

BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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**RIVERDALE BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2024**

The Regular meeting for the Riverdale Board of Health opening on November 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Mille Stires read the Sunshine Law.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Stacey Dakake  
Vice-Chairman Anita Meola  
Chairman Millie Stires  
Council Liaison Steve Revis

Also present is Gina McConeghy and Thomas Cantisano, Health Officials

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 17, 2024**

Thereupon Vice Chariman Anita Meola set forth the motion seconded by Stacey Dakake to approve the minutes from September 17, 2024.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Meola, Dakake, Stires  
Nays: None  
(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

**REGISTRAR’S REPORTS: September and October 2024**

Thereupon Stacey Dakake set forth the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Anita Meola to approve the Registrar’s Report as written and submitted.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Dakake, Meola, Stires  
Nays: None  
(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

**HEALTH OFFICIAL’S REPORTS: September and October 2024**

Thereupon Stacey Dakake set forth the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Anita Meola to approve the Health Official’s Report from September and October.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes: Dakake, Meola, Stires  
Nays: None  
(3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

**ORDINANCE:**

Thomas Cantisano presented the ordinance that the Board of Health has been working on to make much needed changes the bring them up to date with fees, and emerging threats that are not being addressed. Mr. Cantisano has been working with Superintendent of Schools also to make kids aware. There are many substances available and it is time for the health department to propose to the Boards some educational initiatives to approach this in a comprehensive way.

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This is a working draft which it continuing to be edited to come up with an ironclad ordinance. The ordinance will include regulations for substances being sold, massage therapy shops, and fees/late fees for locations.

In schools they would like to start educating the students as to what is going on out there with this widespread cultural problem. They would like to start in eighth grade, possibly sixth grade, sending home information to the parents to keep them up-to-date on what their children would be learning.

When a final version of the ordinance is ready there will be a draft/first reading at a public meeting then a second public reading before the ordinance would be approved.

**REORGANIZATION DATE:     **JANUARY 21, 2025****

Thereupon Stacey Dakake set forth the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Anita Meola to set the Reorganization Meeting date to January 21, 2025.

**ROLL CALL:**                     Ayes:   Dakake, Meola, Stires  
  Nays:   None  
  (3 Ayes – 0 Nays – Motion Carried)

Mr. Cantisano started that prior to the Re-organization meeting he will submit a budget for 2025, the Pequannock Health Department went back to a five-town service, Bloomingdale now uses a Passaic County Health Department for their services.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Thereupon Stacey Dakake set forth the motion seconded by Vice Chairman Anita Meola to adjourn the meeting.

**ALL IN FAVOR / MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM**

**Respectfully submitted by,**

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**Stephanie Colella, Board Secretary**