

Byram Township Board of Health Minutes
August 24, 2010

STATEMENT: Accurate notice of this meeting has been published specifying the time and place in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Emily Crispino</i>	<i>John Clobberly</i>	<i>Ruth Rhodes</i>	<i>Daven Baez</i>	<i>Anthony Ansaldi</i>	<i>Mimi Tony</i>
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ALSO PRESENT: Joan Skillan, Brian Thompson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 24, 2010

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By						x	
2nd							x
Yes			x	x	x		x
No							
Abstain			x				
Absent		x					

FEE SCHEDULE: July Total to Treasurer \$540.40

DISCUSSIONS:

- Welcome to Anthony Ansaldi the newest member of the Byram Township Board of Health.
- Alternative System Ordinance – Tabled this discussion to the September meeting. Mimi will contact John to remind him to bring information that he was going to get from the County to the September meeting for discussion.
- 200 feet Notification for Septic Repairs / Replacements Ordinance – Members of the Board had a brief discussion to recall the purpose of the proposed ordinance. It was discussed that the purpose was to protect joining neighbors to allow them to know of any new installation of septic or well to allow them to come forward should they have a concern. It was discussed that many of the files and plans that the Township have on file are not always accurate, and the owners of the property may have more accurate information. This would also help the town bring in more accurate information. It was questioned on whether or not this ordinance should pertain to existing systems. Concerns were brought up regarding the notification process. The notifications are the responsibility of the home owner. The home owner would request a 200 ft list from the Township. After the Township supplies the 200 ft. list to the homeowner, they would then send out the letters via certified mail. Proof of notification would then be given back to the Township. The proposed ordinance needs to be reviewed and changes need to be made and discussed further, and the notification requirements need to be made clearer. Ruth mentioned that Frankford Township has a similar ordinance in place and she will reach out to them to obtain more information. The Board will discuss this further at the September meeting when they have more information available.
- Septic Management Ordinance Alteration – Margaret McGarrity appeared before the board to request a few changes to the Septic Management Ordinance. Margaret explained that previous to this meeting she drafted up some changes that she would like to see on the Septic Management Ordinance. Copies of proposed changes were given to all board members and also submitted in advance to attorney Dave Soloway. Dave Soloway read the changes and made further suggestions. One suggestion that the attorney made to Margaret (per a previous phone call) was to contact the Township Prosecutor Tony Abore for his advice on the penalties and violations section. Tony needs to be asked if someone is pleading not guilty and they are assessed addition fines; can that be done? Tony is on vacation at this time and she is waiting

for him to return to discuss with him. Some of the changes were just to make the ordinance easier to read, she clarified the difference between Exemption and Extension (this was in a separate document that was adopted by the BOH in past years and was never merged); clarified the owner definition to clarify who is responsible for the septic system; specifications were made that this is just for the Cranberry Lake and Lake Lackawanna areas only; and changes to the violations and penalties section to alleviate all parties from having to appear in court. Margaret stated that she had also contacted the Byram Township Court Administrator to receive her suggestions for the changes to the mandatory court appearance, in order to remove the mandatory court appearance we needed to establish a set fee if pleading guilty.

- Report from the County:
 - 1 Hickory Trail Septic System – There was a letter of abatement, they have till September 3rd. Joan spoke with Mr. Marotte, he picked up the approved blue prints for the approved septic system and he has a contractor in mind. Joan stressed the importance of getting this installed as soon as possible.
 - Doerr Property – Joan stated that if Mr. Doerr comes in and needs information about updating the septic system, he will need to hire an engineer and he will need to certify that existing system was meeting existing codes. A summary of information on Block 332 lots 3.01 and 3.02 contained in the townships files were presented to the Board. In the file contains a resolution for an exemption for Block 332 Lot 3.01 that was adopted on January 11, 2007 by the Board of Health. The resolution states that Mr. Doerr has until September 30, 2010 to submit a certification that the system is not malfunctioning, that certification should be accompanied by current photographs showing the ground surrounding the system. Dave Soloway, the attorney for the Board of Health will be contacted regarding is matter.
- PAC meeting minutes – Nothing to report, there was not a meeting in August.
- Next Meeting scheduled for September 28, 2010.

ADJORNMENT: There was no further business to discuss; the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Church, Secretary Byram Township Board of Health