

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Board of Health Regular Meeting
MINUTES
September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE

Vice Chairwoman Tweedie called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and read the open public meetings statement. The flag salute and reading of the open public meetings statement was conducted in accordance with the law.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chairwoman Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Mayor David Karner, Councilman Rick Rinzler
Also Present: Board Attorney Joseph Sordillo, Board Secretary Samantha D'Antuono, Somerset County Health Department - Michael McCarty, Deputy Director and Ms. Sumera Khurram, Health Officer, Apgar Associates - Mr. Vincent Ruggiero
Absent: Chairwoman Marilyn Layton, Mr. Rick Barfuss, Mr. John Lawlor

OATH OF OFFICE

David Karner, Mayor

Mr. Sordillo swore in Mayor Karner.

REGULAR AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 18, 2022 – Regular Meeting

Motion by Councilman Rinzler, seconded by Mayor Karner, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

APPLICATION

BOH-2022-03 – Renard (B6 L33 – 20 Spring Hollow Road)

Mr. Vincent Ruggiero, Apgar Associates was sworn in by Mr. Joseph Sordillo. Mr. Ruggiero appeared on behalf of Mr. Laurent Renard.

Mr. Ruggiero provided a brief overview of his credentials as a Professional Engineer currently working with Apgar Associates. He stated the application is for an existing lot with the presence of an existing house, well and septic system. The existing house will be raised and the existing well and septic will be abandoned to be replaced by new structures.

Mr. Ruggiero provided a brief overview of dates and pit bailing tests and soil logs, resulting in the relocation of the system due to the construction of the new house in the area of the original site of the septic system. After providing a detailed description of the application, he reviewed the letter provided by Ferriero Engineering regarding their recommendations and the anticipated remediation methods.

Councilman Rinzler requested a date of demolition for the existing house which was not provided to Mr. Ruggiero. Councilman Rinzler confirmed the definition of “grinder” as it pertains to this application.

Referencing the items on the recommendation letter provided by Ferriero Engineering, Mayor Karner requested clarification on the status of the items that have not been completed. Mr. Ruggiero indicated the work has been performed but the plans had not been submitted yet. Mr. Kosinski clarified that these conditions would be in addition to any recommendations provided by the Board of Health.

Councilman Rinzler followed up with an escrow question resulting in the mention of additional funds received by the applicant to satisfy the required escrow. Mr. Sordillo clarified that the Board can add to the resolution a condition of approval indicating the escrow would be confirmed.

Mr. Kosinski provided a brief overview of the soil witness testing results as it pertains to the property adding that familiarity with the area was an additional resource in consideration of the results. Mr. Kosinski provided information on securing abandoned septic tanks based on the type of system.

A motion was made by Councilman Rinzler, seconded by Mayor Karner to approve the design with conditions

Roll Call:

Aye: Councilman Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Mayor Karner

Nay:

Abstain:

Recused:

Motion Carried.

BILL LIST

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

Roll Call:

Aye: Mr. Rinzler, Councilwoman Tweedie, Mayor Karner

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

SOMERSET COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Deputy Director Michael McCarty provided information for ongoing COVID19 vaccination clinics centrally located in the county. Monkeypox clinics have commenced at the Somerset County Department of Health building located in Somerville NJ.

Mr. McCarty announced a shift in personnel in the Department of Health but assured the Board there would be no issues regarding services to the Borough of Far Hills.

Mr. Rinzler requested clarification on a recent diagnosis of a rare disease of a Far Hills resident. Mr. McCarty advised he would obtain the information and provide it to the Board of Health.

Health Officer Sumera Khurram provided a brief overview of the monthly reports advising all inspections are satisfactory.

DISCUSSION

None

ATLANTIC VISITING NURSE (PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE)

Reports were reviewed individually by Board members requiring little discussion.

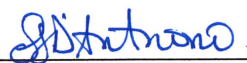
PUBLIC COMMENT – *The Board of Health welcomes comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers shall limit their comments to 5 minutes.*

There were no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to conduct, and on a motion by Mayor Karner, seconded by Councilman Rinzler, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Samantha D'Antuono
Board of Health Secretary

APPROVED – 10/17/2022