

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Regular Meeting  
August 21, 2024, 7:00 PM**

Chair Colburn called the meeting to order at 7:01 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	Present	Chair Colburn	Present
John Kalinich	Absent	Karen Mittleman	Absent	David Olsen	Present
Helen Pollack	Present	Wendy Sheay	Absent		

**C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**1. BOH Meeting Minutes of 7/17/2024**

A motion was made by Ms. Brown Biondo to approve the minutes and seconded by Mr. Olsen.  
All in favor.

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

**D. APPROVALS - ALTERATION/NO EXPANSION:**

**1. Block 14/Lot 30 – AKRF Engineering – 3592 Route 22**

*Time heard 7:03 p.m.*

John Hansen, a licensed engineer in the states of New Jersey and Pennsylvania introduced himself and discussed the last time he appeared before the board. The meeting was adjourned until there was more information. A well driller was hired to locate the well. It was verified that the well is exactly 54.8 ft from the proposed disposal bed. There is no record of the casing. Mr. Hansen provided 8 weeks of ground water monitoring data and a potable water testing report to the board. Mr. Hansen is requesting a waiver for the 100 ft distance requirement. The engineer is also seeking approval for the pump system in the new design because the invert of the disposal system does not allow for a gravity system.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. David Olsen for approval as follows:

**Block / Lot:** 14/30 Real Estate Transfer:  Yes  No  
**Street Location:** 3592 Route 22  
**Number Bedrooms:** Office Building  
**Map Title:** Septic System Alteration Plan  
**Number Sheets:** 1-4  
**Map Date(s):** 05/31/2024 revised 8/20/2024  
**Prepared By:** John Hansen, P. E  
**Survey:** Boundary & Topographic Survey prepared by Gregg A. Gaffney, P.LS dated 5/10/24  
**Reports:** Hunterdon County Health Department dated 6/18/2024; Wetlands Letter by John Hansen dated 7/1/2024; Ground water monitoring results 4/29/24 through 8/16/24

**Proposed System:** Alteration/no expansion for a real estate transfer. New two compartment 1300-gallon septic tank with a 6-inch effluent filter that will feed a 1000-gallon pump tank pressure dosing a mounded soil

replacement bottom lined disposal field of 570 sq. ft. 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.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Theresa Brown Biondo. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

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

**2. Block 73/Lot 8 – Fine Engineering – 1060 Route 523**

*Time heard 7:12 p.m.*

Doug Fine, a licensed engineer in the State of New Jersey introduced himself and discussed the application. The application is for a septic system alteration as a result of home inspection and sale of the property. The system is designed in the front yard and will utilize a pump. Everything else in the design is in accordance with the code. The new homeowners are aware of the deed restriction requirements.

The board asked Mr. Fine:

1. Drawing sheet 4 of 11 says it is a 1500-gal tank vs. the site plan on sheet 2 of 11 shows it is a 1300-gal tank.
2. Soil log 3 in the rear of the yard. Why did you choose to build in the front?
3. On sheet 6 of 11 the design flow says 650 gal per day and should be 500 gal per day.

Mr. Fine responded:

1. Sheet 4 has been revised on 7/26/2024 after the HCHD caught that discrepancy. The system is a 1300-gal two compartment tank.
2. There wasn’t enough room. There are the beginnings of a watercourse in the backyard. It is wetter back there and the slope falls off. It would be difficult to build back there and was decided it would not be a good area. There was machine refusal at 72 inches.
3. Yes, that should say 500 gal per day.

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

A **MOTION** was made by Mr. David Olsen for approval as follows:

**Block / Lot:** 73/8 Real Estate Transfer: Yes  No  
**Street Location:** 1060 Route 523  
**Number Bedrooms:** 3 Bedrooms  
**Map Title:** Septic System Alteration Design, Block 73 Lot 8, in the Township of Readington, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey for 1060 Route 523, Flemington, NJ 08822  
**Number Sheets:** 1-11  
**Map Date(s):** 07/16/2024 revised 7/26/2024  
**Prepared By:** Douglas E. Fine, P. E  
**Survey:** Partial Topographic Survey prepared by Patrick H. Fatton, PLS dated 4/17/2024  
**Reports:** Hunterdon County Health Department dated 7/31/2024 Wetlands Letter from Jeff Tariela Environmental Consulting dated 3/28/2024

