

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MAY 10, 2023~ 7:14PM**

This Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08809 at 7:14pm.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were sent to The Courier News and the Star Ledger on December 21, 2022. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, on the Raritan Borough website and filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Proper notice having been given the secretary is directed to include this statement in the minutes of this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Nina Dory, Gennifer Hoffmeister, Kathryn Mastice,
Preni Nair,

Absent: Anna Bongiovi, Jessica Ivan, Councilman Pablo Orozco (Excused)

Also Present: Michael McCarty, Assistant Director SCHD, Constance M. DelRocco, Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

President Dory led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this point 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 are asked to limit their comments to 5 minutes. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a written copy after making your comments. Please sign in by printing your name and address.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Dorey gave the following report.

BOH Calendar Schedule Meetings

The yearly calendar of schedule meetings will be coming up soon. If everyone would look at your schedules so that we can schedule accordantly. There will not be a need to cancel meetings due to no quorum. We can discuss these dates at another meeting.

Deputy Registrar Stipend

We have already changed the Registrar hours and the Deputy Registrar's responsibilities will be. The amount of work that is done for the Businesses/Dogs and Cats are what we need to look into. We have the job description for this, and we spoke about offering \$2,500.00 as a yearly stipend.

Board President Dorey will speak with Mayor Bray and the final voting will take place at the June 14, 2023, meeting.

Board of Health/Health Committee

We have discussed this in past meetings, and maybe we should take a good look at if we want to continue to be independent as a Board or if we want to be just a committee.

This will be discussed further during the June 14, 2023, meeting.

Registrar Website

As you know Raritan Borough has entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance with the Office of the Attorney General Dept. of Law and Public Safety Division of Civil Rights. This was due to an investigative inquiry in all Municipalities in NJ. There were a number of Municipalities who still had an older marriage license application on their website. This was determined to be a form of discrimination on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity and gender expression because it only allowed applicants to identify as either "female" or "Male".

The Borough had to pay \$1,000.00 and the website has been updated also training on law against discrimination.

"Save My Life"

Medical Essential Diagnostics is a program to provide comprehensive physical and diagnostic testing for public service workers. They would like to host a 10–15-minute health and wellness information session with each department to speak about annual diagnostic exams and preventative healthcare.

Will speak with Administration about scheduling possibilities, and will discuss further on June 14, 2023, meeting.

Pool Opening Date

Will speak with Recreation Director for opening date of pool on Frelinghuysen Avenue. I was agreed to have SCHD come at that time to discuss water safety with parents and children at the pool.

Basilone Parade

Somerset County Health Department will see if having a tent or mobile unit would be available for health screening/blood pressure screening.

Member Mastice will speak with parade coordinator Bruce Doorley about screening and location. She also noted the Basilone Parade Committee has a number of rules that need to be followed.

Blood Pressure Screening for Seniors (Raritan Borough)

Somerset County Health Department will have Health Educator and Nursing staff attend Senior Meetings, second Wednesday of each month except July and August.

They would also be given covid tests at the meeting.

President Dorey will stop at SCHD location in Somerville to pickup testing kits for the Raritan Food Pantry.

Facebook

Will speak with Alyssa Cornella, Administrative Assistant to see if she would consider taking over the Facebook page for the BOH.

Regional Chronic Disease Coalition is a virtual link with programing every weekend. It was asked how the link could be shared with public.

M. McCarty, Assistant Director of SCHD, will check on this for the June 14, 2023, meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 08, 2023

Board President Dorey motioned to except the March 08, 2023, Minutes, seconded by Board Member Nair. Motion was approved by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Bongiovi				X
		Hoffmeister	X			
		Dorey	X			
		Ivan				X
X		Mastice	X			
	X	Nair	X			
		Orozco				X

REGISTRAR REPORT

May 2023

Board Member Mastice motioned to except the May 2023 Registrar’s Report, seconded by Board Member Nair. Motion was approved by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Bongiovi				X
		Hoffmeister	X			
		Dorey	X			
		Ivan				X
X		Mastice	X			
	X	Nair	X			
		Orozco				X

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

HEALTH INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Michael McCarty gave the following report.

The Health Inspector Venson Moise has already finished all inspections as of May 2023. President Dorey noted there have been c/o overflowing garbage dumpsters at the apartment buildings on First Avenue/Third Street.

There will be a formal c/o made with property maintenance.

Board President Dorey motioned to approve the Health Officer/Health Director’s Report, seconded by Board Member Nair. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

MOTION	SECOND	NAME	YEAS	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
		Bongiovi				X
		Hoffmeister	X			
X		Dorey	X			
		Ivan				X
		Mastice	X			
	X	Nair	X			
		Orozco				X

Garbage cans/plastic bags

President Dorey will speak with Mayor Bray about the issues with plastic bags and the possibility of going back to garbage cans.

LIAISON REPORT

None Offered

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Dorey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Mastice. Motion carried at 8:00 pm. All BOH Members present in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance M. Del Rocco, Secretary
 Raritan Borough Board of Health

Approved: June 14, 2023