

MEETING OF THE BYRAM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
March 25, 2025 – Time 7:30PM Minutes

Board of Health Meeting was held remotely via Zoom, called to order by Roxanne Sabatini at 7:30 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

This meeting is called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. This meeting has been electronically sent to the newspapers and uploaded to the Byram Township web site not less than 48 hours in advance of the meeting. In addition, a copy of this notice is on file with the Municipal Board of Health Secretary.

ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Roxanne Sabatini, Sheyenne O’Grady, Mike Busniak, Anneliese DeMagistris, Geralyn Ponzio. Cris Franco signed in at 7:43pm
Also present : Township Manager Joseph Sabatini, Resident Rick Bruner
Sussex County Representative: Chris Rozek

JANUARY 28, 2025 MINUTES

Roxanne Sabatini made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mike Busniak. All in favor, minutes were approved.

RESOLUTION BOH002-2025 – 10 Johnson Blvd.

Prior to voting, Township Manager Joseph Sabatini explained the complaints of nuisance and public health violations encountered on and around the property. Resident Rick Bruner inquired about a time-line for the abatement to commence, and was advised within a few weeks with successive time required. Mike Busniak made a motion to vote which was seconded by Cris Franco. All in favor. The resolution was passed.

BOARD OF HEALTH REPORTS January & February

BOH Fees collected January

- Food Licenses \$665.00, Perc Tests \$95.00, Septic Alteration/Repair \$25.00, Septic Management \$60.00, Dog Licenses \$0.00

BOH Fees collected February

- Food Licenses \$365.00, Perc Tests \$70.00, Septic Alteration/Repair \$175.00, Well \$100.00 Septic Management \$60.00, Dog Licenses \$0.00

SUSSEX COUNTY DIVISION OF HEALTH REPORT Representative Chris Rozek

- Chris advises the township has had a serious incident concerning unsolicited “Dirty Dirt” being dumped on residents’ lawns. One trucker was caught and cited. Township Manager Sabatini explained the dangers of Facebook offers of free dirt and how the responsibilities of cleanup ultimately land on the homeowners. Investigation continues.

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN POLICY ADVISORY COM.-PAC

Representative Roxanne Sabatini - No report. Next meeting is expected in April.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL- S.W.A.C – Representative Mike Busniak

- The landfill in Lafayette noted an increase in recycled waste for 2024 and they attributed it to them now accepting plastic car bumpers for recycling. There does not appear to be any information regarding this on the county’s website as yet, so not sure how the process works to recycle plastic bumpers.
- The Environmental Justice designation for Byram came up in 2023 or early 2024 but it looks as if there were additional revisions to the data or something has changed over the last year, as Byram is no longer considered overburdened. Usually, the designation

comes down to demographics. It may indicate that Byram will not be eligible to additional grants or services.

- The State Development / Redevelopment plan is currently being updated and the County wanted to let everyone know the public has a chance to come and comment and/or voice their concerns on 3/28 at 2pm. Once the public comments end, Byram would be formally contacted to provide any concerns as well.

OLD BUSINESS

- Rabies Clinic 2025, is being held on April 5th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. with Dr. Carlos.
- BOH members who will be assisting at the Clinic are Mike Busniak, Anneliese DeMagistris, Roxanne Sabatini
- Roxanne reviewed the clinic process and BOH has reached out for additional manpower
- The Administration Building will be open for dog licensing during Clinic Hours

NEW BUSINESS

- ByramFest is slated for August 23, 2025 – Discussion of BOH table to include presentations/handouts highlighting BOH functions, ie; Mosquito Spraying, Rabies & Dog Licensing, “Dirty Dirt”, Gypsy Moth Spraying, Septic Management as well as table coverage by Board members for an hour or so from 4pm to approximately 730pm.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 27 2025 AT 730PM VIA ZOOM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - no comments

ADJOURN : A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Annaleise DeMagistris. Seconded by Mike Busniak. Adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Gerbasio
Byram Township Board of Health Secretary