

**STILLWATER TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2015
BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING**

A REGULAR MEETING of the Stillwater Township Committee was called to order by Mayor Scott at 7:00 p.m. noting the meeting date, time and place were duly published in the New Jersey Herald and posted at the Town Hall and advised those present that this meeting was being held in compliance with provisions of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, Sections 4 & 13.

Roll Call: PRESENT: Mayor Scott, Committeewoman Chammings, Deputy Mayor Fisher, Committeewoman Straway, Municipal Clerk Lynda Knott, Attorney Richard Stein and Alan DeCarolis, Animal Control Officer ABSENT: Committeeman Gross

Regular Session:

Mayor Scott invited all present to join him in saluting the flag

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 2015-010 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF STILLWATER AMENDING SECTION 456-9 "STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION" FOR INDIVIDUALSUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS [Public Hearing and Adoption – September 1, 2015]

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Health of the Township of Stillwater as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 456-9 "Standards of Construction" of the Code of the Township of Stillwater is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Construction Standards for Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems shall be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:9A-1.1 et seq. as has been adopted by reference by this Chapter pursuant to the provisions N.J.S.A. 26:3-69.1 et seq.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect in thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication hereof.

Upon Motion by Mrs. Straway, seconded by Mr. Fisher and Roll Call Vote: Ms. Chamblings, yes, Mr. Fisher, yes, Mrs. Straway, yes and Mayor Scott, yes – Ordinance 2015-010 was Introduced and adopted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pet Leash Regulations at Stillwater Township Parks – Mr. Alan DeCarolis, Stillwater Township Animal Control Officer lead the discussion of dogs being permitted in local parks. Mr. DeCarolis said most parks in our area do not allow pets at parks. Mr. DeCarolis stated if the Township Committee wanted to continue to allow dogs he recommends the Township post signs with rules and regulations. Mr. DeCarolis said to contact the Township's Risk Manager for suggested wording that will protect the Township for the signs. Mr. DeCarolis offered to visit the parks at random times when games are being played and the park is well used to enforce the current leash laws by speaking directly to violators. Mayor Scott directed the Township Clerk to speak with the Township's Risk Manager.

Mr. DeCarolis also discussed the enforcement of animal issues at Mountain Shadows Campground. Mr. DeCarolis strongly suggested the Township Committee to require the campground to require proof of animal license each year for its guests. Mayor Scott stated he had already asked the Clerk to set up a meeting with the Board of Directors of the campground and Deputy Mayor Fisher and himself. The Clerk noted the Maintenance Manager of the campground had said this coming Saturday, August 22, 2015 is the election of the new years' Board of Directors and he will send the list as soon as known so she can set up the meeting.

Mayor Scott and the Committee thanked Mr. DeCarolis for his time and recommendations.

OPEN PUBLIC SECTION

Open Public Session: Mayor Scott opened the meeting to the public to speak on any matter.

Mr. DeCarolis, Stillwater Township Animal Control Officer and Frelinghuysen Township Committeeman, noted Frelinghuysen will be doing road projects and will be willing to give Stillwater Township free millings for the parking lot project if the Township could use them.

Mrs. Janice Bonavita, 918 Dove Island Road, stated that she always walks her dog on a leash and feels that dog owners should be accountable for decisions not to have their dogs leashed as required. Mrs. Bonavita supports having signage put up at the park and having Mr. DeCarolis enforce the ordinances.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Mayor Scott closed this portion of the meeting.

There being no further business a Motion was made by Mr. Fisher to attend to adjourn the meeting, seconded by **Mrs. Straway**. In a voice vote at 8:34 p.m., all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Knott, Municipal Clerk