

RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH

1. President's Announcement:

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD Feb. 8 th, 2018

Mrs. Waring called the meeting of the Ramsey Board of Health to order at 8:05 PM.

In accordance with requirement of N.J.S. 10:4-6, Mrs. Waring made the following announcement:

THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW WAS ENACTED TO ENSURE THE RIGHT OF ALL CITIZENS TO HAVE ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE OF AND TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES AT WHICH BUSINESS AFFECTING THE PUBLIC IS DISCUSSED OR ACTED UPON. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, NOTICE OF THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LEGAL AD SECTIONS OF THE BERGEN RECORD AND RIDGEWOOD NEWS ON JAN. 13, 2018

2. Attendance/Minutes:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Joan Waring	X	
Mr. Jeffery Nemeth	X	
Mrs. Maureen Kane		X
Dr. Albert Tartini	X	
Mr. William Lara	X	
Ms. Heidi Martin	X	
Dr. Ann D'Alessandro	X	
Ms. Sara Poppe	X	
Mrs. Tami Azouri	X	

IN ATTENDANCE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Michael Gutwetter, Council Liaison	X	
Mr. Sam Yanovich, Health Officer		X
Mrs. Martha Sobanko, Reg. Environ Health Specialist	X	
Mrs. Sally Wiegand, Board Secretary	X	

2. The roll was called by Mrs. Wiegand. Everyone was in attendance in attendance with the exception of Mrs. Kane and Mr. Yanovich. The minutes from November 2017 were approved. Motion was made by Mr. Lara, second by Dr. Tartini. The election of officers was then held. Mr. Lara nominated Mrs. Waring for president. Dr. D'Alessandro seconded. The roll was then called and all members approved the nomination. Mr. Lara then nominated Mr. Nemeth for Vice President. Dr. Tartini made the second. It was approved by everyone. The bi-laws, resolution #1 were read by Mrs. Waring who then read the roll call . Everyone approved. Mr. Lara made the second. Dt. Tartini read Resolution #2. There was a second by Mr. Lara. Resolution 3 was read by Mr. Nemeth. Roll was called Mr. Lara made the second, approved by all. Resolution 4 was read by Dr. D"Alessandro, second by Mr. Lara and approved by all.

3. Announcements: The water lecture was a success. Dr. Tartini was very impressed by Mike Skorupa's knowledge of the pipe lines in Ramsey Mrs. Waring was pleased with the participation. Mike explained the differences between balloon construction and platform construction and how differently a fire will travel in each.

Evan Chait is speaking on the benefits of acupuncture on Feb. 22. Mrs. Martin will introduce him to the public. This ancient Chinese art can help a myriad of problems including migraines, stress, balance, weight gain, hormones and can increase happiness.

New Jersey is one of 3 states where the age requirement was raised to 21 to purchase any tobacco or vaping products.

- 4 Codes. Ordinances & Legislation: None: Dr. Tartini read his recommendation to the mayor and Council regarding the possible legalization and banning the sale of recreational marijuana in the town. Ramsey was the first town to ban cigarettes in restaurants. A discussion followed regarding the growing of marijuana. .Councilman Gutwetter advised that an application would have to go through the planning board. Can it be grown in your yard if it becomes legal? Will there be regulations? Zoning? There are different levels of medicinal pot. You can buy one depending of if you need it for
Dr. Tartini attended a general internal update for specialists held at Harvard.. He wanted to know why the medical professionals have been silent regarding the legalization.. Most of the attendees were Psychiatrists.
The sheriff's department in Colorado made an impact study on how it effects the amount of car accidents, how it trickles down to middle schools and high schools and missed school days, decline in scores. Marijuana can now be eaten, vaped, in candy, lozenges, chewing gum etc.

- 5 Special Matters: discussed in #4

6. **Site Plans: None**
7. **Public Water: There is a report available**
8. **Abatement Orders: We went over Martha's report. There were no conditionals. The bird feeding problem was heard in municipal court and a guilty plea was issued. No one wants her to stop feeding the birds, just stop the peanuts. If there are any more complaints it will be addressed. No fine was issued. There was a complaint of suspected mold. The complainant was advised to have an air quality test performed. The Board of Health does not have equipment to check on these issues. A cockroach problem in a 2 family house was addressed.**
9. ***Inspection reports:***
- 10: **Vital Statistics: There were 6 marriages in Ramsey in the month of January. There were many deaths as well.**
11. **Public Health: We vaccinated 150 dog and cats at our very successful rabies clinic.
A. Communicable Diseases- Very high influenza, especially the A strain. Lots of Tami flu is being given. There is also so much pneumonia and many respiratory viruses. There is an improved shingles vaccine. The old one was only 50%effective. Health clubs must now submit bad water reports within 1 hour. The water must be retested within 24 hours.
B. Mental Health: None
C. Health Screening and preventative programs: None**
- 12 **Financial Report: Mr. Nemeth went over all our numbers.**
13. **Conferences & Training:**
14. **Ambulance: A new(possibly) ambulance is being demonstrated**
15. **Council Report: None**
16. **Correspondence: None**
17. **New Business. Mrs. Waring really needs help on publicity issues .Someone needs to write an article for the Spring Newsletter. Sara Poppe is now the chairwoman of the drug alliance.**
18. **Review of assignments: None**
- 19: **Public Comments: No public present**
20. **Adjournments: the Board moved to adjourn at approx. 9:30. Motion made by Mr. Nemeth with a second by Mr. Lara All were in favor.**