

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2017~ 7:03PM**

The Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health was held on January 11, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 7:03 pm.

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 16, 2015. 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: Marie Ciufu, Diane Lella, Paula Machala, Karen Mirra, Preni Nair

Absent: Kathryn Mastice (excused)

Also Present: Paul Masaba, MD, Health Director/Officer, Michael McCarty, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Council Member Zachary Bray, Liaison, Constance M. Del Rocco, Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

Board Member Machala

NOMINATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT

Board Member Bongiovi motioned to nominate Paula Machala for President, seconded by Board Member Ciufu. All in favor.

VICE PRESIDENT

Board President Machala motioned to nominate Marie Ciufu for Vice President, seconded by Board Member Lella.

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.

Debbie Van Patten-18 Brentwood Road, Raritan, New Jersey, 08869, Complained her neighbor who lives at 1025 Tysley Place, Raritan has two bird feeders which feeds over 70

pigeons each day. She noted when not feeding these birds perch on her roof, the power lines running in front of her house, and the solar panels defecating on public/private walkways and property. She complained the feces accumulates and is dispersed throughout the neighborhood then turns to dust and is inhaled, settles on clothing, cars, landscaping, and is brought into her home due to easily being transferred to shoes, dogs or and pedestrians in the neighborhood. She explained it's not the two feeders on her neighbor's property but the large number of bird seed he throws on the ground that keeps these 70 plus pigeons coming back to feed. She noted the health of her 13 year old daughter has been seriously impacted by allergies. A letter with copies of pictures was sent to the Board of Health and she noted speaking with Michael McCarty about this issue a number of times. She suggested there must be something that can be done about this because it is a public nuisance and a Board of Health issue.

After a discussion it was noted by Paul Masaba, MD., Health Officer and Michael McCarty, Health Inspector that they both spoke to Ms. Van Patten explaining that this time there is nothing in the codes of Raritan Borough that can prevent her neighbor from feeding the birds. It was also noted after a number of inspections by the Health Inspector there were not a large number of birds at the Tysley Place property or the amount of feces that has been complained about. It was also noted by Michael McCarty, Health Inspector this may be somewhat of a neighbor dispute as well as the bird issue after speaking with the owner of the Tysley Place property. It was agreed the Board of Health will research this issue of feeding wild birds and discuss it further at the February 8th meeting. All in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 2016

Board Member Lella motioned to approve the above minutes for January 2017 with corrections seconded by Board Member Mirra. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
	X	Bongiovi	X			
		Ciufo	X			
		Lella	X			
		Machala	X			
X		Mastice				X
		Mirra	X			
		Nair	X			

PRESIDENT REPORT

Board President Machala asked for the 2017 Roster and Calendar for the Board of Health meetings.

The Secretary will provide the for the February 8th meeting.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrar's Report for December 2016:

Total Fees Collected
\$628.55

Total Fees to Date
\$10,128.55

Board Member Ciufu motioned to approve the above Registrar’s Report for December 2016, seconded by Board Member Lella. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi	X			
X		Ciufu	X			
	X	Lella	X			
		Machala	X			
		Mastice				X
		Mirra	X			
		Nair	X			

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Paul Masaba, MD gave the following report for December 2016: He noted the complaint for the feeding of the birds was something that he and the Health Inspector could not do a lot because it is not unlawful to feed the birds and there is not an ordinance in place at this time to regulate this issue. He suggested the Board of Health might wasn’t to put something in place for the future.

HEALTH INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Michael McCarty gave the following report for December 1, 2016-December 31, 2016

1. 1 West Somerset Street-Unfounded complaint against E&M Deli. Anonymous complaint cited dirty working conditions, mice, cockroaches, Verified pest control reports on site. Manger sates employee was stealing from business and has been fired, likely complainant.
2. 14 Second Street-Complaint regarding tenant-landlord issue with multi-family dwelling. Complainant states that downstairs tenant is smoking indoors.
3. North Thompson Street (next to Firehouse) has a number of animals including sheep, chickens but have not been before the Planning Board or the Board of Health.

The North Thompson Street issue is being addressed by the Planning Board/Council.

Board Member Ciufu motioned to approve the above Health Inspector’s Report for December 2016, seconded by Board Member Mirra. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

Motion	Second	Name	Yeas	Nays	Abstain	Absent
		Bongiovi	X			
X		Ciufu	X			
		Lella	X			
		Machala	X			
		Mastice				X
	X	Mirra	X			
		Nair	X			

LIAISON REPORT

Council Member Bray gave the following report:

Tillman Street property cleanup is done.

13 main Street is being tested by EPA-The Planning Board will have access to this property soon.

The Planning Board is discussing the Quick Chek/Gas Station 202/206 property. The Quick Chek on Somerset Street will remain but will not be opened for twenty-four hours.

OLD BUSINESS

Michael McCarty noted there is an allotment of vaccine but not sure how much will be available.

He will touch base with the Board Secretary with additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

Blood Pressure Screening/Seniors

Board Member Ciufu will continue with the screening on the second Wednesday of each month the Seniors meet. Board Member Nair will fill in if Board Member Ciufu is unable to do screening.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Ciufu motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Mirra. Motion carried at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approval: February 8, 2017