

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
APRIL 10, 2024~ 7:00PM**

This Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health was held Wednesday, April 10, 2024, in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08809 at 7:06pm.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notices of this meeting were sent to The Courier News and the Breeze News. 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, Preni Nair, Carol Werner

Absent: Anna Bongiovi (Excused), Kathryn Mastice (Excused)

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

FLAG SALUTE

The Board Vice President 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 REPORT

None offered

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 12, 2024

Board President Dorey motioned to except the February 12, 2024, 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			
X		Mastice				X
	X	Nair	X			
		Warner			X	

REGISTRAR REPORT

February 2024

Board Member Dorey motioned to except Registrar’s Reports, 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			
X		Dorey	X			
		Mastice				X
	X	Nair	X			
		Warner			X	

BOARD OF HEALTH FINANCIAL REMITTANCE

February 2024

Board President Dorey motioned to except BOH Financial Remittance Reports, 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			
X		Dorey	X			
		Mastice				X
	X	Nair	X			
		Warner			X	

**HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT
HEALTH INSPECTOR’S REPORT**

Michael McCarty gave the following report.

SCHD is still providing Covid 19 clinics once a month at the Bridgewater Senior Building.

He noted SCHD has had problems with vaccinations for school age children. The problems have been possible transportation issues, parents/children in this county illegally and may be afraid to participate. SCHD may need to go into the schools and see what the issues are. He added SCHD has a good relationship with the nurses at he schools which could help to get the word out to these children that have not be vaccinated.

SCHD is looking to have their own clinic space for vaccinations and screening, maybe at the SCHD offices. He noted this may help with those children that have not been vaccinated. He added at the end of the day SCHD is the enforcing agency.

No mice or anything else in the apartment in the area, that was an issue. Not enough containers for the amount of apartment/residents. He added the county has cleaned up the tain tracks areas and Horton

Restaurant has issues not inside but near their dumpsters, rodents have been spotted. He noted the DPW employees would like mattresses and fabric covered furniture to be wrapped in plastic due to possible health issues. He suggested looking at an ordinance from Passaic County where the wrapping of mattresses and furniture was being done due to bedbug issues.

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

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

RESOLUTIONS

2024-04-01 Appointment of Board of Health Secretary

It was noted, the current secretary C. Del Rocco will continue as secretary, January 01, 2024-December 31, 2024, with a 2% increase in salary.

Board President Dorey motioned to approve Resolution 2024-04-01, seconded by Member Hoffmeister. Motioned carried by the following roll call vote.

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

LIAISON REPORT

Michael Patente introduced himself and noted there are issues with some areas with trash. He noted maybe looking at more control of this issue. He added looking at redevelopment around town as well. Habitat for Humanity will be volunteering their time to paint the pool and dugouts at Frelinghuysen Park. He added there are still playing fields at Frelinghuysen Park, the basketball and tennis courts have been redone. Discussion about the splash park at the Basilone Park are continued possibility waiting for a grant. He noted whatever you want me to bring back to the Mayor and Council like questions you have about bags to be put into garbage cans or finding more BOH members, so meetings are not a problem. He noted he is not a politician he is someone who would like to see the Borough looking like it was when he was young.

BOH Members would like to see more activities at Sgt. John Basilone Park, especially for those that cannot afford Bridgewater Township activities, which can be expensive.
More activities for seniors.

OLD BUSINESS

Board of Health/Advisory Board

Because Raritan is a Borough the Board of Health would not be able to become an advisory board and the Mayor and Council would be the legal Board of Health.

Garbage Bags/Trash Cans

Vince Lo Medico Director of DPW will be available for the May 8, 2024, BOH meeting. He will be able to discuss the garbage bags/trash can issue.

It has also been noted that DPW has had problems picking up upholstered furniture and mattress and box springs. There may be possible issues with bedbugs.

NEW BUSINESS

Registrar

The Registrar is appointed by the Board of Health every three years and the salary is determined by the Board of Health. Duties/Responsibilities pertaining to the Registrar are directed to the State Registrar.

Reflectors for animal owners

Will check prices of reflectors for dogs.

Will check if this can be paid for with money collected for dog/cat licenses.

The BOH approved a new recorder for the secretary to use for meetings.

The BOH is looking for additional Health Departments for their services (SCHD contract will expire 12/31/2024)

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Warner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Nair. Motion carried at 8:55 pm. All BOH Members present in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved: October 09, 2024