

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN
BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES
MARCH 21, 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 ADVERTISED

The meeting was advertised in the January 25, 2019 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat and posted on the municipal bulletin board and Township website.

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Robyn Fatooh (arrived at 7:45 p.m.); Jeannie Geremia; Venkata Lanka; Mark Peters; Tom Smith; Rose Sollena; Chairman Nagy; Board Secretary, Lisa Fania; Township Committee Liaison, Michael Mangin; Carla Hobbs, Hunterdon County Department of Health; Board Attorney, Richard Tice

ABSENT: Patrick Morlando, Carolee Zak

At this time, Board Secretary, Lisa Fania, advised of the voting procedure regarding Alternate Members.

MINUTES

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to approve the December 20, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion by Lanka, seconded by Peters

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Lanka, Peters, Smith, Chairman Nagy
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Morlando, Zak

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to approve the January 17, 2019 Reorganization meeting minutes.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Lanka

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Lanka, Peters, Smith, Chairman Nagy

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morlando, Zak

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

**a. BLOCK 15, LOT 83 (21 BRITTON DRIVE) – SEPTIC SYSTEM ALTERATION
WAIVER REQUEST**

Kurt Hoffman, PE, Kurt Hoffman Engineering, LLC presented the waiver request.

Motion was made by Peters, seconded by Geremia to approve the following requested waiver:

1. The highest regional water table at 18 inches which is greater than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from the existing grade with a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table and the proposed level of infiltration.

This is based on a letter from Dawn Faltings of the Hunterdon County Department of Health dated March 1, 2019.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Lanka, Peters, Smith, Chairman Nagy

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morlando, Zak

At this time, Chairman Nagy requested that Board Members deviate from the scheduled agenda and take action on Ordinance #19-01 Establishing Standards for the Operation of Motor-driven Off-road Vehicles in Residential Neighborhoods, as interested parties were in attendance.

Chairman Nagy read by title Ordinance #19-01.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR-DRIVEN OFF-ROAD VEHICLES IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to introduce Ordinance #19-01 on first consideration.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Lanka

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Lanka, Peters, Chairman Nagy

NAYES: Smith

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morlando, Zak

ORDINANCE INTRODUCED

Second reading and public hearing date scheduled for April 18, 2019.

PRESENTATION – VAPING (American Cancer Society)

Sam DeAlmeida, Government Relations Director, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, gave a presentation on Vaping that included the following:

- *What are E-Cigarettes
 - *Different names
 - *Made to look like regular cigarettes, USB sticks, pens....
 - *Produce an aerosol by heating a liquid that usually contains nicotine – the addictive drug in regular cigarettes, cigars... flavorings, and other chemicals that help to make the aerosol. Aerosol is inhaled into lungs. Bystanders can also breathe in this aerosol when the user exhales into the air
 - *Can be used to deliver marijuana and other drugs

- *What's in E-Cigarette Aerosol
 - *Volatile organic compounds
 - *Nicotine
 - *Ultrafine particles
 - *Cancer-causing chemicals
 - *Heavy metals – nickel, tin, and lead
 - *Flavoring – diacetyl

*Effects of Using E-Cigarettes

- *Contains Nicotine which is highly addictive, toxic to developing fetuses, harmful to adolescent brain development
- *Contains cancer-causing chemicals and tiny particles that reach deep into lungs
- *Defective E-Cigarette batteries have caused fires and explosions resulting in serious injuries
- *Acute nicotine exposure can be toxic

*Not currently approved by the FDA as a quit smoking aid

*Who is Using E-Cigarettes

- *most commonly used tobacco product among U.S. youth
- *4.3% middle school students
- *11.3% high school students
- *In 2016, 3.2% of adults

Ms. DeAlmeida further explained that no regulations exist for the amount of nicotine dispensed with E-Cigarettes; usage has reached epidemic proportions; usage causes popcorn lung and oral cancer; and that the Surgeon General has not taken an official position.

