TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Frank Nagy at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, One Municipal Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822

MEETING NOTICED

The meeting was noticed June 21, 2019 to the Courier News, Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Express Times, TapInto and posted on the municipal bulletin board and Township website.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mark Peters; Tom Smith; Carolee Zak; Chairman, Frank Nagy; Board Secretary, Lisa Fania; Hunterdon County Department of Health, Carla Hobbs; Board Attorney, Richard Tice

ABSENT: Jeannie Geremia; Venkata Lanka; Patrick Morlando; Rose Sollena; Robyn Fatooh

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MINUTES

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to approve the October 17, 2019 meeting minutes.
Motion by Zak, seconded by Peters
ROLL CALL:
AYES: Peters, Smith, Zak, Chairman Nagy
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Geremia, Lanka, Morlando, Sollena, Fatooh

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Presentation by Mayor, Jeff Kuhl and Administrator, Don Hutchins – Board of Health Membership – Mayor Kuhl advised the Board that the Township Code is being re-codified and during the review stage it was discovered that the membership of the Board of Health was incorrect. He explained that the current membership consists of a nine-member board including two alternates

which are not permitted by Ordinance. He continued to explain that the statute allows for a board of not less than five nor more than seven members and it has been decided to reduce the membership to five with no alternates for reasons of efficiency and savings. Mayor Kuhl added that an ordinance reflecting this amendment will be introduced at the Township Committee's regular meeting on November 18, 2019.

Mr. Hutchins explained that there are three members up for reappointment for 2020 but that there will be only one vacancy as a result of the change. He continued that anyone interested in reappointment to the Board or any other boards or committees shall submit a letter of intent to the Clerk. Mr. Hutchins added that changes to other boards and committees had been made including the Environmental Commission.

Mayor Kuhl explained the change in the Parks and Recreation Committee. He advised that the Flemington-Raritan Joint Parks and Recreation Committee's agreement had expired December 31, 2018 and had been extended by both parties until a determination could be made regarding the committee's future. Mayor Kuhl continued that it was decided that it was economically beneficial for both parties to dissolve the joint committee and proceed with the creation of the Raritan Township Recreation Department.

Board Members present expressed discontent and outrage regarding the decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Establishing date for 2020 Reorganization meeting and regular meetings – A brief discussion was held establishing Thursday, January 16, 2020 as the date for the Board's 2020 reorganization meeting as well as confirming that the regular meeting date will remain the third Thursday of the month.

LIAISONS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
No report

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
*Correspondence
*Food Inspection Reports
*Rabies Update

Carla Hobbs, Hunterdon County Department of Health, reported on retail food establishment inspections for the period of October 18, 2019 through November 13, 2019; rabies incidents county-wide; and septic repairs and alterations.

RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (RTMUA)

The following regular meeting minutes were acknowledged by Board Members with no comment:

September 18, 2019

OLD BUSINESS

Vaping discussion follow up – Discussion continued from the previous meeting. Mr. Peters advised that the state will be considering the banning of all flavors including menthol on November 25, 2019. He further advised that Walmart, CVS and Walgreens have stopped selling vaping products as well.

During the discussion, Mr. Tice voiced opinion not in favor of the West Windsor ordinance regarding regulations for vaping establishments. He advised Board Members that any action taken by the Board must be based on health reasons. Board members raised questions and concerns regarding licensing/registration fees; violation fees; and the use of funds for education purposes. It was the consensus of the Board to wait for the state decision and carry discussion.

FINANCIALS

Board Members reviewed the financial report for October, 2019. There were no comments or discussion.

COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Motion by Zak, seconded by Peters to adjourn.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Fania
Board of Health Secretary