

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Board of Health Regular Meeting
MINUTES
April 19, 2021
VIA REMOTE MEETING ACCESS ONLY

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chairwoman Tweedie called the remote meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and read the open public meeting statement in accordance with the law.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairwoman Tweedie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Barfuss, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Mayor Vallone
Also Present: Board Attorney Joseph Sordillo, Board Secretary Samantha D'Antuono, Ferriero Engineering – Joseph Kosinski, on behalf of the applicant Ravine Lake Association
- Attorney Michael Osterman, Parker Engineering – Stephen E. Parker
Absent: Chairwoman Marilyn Layton

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 19, 2021 – Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mayor Vallone, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

January 19, 2021 - Regular Meeting

Motion by Mayor Vallone, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

(These minutes were not approved due to a typo requiring correction.)

RESOLUTIONS

None

APPLICATIONS

BOH-2021-03 – Ravine Lake Association (B2 L2 – 455 Lake Road)

Michael Osterman appeared on behalf of the Ravine Lake Association. The applicant sought a permit for a septic system upgrade to include a bathroom in lieu of an existing outhouse. Mr. Osterman introduced Mr. Stephen E. Parker to testify on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Parker was sworn in by Attorney Sordillo.

Mr. Parker stated the applicant requested improvements to the existing wastewater system to better accommodate use during the busier seasons where children and members are present. Mr. Parker stated the system was designed to handle maximum use of 650 gallons per day, adding that the test of the system showed good test pits and permeability of the soil. Mr. Parker stated that the system required the drilling of a new well to supply water to the new bathroom as the existing outhouse did not require a well.

Mr. Parker continued by reviewing the recommendation from Borough Engineer Mr. Joseph Kosinski. Mr. Parker affirmed his testimony to the Board of Health included an overview of the

project and septic alteration as well as that there are no contiguous properties under common ownership that generate wastewater, which would potentially result in a cumulative daily flow in excess of 2,000 gallons/day for the properties. Mr. Parker added that the location of the bathroom and septic system is outside the Flood Hazard Area and within the riparian zone, in an open undisturbed area that is currently lawn not requiring to be cleared. Brief discussion ensued regarding the recommendation. Mayor Vallone requested confirmation whether confirmation from the DEP was required due to the current historic status of the property. Mr. Kosinski stated the activity is authorized under the Permit-By-Rule as there is no ecological loss to the riparian zone of vegetation wherein no formal permit is necessary. Mayor Vallone requested confirmation on the status of the existing cesspool. Mr. Parker stated the cesspool would be pumped out, backfilled and the existing outhouse structure will be removed. Mr. Sordillo confirmed testimony concluded and the Board of Health may make a motion for approval.

Motion by Mr. Rinzler, seconded by Mayor Vallone, to approve application BOH-2021-03.

Roll Call:

Aye: Mr. Barfuss, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Mayor Vallone

Nay:

Abstain:

Recused:

Motion Carried.

(It was later determined that Mr. Barfuss was ineligible to vote on this application. Due to a quorum without the vote it was deemed that there were sufficient votes to pass the application.)

BILL LIST

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Motion by Mr. Rinzler, seconded by Mayor Vallone, was unanimously carried that the bill list be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Mr. Barfuss, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Mayor Vallone

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

(It was later determined that Mr. Barfuss was ineligible to vote on the bill list. Due to a quorum without the vote it was deemed that there were sufficient votes to pass the bill list.)

SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Vice Chairwoman Tweedie commended the Somerset County Health Department on the streamlined process during their ongoing efforts to disperse COVID19 vaccinations. General discussion ensued.

VNA (PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE)

Vice Chairwoman Tweedie initiated discussion regarding the provided 1st Quarter report for 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT – *The Board of Health welcomes comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers shall limit their comments to 5 minutes.*

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to conduct, and on a motion by Mr. Rinzler, seconded by Mayor Vallone, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Samantha D'Antuono
Board of Health Secretary

APPROVED – 5/17/2021