

# RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH

## 1. President's Announcement:

### MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD April 12, 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. Envirn Health Specialist	X	
Mrs. Sally Wiegand, Board Secretary		X

2. The roll was called by Mrs. Sobanko. In attendance were Mrs. Waring, Mr. Lara, Ms. Martin, Ms. Poppe, Mr. Yanovich and Mrs. Sobanko .The minutes from Feb.8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were approved. Motion was made by Ms. Martin, second by Mr. Lara.

3. **Announcements:** Our next lecture is on mental illness .Sophia Hefler, a Ramsey resident, is the speaker. “In our own voice” tells of her experiences with deep depression, suicide attempts and multiple mental illnesses. Mrs. Waring stated that she still struggles but yet has it together. Her choice was to endure the stigma or die. She has also spoken at the high school.

Ramsey Schools have been recognized for their work on being stigma free.

There will be a walk a thon at the high school on May 1<sup>st</sup> to stimulate conversation with family and neighbors. May is Mental Health Month.

4 **Codes. Ordinances & Legislation:** There is talk about restricting religious exemptions in the schools. Parents may now have to apply for it and bring a notarized written statement on how the vaccination violates their religious practices. They may also have to sign a statement that they understand the benefits and risks of vaccinations and a signed statement from a New Jersey physician that they have explained this to the patients/families.

A special flu vaccine may be coming out for people over 50 or 55.

There is talk of the state being sued to allow home baked goods at charitable events.

5 **Special Matters:** Ms. Poppe reported that the Drug Alliance will have a table for drug take back set up at the walk a thon on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Ramsey Police will bring a box. They are also trying to spread the word about the 411. This can be used to report things such as a loose dog, a loud party or any suspicious behavior. It can be an anonymous call. It is not the same as 911! They are also trying to get the word out about Nixel, texts to alert you about snow, road closures etc. The alliance will also have a drug box at the farmers market on June 10<sup>th</sup>, with a “meet the police”. Ms. Poppe also reached out to Mr. Yanovich to see if they can have a speakers come in on vaping, drugs or cigarettes. She attended a lecture by Lacey Benjamin on vaping given by the Mahwah Alliance. Could there be such a program at the library after school? Mr. Yanovich will check with HARP. In Mahwah if someone is caught smoking on school property there is a \$250.00 fine. They also are bringing underage kids to see if vaping or tobacco products are being sold to buyers under the age of 21. Ramsey may choose to do this also or at least quiz the owners to see if they are aware of the age requirements. Mrs. Sobanko will check when she does inspections.

6. **Site Plans: None**
7. **Public Water: None**
8. **Abatement Orders: We went over Martha's report. There was an incident of possible blood on a container in a fast food restaurant. We had no proof. Martha had been called to a townhouse that contained a toxic substance. It was deemed to be cleaned by an outside company. We are tracking and following up on expired food licenses. Summons has been issued. Anthony Franco's was conditional. It is now satisfactory.**  
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9. ***Inspection reports: The new convenient store has opened on Main St.***
- 10: **Vital Statistics: Mrs. Wiegand was not present.**
11. **Public Health: Sam got calls regarding 2 monkey bites. (Not in Ramsey).  
Two dogs were quarantined.  
B. Mental Health: None  
C. Health Screening and preventative programs: None**
- 12 **Financial Report: Mr. Nemeth was not present. Mrs. Sobanko explained the reports.**
13. **Conferences & Training: Martha attended. Ms. Poppe attended an all alliance in the county level. She also attended a vaping presentation.**
14. **Ambulance: responded to 1,176 calls, 303 were traumatic injuries, 47 times to other towns and 137 calls answered by other towns. Jen Aumiller logged 1,690 hours and did 40 hours of training in 2017!**
15. **Council Report: None**
16. **Correspondence: None**
17. **New Business: Sam brought up some zika testing changes.**
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. Lara with a second by Mrs. Martin. All were in favor.**