Discussion was held regarding usage within schools and the jurisdiction of the Board in combatting the use among the youth. Board Members raised questions regarding changes in means of delivery v. aerosol; manufacturing locations; retail establishments; distribution; varying state laws; initiatives other than zoning changes; outreach and education; and the implementation of a license fee for retailers.

It was the consensus that Mr. Peters investigate what combative efforts, if any, other communities and school districts are taking regarding the issue and carry discussion to a future meeting.

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #19-01.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Geremia

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Lanka, Peters, Smith, Chairman Nagy

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morlando, Zak

RESOLUTION #19-01

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING STEPHANIE HAVER
DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for additional coverage in the Office of the Registrar during lunch hour and times of illness and vacation of the Registrar; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Township of Raritan is desirous of establishing said additional coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health Secretary recommends Stephanie Haver for the position of Deputy Registrar to cover lunch hour and times of illness and vacation in the Office of the Registrar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Stephanie Haver is hereby appointed to the position of Deputy Registrar.

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #19-02.

Motion by Geremia, seconded by Lanka

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Lanka, Peters, Smith, Chairman Nagy

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morlando, Zak

RESOLUTION #19-02

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CAROL BARBATI
ALTERNATE DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for additional coverage in the Office of the Registrar during lunch hour and times of illness and vacation of the Registrar; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health of the Township of Raritan is desirous of establishing said additional coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health Secretary recommends Carol Barbati for the position of Alternate Deputy Registrar to cover lunch hour and times of illness and vacation in the Office of the Registrar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Raritan, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that Carol Barbati is hereby appointed to the position of Alternate Deputy Registrar.

LIAISONS

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

No report

COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

*Correspondence
None

*Food Inspection Reports
*Rabies Update

Carla Hobbs, Hunterdon County Department of Health reported on retail food establishment inspections for the period of January 1 through March 19, 2019 and provided information regarding rabies and septic repair and alterations.

RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY (RTMUA)

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

November 15, 2018
December 13, 2018
January 17, 2019

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

FINANCIALS

Board Members reviewed the February 2019 monthly report. There were no comments.

COMMENTS

Ms. Hobbs reviewed N.J.S.A. 9A-4.3 specific to distance waivers with Board Members. Ms. Hobbs explained that distance waivers pursuant to N.J.S.A. 9A can only be approved with documentation indicative that the well is provided with a water-tight casing to a depth of 50 feet or more. She continued that the Board may grant the distance waiver subject to the condition that a report from a well driller detailing the amount of casing in the well is provided to the County Health Department.

Ms. Hobbs also stated that a search can be done at the State if no well record exists at the County.

Discussion continued regarding waiver approvals granted at the December 20, 2018 meeting for Block 44, Lot 55 (23 Hardscrabble Road) and Block 86, Lot 20 (52 Toad Lane) where the distance waivers were granted without the condition of the determination of the well casing by a well driller but with only the installation of an ultraviolet device.

A motion was made by Peters, seconded by Geremia to send a letter to the property owners of the above-mentioned properties advising that it is recommended that the wells be tested due to the lack of information regarding the well casing.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Geremia, Lanka, Peters, Smith, Chairman Nagy

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Morlando, Zak

Chairman Nagy referred to Mr. Morlando's March 19, 2019 email suggesting consideration of ordinances for property maintenance and certified septic inspectors.

Township Committee Member, Michael Mangin, advised that property maintenance is not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Health and that the Township does not currently have such an ordinance. He continued that Mr. Morlando may voice his opinion and concerns before the Township Committee. Ms. Hobbs added that dead trees and debris were not considered a public health issue. Board Attorney, Richard Tice, read into the record the nuisance code.

Ms. Hobbs advised that there is no certification for septic inspectors required. Mr. Tice presented information regarding Pennsylvania certification. Mr. Peters commented that such certification is accepted in New Jersey. Ms. Hobbs to follow up and advise accordingly at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

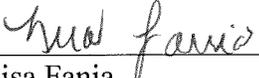
Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Peters, seconded by Geremia to adjourn.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Fania
Board of Health Secretary