

**BOROUGH OF RARITAN  
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING  
MAY 9, 2018~ 7:00PM**

The Meeting of the Borough of Raritan Board of Health was held on May 9, 2018 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 29, 2017. 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: Diane Lella, Paula Machala, Kathryn Mastice, Preni Nair

Absent: Anna Bongiovi (excused), Marie Ciufu (excused)

Also Present: Paul Masaba, MD, SCHD Director, Michael McCarty, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, Nicolas Carra, Liaison, Constance M. Del Rocco, Secretary

**FLAG SALUTE**

Board President 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.

Donald Tozzi-38 Glaser Avenue, Raritan, New Jersey, 08869-Asked the Board of Health Members how many pet waste stations they were interested in putting in the parks.

Board President Machala noted the BOH was planning on possibly purchasing eight stations.

Councilmember Tozzi replied he has a contact and would be able to get them to the BOH free of charge. He added the BOH would get them by the June meeting. He also noted after speaking with DPW they have no problem installing/maintaining them.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. April, 2018

Board Member Mastice motioned to approve the April 2018 meeting minutes, second by Board Member Nair. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Board President Machala commented on the Raritan 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration which was held on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> at Frelinghuysen Park on Bell Avenue. She noted the table for the BOH was a success, with a number of resident picking up brochures and information on ticks and mosquitoes. She added there were a number of other groups there, Sewer Commission, Historical committee, and the Environmental Committee. She noted it was a nice event.

**REGISTRAR REPORT**

Registrar’s Report for April 2018

**Total Fees Collected**

April            \$994.14

**Total Fees to Date**

\$3,131.37

Board Member Lella motioned to approve the March 2018 Registrar Report, second 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**

Paul Masaba, MD gave the following report:

Dr. Masaba handed out the 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment Survey for RWJBarnabas Health. He explained this is an online survey which will help future health care programs. Additionally there will be a telephone survey with hope of getting a better rounded picture.

He noted SCHD last program dealing with lead levels in children is fully staffed, with a fulltime nurse and inspector that will provide information to schools and the public.

Dr. Masaba noted there have not been additional E-Coli cases but the outbreak is still ongoing nationally. He added this has involved twenty-five states with over 221 cases. He noted in New Jersey there were seven cases, involving four counties.

Dr. Masaba noted "The Fight the Bite" program will commence very shortly and SCHD is going to up the bite this year. He added this is due to a number of huge tick infestations that are continually being monitored at this time. He noted Vector-borne diseases are also on the rise due to large numbers of mosquitoes/ticks in New Jersey.

Internationally, Ebola virus has been detected in the Democratic Republic of Congo with 21 suspected cases, 2 confirmed positive cases and 17 deaths. This is very serious health concern and is being monitored closely.

## **HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

Michael McCarty gave the following report for March 2018.

### **Complaints-March 2018**

1. 300 Route 202 South-Complaint against Jersey Mike's. Unfounded complaint-Complainant states that there was a mouse that ran out of the store. This however could not be verify at the time of inspection.
2. La Grange Street-Complaint against property owner of mold, water intrusion in basement. Scheduled for inspection week of 5/14/18 with tenant.
3. Route 202-Complaint against property owner, states that she is former tenant and that there was damage done to building materials when hot water heater leaked. Have not heard from complainant since time of initial complaint.

Board Member Mastice motioned to except the Health Inspectors Report, seconded by Board Member Lella. Motion carried by the following roll call vote.

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

**LIAISON REPORT**

Councilman Carra gave the following report:

The ground breaking ceremony for the Block 81 project (Third Street) will be on June 12<sup>th</sup>, with demolition starting as early as that same week.

Councilman Carra noted DPW was involved in the discussion on the dog waste stations and they will install the stations in the designated areas and then maintain them.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Curb your dog signs/pet waste stations**

This was discussed during public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Lella motioned to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Mastice. Motion carried at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Approved: 10/10/2018