Enhanced Surveillance and Testing for Travel-Associated Cases of Legionnaires' Disease

F.10 Public Health Info: COVID-19 and Respiratory Illness Activity Report for week ending 5-18-24

F.11 Public Health Info: Asthma Awareness Month

F.12 Public Health Info: Your Voice Matters! Contribute to Infection Prevention Education in South Jersey

F.13 Public Health Info: New Jersey DOH Vector-borne surveillance report, week 21

F.14 Public Health Info: NJ Rabies Vaccination Clinic Reminders

F.15 Public Health Advisory: CDC MMWR Cases of Meningococcal Disease Associated with Travel to Saudi Arabia for Umrah Pilgrimage — United States, United Kingdom, and France, 2024

F.16 Public Health Info: COVID-19 and Respiratory Illness Activity Report for week ending 5_25_24

F.17 Public Health Alert: Confirmed Case of Measles, Somerset County, NJ

F.18 Public Health Info: New Jersey DOH Vector-borne surveillance report, week 22

F.19 Public Health Info: COVID-19 and Respiratory Illness Activity Report for week ending 6_1_24

F.20 Public Health Advisory: Doxycycline post-exposure prophylaxis (doxy PEP) for bacterial Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

F.21 Public Health Info: New Jersey DOH Vector-borne surveillance report, week 23

F.22 Public Health Advisory: Guidance for NJ Schools on Hot and Humid Days

Jodi discussed Asthma Awareness Month and asked the board how everyone felt about this month's post being about air quality and asthma. Members agreed it would be appropriate. Bob noted the recent increase in food recalls. It was suggested to make the link available on the website. CDC infographics were briefly discussed.

G. EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

None.

H. COMMUNICATION PLAN:

Karen mentioned that the BOH had a table at the Summer Spectacular. Information, pamphlets, children's books, and lemon water were provided. Karen raised the issue that we are one of the only municipalities in Hunterdon County without a cooling center and Karen. Members discussed logistics of designating a cooling center in Readington Township. The Chair will send a letter to Jonathan Heller, the Board of Health liaison. The secretary will notify the OEM coordinator. Terry said she can reach out to CERT. There is an independent radio station in Hunterdon County called WDVR station 89.7 out of Sergeantsville. They provide community information and today announced local cooling centers. Members again discussed the Summer Spectacular table in more detail and possible interest in participating in National Night Out. Terri discussed another state's requirement of providing the municipality with a maintenance receipt with the payment of taxes and recommended starting a way to track it. She also discussed the requirement of filing the deed restriction within 60 days. Both will be investigated.

I. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Review of Ordinance:** Discussion of possible changes to look into were discussed including the timeline of filing the deed restriction, wording, ATU's, and maintenance requirements. More discussion to follow.

J. NEW BUSINESS:

Members will review Susan Masinda's E. Coli reports at the next meeting. Carla Hobbs' contact information at the County Health Department was provided to Ms. Masinda.

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

L. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ms. Mittleman to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Olsen, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Monaghan, Board of Health Secretary