

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2024~ 7:03PM**

This Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health was held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08809 at 7:03pm.

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, James Norgalis, HO, Rehs, MSA, Health Officer Branchburg Health Department, Alyssa Cornella, Deputy Municipal Clerk, Deputy Registrar and Constance M. DelRocco, Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

The Board 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

President Dorey asked if the date of the Rabies clinic could be given to Alyssa Cornella to be mailed out with the applications for animal licensing for 2025.

C DelRocco, Secretary BOH, will speak with Charles Schwirck, DVM. Regarding the date for the rabies clinic.

A motion was made by Member Mastice for the Board of Health to remain as a Board of Health with autonomy, second by Member Nair. All members in attendance were in favor.

Ordinance No.2024-01

An Ordinance of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health Amending Licensing Requirements for Retail Food Establishments and Establishing a Grading System for the Licensing of Retail Food Establishments

A motion was made by President Dorey to hold off on further discussions of Ordinance 2024-01 till 2025, seconded by Member Nair. All members in attendance were in favor.

James Norgalis, HO, Reh, MSA, Health Officer Branchburg Health Department and Board of Health Member discussed Branchburg (who also works with the Health Department in Montgomery Township) becoming Raritan Borough’s Health Department.

The Board of Health will discuss this further at the December 11, 2024, meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 2024 and November 2024 minutes will be available for December 2024.

BOARD OF HEALTH FINANCIAL REMITTANCE

October 2024

November 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			
		Werner	X			

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

HEALTH INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Michael McCarty gave the following report.

Soft Launched SCHD new web-base will serve residents for any complaints or to track inspections electronically. He noted this is better than Microsoft platform which is currently being used. He noted late October SCHD filed an application for accreditation in public health and will be hopefully approved within the year. He noted the flu clinic was on Friday, November 08, at Borough Hall (all purpose room) 22-23 people were given flu shots. He added Amanda Amodio, SCHD Preparedness Coordinator and Dianne Bautisa, SCHD Nurse Program Coordinator were present. He noted a virtual meeting of BOH members and Secretaries. More of a focus group and information meeting.

Somerset County Health Department will be looking for a new facility in Richard Hall for clinic use. The site is near Somerset County transportation. This site will be used for vaccinations and screening for children. Which SCHD is in the process of filing an application to the State and if approved we will be able to vaccinate children, getting them the necessary vaccinations needed to be ready for school.

Member Mastice asked if SCHD was still doing Covid shots. M.McCarty noted once a month at the Somerset County Senior Center. He added primary doses are still being given. He added this will be until sometime in June.

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			
		Werner	X			

LIAISON REPORT

Councilman Patente gave the following report.

October 1, 2024, Raritan Borough and Bridgewater Township now have shared for Court services.

The Borough has hired two new Police Officers currently they are on probation for several weeks. He added both officers are bilingual, which is a very good thing.

The new municipal building is still under construction and will be ready sometime in the middle of 2025.

He noted the Borough Council will be expecting 2025 Budgets. He added If I can help, please don’t hesitate to let me know.

He noted an Eagle Scout had a project which was the cleaned up the dog park. He added the young man did a wonderful job.

NEW BUSINESS

It was noted by Board President Dorey that on November 1, 2024, Somerset County Food Bank became in charge of Raritan Food Pantry. Due to the large number of residents (475 families) and the small facility Raritan Food Pantry will be moving to a new location sometime in 2025. The Raritan residents will still be provided for but in the new location.

President Dorey noted the increase of traffic on First Avenue and Fifth Street which makes crossing this intersection dangerous. She suggested placing flags on both corners of the street which may make this a little easier to cross.

It was noted that additional pet waste containers are needed around the Borough. DPW would be asked about the possibilities.

It was noted that wrist reflector wrist bands would be about \$38.00 which would be from Amazon which can be given out at the rabies clinic.

Jeffery King, Vones Lane, Raritan, NJ 08869- It might be worthwhile to use the police sign on wheels to place on Main Street with the rabies clinic date and time on it. He noted this could be done a few days ahead of time. He added the bags for dog waste with the plastic bone shaped container could be given away at the rabies clinic too.

Delette Pante, 30 Glaser Avenue, Raritan, New Jersey 089869 The wrist bands would be \$38.00 and can be donated if the price is to much for the BOH budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Dorey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Werner. Motion carried at 8:23 pm. All BOH Members present in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved: December 11, 2024