

**MINUTES
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2020**

(Location Changed to Online Application: Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83920037987>)

Upon recessing the Township Committee Work-Session/Regular Meeting, the Board of Health convened at 8:06 P.M., Thursday, September 10, 2020 for the purpose of a public hearing on a Septic System Alteration Waiver Request. This meeting has been duly noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Chairman Philip Koury called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Chairman Phil Koury (present) Diane Burgess (present)
Sebastian Donaruma (absent) Mike Homulak (present) Craig Repmann (present)

Also present: Katrina L. Campbell, Municipal Attorney
Christine Burke, Secretary
Cameron Keng, Chief Finance Officer
Adam T. Wisniewski, P.E., representing the Township Engineer (Maser Consulting P.A.)
Gary M. Kummer Jr., Applicant
Jeff Careaga, Applicant's Engineer (Careaga Engineering)

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the June 25, 2020 minutes Regular Meeting: Burgess

Second: Homulak

Roll call: Burgess (Aye) Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye)

Public Hearing

Septic System Alteration Waiver Application:

Gary M. Kummer Jr., 19 Landsdown Road, Block 19, Lot 6

The Township Attorney took the oath of the applicant and his engineer.

Jeff Careaga, applicant's engineer (Careaga Engineering), explained the septic system, site conditions and the need for the septic waiver. He further explained that the NJDEP had approved the chosen type of system in 2019 and that several examples of the system had been installed in Sussex and Morris Counties. He explained that the system works like a chimney and utilizes natural venting. He went on to address the soils on site and the high water table. Upon questioning by Board member Burgess, Adam T. Wisniewski, P.E., the Township's Engineer, confirmed the size of the property as 2/10 of an acre and expressed his approval of the septic system as a good alternative to systems typically presented to the Board. Upon questioning by the Township Engineer, Mr. Careaga explained how the system vents odors, that NJDEP approval had already been applied for and acquired, and that a UV light had already been installed on the well. The Township Engineer recommended approval of the septic waiver with the execution of an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement, and recommendations of low flow

appliances as they are replaced on the property. Mr. Kummer questioned if he was responsible for the appliance recommendations or if the new owner of the property would be responsible for those items. The Engineer and the Attorney explained that the current property owner would be responsible for the Indemnification Agreement and would inform the new owners of the recommendations for low-flow appliances. Chairman Koury questioned the well casing conditions. The Township Engineer explained that neither the Township nor the County had information on the neighbor's system. Chairman Koury recommended the approval of the waiver as it would be an improvement over the current malfunctioning system. Mr. Kummer questioned the next steps in the permit process and his responsibility towards informing the County of the waiver approval. The Township Attorney and Board Secretary confirmed that the waiver approval would be sent to the County by the Board Secretary in the morning after the meeting.

Motion to approve Board of Health Resolution 2020-04: Septic Waiver – Kummer – 19 Landsdown Road – Block 19, Lot 6, conditioned upon the Township Engineer's Letter of Review: Repmann

Second: Homulak

Roll call: Burgess (Aye) Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye)

Motion carried.

Ordinances:

1. Introduction & First Reading of Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance of the Board of Health of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey Amending Part III, "Board of Health Legislation," Chapter 420, "Sewerage Disposal Systems, Individual," of the Code of the Township of Franklin to Create Section 10 "Waivers from Strict Compliance".
 - a. Public Hearing and Final Adoption scheduled for October 8, 2020.

The Township Attorney explained the ordinance's intention to increase the efficiency of the septic waiver process.

Motion to Introduce: Repmann Second: Burgess

Roll call: Burgess (Aye) Donaruma (Absent) Homulak (Aye) Koury (Aye) Repmann (Aye)

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn the Board of Health Meeting to re-convene the Township Committee Work-Session/Regular Meeting: Burgess Second: Repmann All in Favor. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M. in order to re-convene the Township Committee Work-Session/Regular Meeting.

Prepared by Christine Burke, Secretary



Adopted: 10/08/2020