

ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING FOR AUGUST 8, 2012

The August meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 0704 with a flag salute.

Helen Hazard read the "Sunshine Laws" in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

A roll call was taken and it showed that Helen Hazard, Paul Chandler, Edward Truitt, Henry Gomez, Nancy Snyder, and Carol Bitzburger were present.

The minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting were read by Helen. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Paul and seconded by Carol. The motion was carried and the minutes were approved as written. A copy of these minutes is on file.

At this time the meeting moved on to correspondence and Helen read the letter from Kluk Consultants dated July 25, 2012 regarding the Cramer Auto Recycling monitoring well test sampling on July 3, 2012. A copy of this letter is on file.

A letter from the Pinelands Commission to Mark Healy dated July 27, 2012 regarding Application # 1984-0079.003, Block 69, Lots 15A – 15B, Bass River Township in response to Mr. Healy's letter of May 12, 2012 regarding development on the before mentioned parcel and whether it is consistent with the wetlands protection standards was read. A copy of this letter is on file.

Mayor Buzby-Cope administered the Oath of Office to Ken Rose. Ken will be a 2nd alternate on the Environmental Commission. A copy of the Oath of Office is on file. Helen Hazard explained we are a seven member board with two alternates and the rules governing voting.

At this point in the meeting old business was brought up and Mayor Buzby-Cope talked about "clustering" which was a concern from a member of the public from the July 11, 2012 meeting. The mayor stated it is not feasible for "clustering" to occur in Bass River Township, since most of the properties are in Wetlands and/or

Pinelands Preservation, and the requirements cannot be met. Regardless, the paperwork must still be submitted.

Jarrold Miller joined the meeting at 0720.

Mayor Cope also addressed the variations in the well test results for Cramer's Auto Recycling. According to the NJDEP who has been down, lead occurs naturally in the environment and is higher certain times of the year, and summer has a way of cleaning things up. She also stated there was discussion among the Bass River Township Commissioners at the previous Monday night's meeting that by possibly changing the due date for Junkyards' applications from April 1 to July 1, the test results may be favorable and in compliance first time around.

In further discussion, January 1 is the due date for campground applications, at which time the money flow is not there. In both cases, the due date for applications would be consistent. This would require a change in the existing ordinances to reflect same. The mayor advised and ordinance club is being formed to take a look at both the junkyard and campground ordinances with the junkyard being first.

In the area of new business, Jarrold reiterated what Mayor Buzby-Cope said that the time for the junk yard tests should be changed.

The meeting was open to the public and a member voiced their concern about the current levels that the NJDEP sets for well water tests.

There was no further public comment and a motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 0738 by Nancy and seconded by Ed. The motion carried and the meeting stood adjourned.

I certify these minutes to be true.

Nancy Snyder