**Proposed System:** Alteration/no expansion for a real estate transfer. New two compartment 1300-gallon septic tank with a 6-inch effluent filter that will feed a 1000-gallon pump tank pressure dosing a mounded soil replacement disposal field of 807.5 sq. ft. 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 and revised copies of the plans will be provided to the Board of Health secretary.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Theresa Brown Biondo On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

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

**E. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION:**

**1. Block 96/Lot 22 – Mantz Engineering – 816 Route 22**

*Time heard 7:23 p.m.*

James Mantz, a licensed engineer in the State of New Jersey introduced himself and discussed the application. His client purchased this property with an approved 3 bedroom dwelling septic system with a pump. The new owner decided to renovate it and make it a 4-bedroom dwelling. There is no change in the footprint and the soil testing has already been approved. The changes being made are to the size of the pump tank and the bed 21x50 instead of 21x40.

The board asked Mr. Mantz:

1. This is a new construction/expansion so you should have 8 weeks ground water monitoring and there should be soil logs for a reserve area according to regulation.
2. There is a typo in the size of the pump tank indicating it is 1500 gal when it should be 1300 gal

Mr. Mantz responded:

1. No, I don’t. No records of the well were found.
2. The plan was reproduced as there were not many changes.

Chair Colburn stated Mr. Mantz will need 8 weeks of ground water monitoring and soil logs for a reserve area. Mr. Mantz thanked the board for their time.

**F. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- F.1 Public Health Advisory: 2022 Congenital Syphilis Update, Information and Recommendations for Providers
- F.2 Public Health Advisory: Disruptions in Availability of Becton Dickinson (BD) BACTEC™ Blood Culture Bottles Blood Culture Bottles
- F.3 Public Health Info: Staying Health Around Animals at Fairs and Other Animal Exhibitions
- F.4 Public Health Advisory: Boar's Head Provisions Co. Recalls Ready-To-Eat Liverwurst And Other Deli Meat Products Due to Possible Listeria Contamination
- F.5 Public Health Recall: Food Recalls
- F.6 Public Health Info: Request for Participation of NJ Veterinarians in Survey: Knowledge and Needs Assessment on Zoonotic Diseases

- F.7 Public Health Advisory: Boar's Head Provisions Co. Expands Recall for Ready-To-Eat Meat and Poultry Products Due to Possible Listeria Contamination
- F.8 Public Health Advisory: Heat-Related Illness and Outdoor Worker Safety
- F.9 Public Health Recall: More Ground Cinnamon Products Added to FDA Public Health Alert Due to Presence of Elevated Levels of Lead
- F.10 Public Health Update: Mpox Caused by Human-to-Human Transmission of Monkeypox Virus in the Democratic Republic of Congo with Spread to Neighboring Countries
- F.11 Public Health Update: Investigation of Illnesses: Diamond Shruumz-Brand Chocolate Bars, Cones, & Gummies
- F.12 Public Health Info: New Jersey DOH Vector-borne surveillance report, week 31
- F.13 Public Health Info: COVID-19 and Respiratory Illness Activity Report for week ending 7\_27\_24

*Members discussed food recalls and listeria cases. Jodi informed the board there had been food poisoning cases at multiple Jersey Mike's locations recently.*

#### **G. OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **G.1 Letter to USDA**

Members read and discussed a draft letter to the USDA. Minor edits will be made and reviewed at the next meeting.

##### **G.2 Letter to Senator Cory Booker**

Members read and discussed a draft letter to Senator Cory Booker. Minor edits will be made and reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **H. NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **H.1 Rockaway Creek Testing**

Susan Masinda, Readington Township resident and member of the Environmental Commission, presented her microbial source testing and findings to the board. Grant funded testing occurred. Initially HCHD required an address to investigate an issue. The DEP initially said they do not get involved in residential matters. Sewer lines were inspected, but no issues were found. It could be a sewer line from a neighboring municipality. A nearby farm reduced the number of grazing cows from approximately 175 to 20 cows and after 7 months resulted in no change leading to the idea it must be further upstream. Susan discussed the different streams and water courses current statuses. Different theories were discussed. DEP is now getting involved to investigate further. Ms. Masinda will report back.

#### **I. COMMUNICATION PLAN:**

- I.1.** The free eye screening flyer will be posted to the Lobby TV. A post on staying up to date on vaccination was discussed for back-to-school season. National Night Out was rescheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM. Members discussed who would attend and what to bring for the table. The idea of sending out a mailer was discussed again, and members will continue to draft ideas.

#### **J. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**K. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Ms. Brown-Biondo to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m., seconded by Mr. Olsen, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Monaghan, Board of Health Secretary