

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2025~7:00PM**

This Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health was held Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08809 at 7:03pm.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was 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: Constance Del Rocco, Nina Dorey, Gennifer Hoffmeister, Carol Werner

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

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

FLAG SALUTE

The Board Secretary 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.

Jeffrey King-47 Vones Lane, Raritan, New Jersey 08869

It was noted that there are a lot of animal droppings on Vones Lane that is near the lake. It was suggested that a waste station be placed in this area. It was suggested that the Food Pantry could rent the two businesses on Main Street that are currently empty. (noted after learning the Food Pantry will not be extending its lease at the present address on Thompson Street)

Mr. King noted he went to the massage facility on Thompson Street and was given a business card to make an appointment, he noted services are by appointment only, the area looks neat and clean.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

It was noted that there are apartment buildings using what is called “valet garbage service”. People will leave their garbage in the hallways near their doors and the service will pick up. This is not an issue in Raritan Borough but a concern it may become one. The BOH is concerned this is a fire safety/ health issue. Sending a letter/email to the Director of DPW with a suggestion to disapprove this type of garbage service was highly recommended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 08, 2025

Board Vice President Hoffmeister motioned to except January 08, 2025, minutes, seconded by Board President Dorey, Motion was approved by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
	X	Dorey	X			
X		Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice				X
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

APPROVAL OF REGISTRAR’S REPORT

January 2025

Board President Dorey motioned to except the January 2025, Registrar’s Report, seconded by Board Vice President Hoffmeister, Motion was approved by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice				X
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

BOARD OF HEALTH FINANCIAL REPORT

January 2025

Board President Dorey motioned to except the January 2025, BOH Financial Report, seconded by Board Member Werner, Motion was approved by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
		Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice				X
		Nair				X
	X	Werner	X			

HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

M. McCarty, Assistant Director SCHD, gave the following report for January 2025.

He noted there were two complaints, and one conditional. Mostly everything is stasis quo. He noted there has been an informational session at the Raritan Library, informing those in attendance with information about various health issues. He added SCHD will be providing this once a month. He added if there are any issues the BOH would like to have discussed in these sessions please let him know.

He noted a new Health Inspector position has been created and SCHD is interviewing for an additional Nursing position.

President Dorey suggested possibly having someone come to speak at the Christmas in July event sponsored by the Recreation Dept.

It was agreed to speak with the Director of Recreation to suggest having someone speak at the event and possibly have blood pressure screening as well. It was noted a lot more advertising will need to be done to inform those who may be interested in the event.

Board President Dorey motioned to except January 2025, Health Inspector's Report, seconded by Board Member Hoffmeister, Motion was approved by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice				X
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

LIAISON REPORT

Councilman Agrawal gave the following report

He noted the 2025 Budget should be approved by March 2025.

He spoke about the Rehabilitation/Redevelopment Plan, the planner is Angela Knowles. There would be a five-year tax break to encourage property owners to improve their homes and businesses. With these improvements it would attract new business and help existing businesses to thrive.

OLD BUSINESS

Rabies Clinic

The Rabies Clinic was held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the North Thompson Street Firehouse from 10am-12pm. There were 102 animals (cats/dogs) vaccinated at the clinic from Raritan Borough and other Municipalities mostly in Somerset County. It was noted that those participating gave a large amount of food/hygiene products to the Raritan Food Pantry.

Somerset County Health Department Contract

President Dorey made a motion to except the three-year contract with SCHD, seconded by Vice President Hoffmeister, motion was approved by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DeLRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice				X
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

NEW BUSINESS

Dog waste site number/locations

After speaking with the Director of DPW it was noted there were many dog waste site locations that were not going to benefit the Borough.

After a brief discussion it was decided by the BOH to have only four additional dog waste sites

- Meehan Avenue (near JFK school)
- Vones Lane (near the lake)
- Orlando Drive (near the large open spaces)
- Washington School Site

These locations will be given to the Director of DPW.

All the Board of Health Members present were in approval.

Hepatitis B Vaccine for Fire Department

This issue was discussed, and it was noted that the BOH or SCHD has never issued Hep B shots to the Firehouse or any other employees. It was noted the BOH has never had anything to do with the issue and will continue this practice in the future. It was added to respond to the Fire Chief with an email.

All BOH members present were in approval.

Tanning Facility Ordinance

President Dorey made a motion for the Tanning Facility Ordinance to be sent to the Borough Attorney for legal approval, seconded by Vice-President Hoffmeister. Motion was approved by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi				X
		DelRocco	X			
X		Dorey	X			
	X	Hoffmeister	X			
		Mastice				X
		Nair				X
		Werner	X			

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Dorey motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Vice President Hoffmeister. Motion carried out at 8:21pm. All BOH Members present in agreement.

Respectfully submitted

Constance M. Del Rocco,
Secretary BOH

Approval Date: March 12, 2025