

**TOWNSHIP OF RARITAN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 20, 2020**

**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

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**MEETING NOTICED**

The meeting was noticed January 23, 2020 to the Courier News, Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Express Times, TapInto and posted on the municipal bulletin board and Township website.

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**ATTENDANCE**

**PRESENT:** Thomas Camporeale; Venkata Lanka; Patrick Morlando; Thomas Smith; Chairman Frank Nagy; Board Secretary, Lisa Fania; Hunterdon County Department of Health, Carla Hobbs; Township Committee Liaison, Scott MacDade

**ABSENT:** None

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**MINUTES**

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to approve the December 19, 2019 meeting minutes.  
Motion by Smith, seconded by Morlando

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Lanka, Morlando, Smith, Chairman Nagy  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** Camporeale  
**ABSENT:** None

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Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to approve the January 16, 2020 Reorganization meeting minutes.

Motion by Lanka, seconded by Smith

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Lanka, Smith, Chairman Nagy

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Camporeale, Morlando

**ABSENT:** None

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**COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

There was no public comment.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. BLOCK 22, LOT 21 (47 DECKER ROAD) – SEPTIC SYSTEM WAIVER REQUEST**

There was no engineer present. Carla Hobbs provided background regarding the waiver.

Motion was made by Lanka, seconded by Smith to approve the following requested waiver with condition:

1. Design with a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table and the proposed level of infiltration. The highest regional water table is at 12 inches which is greater than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from the surface.
2. Receipt of NJDEP General Permit 24 by the Hunterdon County Department of Health.

This is based on a letter from Dawn Faltings of the Hunterdon County Department of Health dated January 8, 2020.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Camporeale, Lanka, Morlando, Smith, Chairman Nagy

**NAYES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**b. NJ Local Boards of Health Association Annual Membership Renewal**

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to approve the renewal of the annual membership for 2020.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Camporeale  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

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**c. BLOCK 63.07, LOT 5 (4 COUNTRYSIDE ROAD) – SEPTIC SYSTEM WAIVER REQUEST**

Bill Jupinka, PE, Bayer Risse Engineering, presented the waiver request.

Motion was made by Lanka, seconded by Morlando to approve the following requested waiver.

1. Design with a minimum of 48 inches of separation from the regional water table and the proposed level of infiltration. The highest regional water table is at 18.5 inches which is greater than the maximum allowed by code of 24 inches from the surface.

This is based on a letter from Robert Vaccarella of the Hunterdon County Department of Health dated February 18, 2020.

**ROLL CALL:**

**AYES:** Camporeale, Lanka, Morlando, Smith, Chairman Nagy  
**NAYES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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**LIAISONS**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

No report

**COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

\*Correspondence

Board Members reviewed January 9, 2020 correspondence from the Hunterdon County Department of Health Division of Mosquito and Vector Control regarding the mosquito control program. There were no comments or further discussion.

\*Food Inspection Reports

\*Rabies Update

Carla Hobbs, Hunterdon County Department of Health, reported on retail food establishment inspections for the period of January 16 through February 18, 2020 and provided information regarding rabies. Ms. Hobbs also advised the Board on a recent rabies alert for an adult raccoon that had tested positive in the vicinity of Royal Road in the Township.

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## OLD BUSINESS

a. **Block 77.02, Lot 17 (121 Amwell Road)** – Septic System Waiver – Board Secretary, Lisa Fania, explained that the waiver request had been placed on the January 6 meeting agenda in error, as the waiver was granted at the December 19, 2019 meeting.

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b. **Appointment of Board of Health Attorney** – Ms. Fania explained that past practice has involved the appointment of the Board of Health Attorney and Land Use Board attorneys by the Township Committee at the annual reorganization meeting and by each respective board as well. Ms. Fania continued that this practice will be reviewed going forward. Ms. Fania added that request for proposals were received by Township Attorney, Jeff Lehrer, Esq. and previous Board Attorney, Richard Tice, Esq. for which Mr. Lehrer's hourly rate was \$10.00 less. She further added that the Township Committee has ultimate authority over spending.

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Lehrer, Esq. of DiFrancesco Bateman as Board of Health Attorney for 2020.

Motion by Camporeale, seconded by Smith

### ROLL CALL:

**AYES:** Camporeale, Lanka, Morlando, Smith

**NAYES:** Chairman Nagy

**ABSTAIN:** None

**ABSENT:** None

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c. **Discussion of granting permission to the Hunterdon County Department of Health to approve waivers regarding high water table conditions for malfunctioning systems with no expansion for replacement for single-family dwellings on existing lots** – A brief discussion was held among Board Members regarding granting authority to the Hunterdon County Department of Health to approve waiver requests for high water table. Ms. Hobbs spoke about septic repair, alteration, new construction, cess pools and state requirements. Board Members raised questions and concerns regarding why Kingwood is the only municipality that has adopted an ordinance as such and would the Board ever deny a waiver request regarding high water table. It was the consensus of the Board to carry discussion to a future meeting.

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**d. Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan (the “Code”) Title 17: Board of Health Regulations editorial and legal analysis review update** – Ms. Fania reiterated that the Township is the process of updating the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Raritan (the “Code”) and inquired as to the status of the Board’s review of the editorial and legal analysis for Title 17: Board of Health Regulations. Ms. Fania also reminded Board Members of the need to determine the Board’s roles and responsibilities going forward. It was the consensus to carry discussion to the next regular meeting as review was still in process.

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## **FINANCIALS**

Board Members reviewed the January 2020 monthly report. There were no comments.

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## **COMMENTS**

There were no additional comments.

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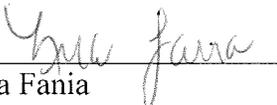
## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Nagy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion by Lanka, seconded by Camporeale to adjourn.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Lisa Fania  
Board of Health Secretary