

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
APRIL 12, 2017~ 7:00PM**

The Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health was held on April 12, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 22 First Street, Raritan, New Jersey 08869 at 7:00 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, Diane Lella, Paula Machala, Preni Nair

Absent: Marie Ciufu (excused), Kathryn Mastice (excused)

Also Present: Michael McCarty, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Council Member Zachary Bray, Liaison, Constance M. Del Rocco, Secretary

FLAG SALUTE

Board Member Machala 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.

No one spoke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 2017

Board Member Bongiovi motioned to approve the above minutes for March 2017 seconded by Board Member Nair. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

PRESIDENT REPORT

Board President Machala informed the Board Members Kathryn Mastice was having surgery and wished her a speedy recovery. She noted a card would also be sent by her with best wishes from the Board.

REGISTRAR’S REPORT

Registrar’s Report for March 2017:

Total Fees Collected	Total Fees to Date
\$833.03	\$4,262.16

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

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

HEALTH OFFICER’S REPORT

None offered

HEALTH INSPECTOR’S REPORT

Michael McCarty gave the following report for March:

He reported the State has changed the mandatory blood levels from 10 micrograms per deciliter to 5 micrograms and there is a possibility of even lower levels being considered by the State.

Board President asked what happens if high levels were found in a child?

Inspector McCarty replied the results would go to the SCHD and they would have an inspector go to the home for an inspection. Once at the home they may find the paint needs to be stripped due to increased lead levels or the water may need to be tested. He added if any of these issues

were found the family would be relocated till these issues were rectified. He added lead could be in cosmetics, peeling paint, toys, foods, water, and dust.

7 Thompson Street-complaint of low water pressure.

Gold wok Somerset Street- They sealed their back door with plastic. After an inspection they were asked to remove this due to a fire hazard. They complied.

Board Member Bongiovi motioned to approve the above Health Inspector’s Report, seconded by Board Member Lella. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

LIAISON REPORT

None Offered

OLD BUSINESS

Bird Issue-Letter from Borough Attorney

Board President Machala read a letter from Richard Wenner, Raritan Borough Attorney. In the letter Richard Wenner, Esq. noted that the enforcement powers of the local Board of Health in Raritan are emphasized through the County of Somerset (Somerset County Health Department). He encouraged Ms. Van Patten to contact the SCHD if there were additional questions regarding local health matters.

Michael McCarty, Health Inspector noted as per the Somerset County Health Department’s Legal representation, he was not to speak about this issue.

Board President Machala noted that a call should be made to SCHD attorney to end this issue. She added SCHD is the BOH specialist in this type of matter

NEW BUSINESS

Health Inspector McCarty noted he received a phone call from Robert Fulminante, Acting DPW Superintendent, on April 11, 2017 noting there was an issue with a resident who was upset that DPW condemned her waste receptacle due to holes that were large enough for rodents to enter.

Health Inspector McCarty said he looked through the codes of the Borough of Raritan to find something that would give DPW authority to condemn waste receptacle if there openings were large enough for rodents to enter. He added the above issue could be a health hazard, but he was unable to find anything in the current codes to justify this action. He was told by DPW that years ago they would put a sticker on waste receptacles that were worn out with holes to condemn them. He added there was also an issue with weight of waste receptacles at curbside.

Council Member Bray in at 7:20pm

After a brief discussion it was decided Council Member Bray would bring this issue to Mayor and Council.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No-BH 2017-01

Ordinance of the Board of Health of the Borough of Raritan, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Creating A public Health Nuisance Code.

Health Inspector McCarty noted in Section IX, 9.2 Any Person who violates or neglects to comply with any provision of this ordinance or code established herein or notice issued pursuant thereto, shall upon conviction thereof , be liable to a penalty of not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each violation.

Five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for each violation.

After a brief discussion this change will be sent to Richard Wenner, Borough Attorney for his legal approval.

Board Member Bongiovi motioned to approve the Introduction of Ordinance No-BH 2017-01 with changes, seconded by Board Member Nair. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Bongiovi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Nair. Motion carried at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approval: 05/10/2017