

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
MARCH 8, 2017~ 7:02PM**

The Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health was held on March 8, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 7:02 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: Anna Bongiovi, Marie Ciufo, Diane Lella, Paula Machala,
Kathryn Mastice

Absent: Preni Nair (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

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.

No one spoke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 2017

Board Member Bongiovi motioned to approve the above minutes for February 2017 seconded by Board Member Mastice. 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			
		Nair				X

PRESIDENT REPORT

Board President Machala read the Resignation letter from Karen Mirra, effective 02/10/2017.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT

Registrar’s Report for February 2017:

Total Fees Collected	Total Fees to Date
\$1,392.04	\$2,585.09

Board Member Ciufo motioned to approve the above Registrar’s Report for February 2017, seconded by Board Member Lella. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

Paul Masaba, MD gave the following report:

The State has mandated a new lead level to identify children with high blood lead levels now 5 micrograms per deciliter down from 10 micrograms. These tests would be on children five years of age.

SCHD has asked the Somerset County Freeholders to appropriate money for a new Lead analyzer machine.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

President Machala opened the public hearing stating speakers are asked to limit their comments to just 5 minutes.

Debbie Van Patten-18 Brentwood Road, Raritan, New Jersey 08869, Asked what was being done in reference to the complaint she placed before the Board of Health on January 11th, 2017.

After a discussion which was a continuation of issues discussed in the January 11th meeting, it was noted by Council Member Bray all correspondence from Ms. Van Patten's (emails, videos and pictures of various times at her property) were given to Richard Wenner, Raritan Borough Attorney. It was suggested Richard Wenner would review the information and provide an opinion on the issue. The Board of Health was in agreement.

HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Michael McCarty gave the following report for January 2017 and February 2017:

January

1. 806 Columbus Avenue-Anonymous complaint from neighbor near 806 Columbus stating numerous Interior issues and odor outdoors. On site investigation did not reveal any odors and could not follow-up on Interior conditions with complainant.
2. 7 East Somerset Street, Canal Street, la Grange Street-Part of large list of anonymous complaints delivered to Mayor and Zoning office. Could not verify vermin issues at any, not official complaints have been filed.
3. 7 Thompson Street-Ongoing issue at 2-family rental property with low water pressure.

February

1. 7 Thompson Street-Low water pressure-New Jersey Water notified, possible change of meter.

LIAISON REPORT

Council Member Bray gave the following report:

At 45 Thompson Street-Store front with apartment upstairs. Complaint of large amounts of trash in the downstairs area. Michael Mulcahy, Property Maintenance Officer was made aware of this issue.

Continuation of Pigeon issue at 18 Brentwood Road and 1025 Tysley Place properties. It was noted by Council Member Bray that he has been at the properties in question a number of times and conditions were always minimal with small amounts of bird feces to none. He noted there were a number of birds present on the utility wires. He also commented that PSE&G was notified by Raritan Borough due to the condition of the solar panel (large amounts of bird feces). PSE&G noted they no longer have a cleanup program, they rely on the rain. PSE&G did remove the solar panel in question. All correspondence between Council Member Bray and Ms. Van Patten (18 Brentwood Road) which included emails, pictures of her property at various times and videos were given to Richard Wenner, Raritan Borough Attorney. It was suggested Richard Wenner would review the situation and provide an opinion on the issues. Council Member Bray gave a packet with all communications involving this issue to the Board of Health Members at this meeting (March 8th)

The Board decided a letter would be sent to Ms. Van Patten after the follow up from Richard Wenner.

OLD BUSINESS

Nuisance Ordinance

The Board will be introducing the above ordinance at the April 12th meeting.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Board Member Ciufu noted 9 blood pressures taken on March 8th Senior Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Mastice motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Ciufu. Motion carried at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approval: April 12, 2017