

**RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD JUNE 8th, 2023**

1. President's Announcement:

Tami Azouri 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. Azouri 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 WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LEGAL AD SECTIONS OF THE BERGEN RECORD AND RIDGEWOOD NEWS. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING BEING HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL WAS GIVEN TO THE BERGEN RECORD, RIDGEWOOD NEWS, POSTED ON THE BROUGH WEBSITE, AND POSTED ON THE DOORS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.

3. Call to order, attendance, minutes:

| MEMBERS | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Tami Azouri | X | |
| Dr. Angela D'Alessandro | | X |
| Dr. Banafsheh Goujani | X | |
| Heidi Martin | X | |
| Dr. Carla Souza-Iudica | X | |
| Dr. Albert Tartini | | X |
| Joan Waring | X | |
| Christoph Haas, Alt. 1 | X | |
| Judi Kennedy, Alt. 2 | X | |

| IN ATTENDANCE | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Councilwoman Judy Cusick, Council Representative | X | |
| Mr. James Fedorko, Health Officer | X | |
| Mrs. Martha Sobanko, R.E.H.S. | X | |
| Ms. Danielle Monaghan, Registrar/Board Secretary | | X |

Tami Azouri read the president's announcement. The roll was called by Danielle Monaghan. A motion was made by Heidi Martin to approve the minutes from the May meeting, seconded by Tami Azouri, and carried by all.

4. Announcements:

Tami let the board know that Bergen County had to reschedule MHFAT due to lack of instructors. New resident mixer at the Ramsey Pool on June 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. The Board of Health will participate this year. Chris Haas asked what we will be doing there and if we have a mission statement. Chris Haas said he spoke to Mayor Dillon about having a trifold created. Tami said Danielle has made a brochure that says who we are and what we do, when we meet, and more. Tami will bring thermometers and string

bags. Tami asked who would be available to help. Joan will be at the gardening club table. Joan gave examples of what tables had in the past. Joan said it's a fun environment for everyone to learn what the Board of Health does. Tami asked if the Board of Health has a tablecloth and giveaways or if it's possible to get them. Kelley Grippo is providing some giveaways.

5. Codes, Ordinances & Legislation:

Joan said Governor Murphy has signed a bill that schools will include tick education in the curriculum.

6. Special Matters:

Joan said the walking group was canceled this morning due to the air quality from the Canadian wildfire. Joan said there is a website called go air now that shows the air quality is updated hourly. Chris Haas requested the board discussed the mission statement and it be put on the agenda. Martha read the current statements. He wanted to know if we can put the mission statement on poster boards for the new resident mixer. Martha said she will ask.

7. Site Plans:

None.

8. Public Water Supply:

The water operations report provided by Mike Skorupa was read by Tami Azouri.

9. Public Health:

Jim read his report which is attached and said influenza respiratory illness report which shows cases in NJ are very low. Now we are coming out of flu season and into the vector borne surveillance report which shows mosquito and tick-borne illnesses. Ramsey has submitted for the animal control services reimbursement in January, but there is still no news on that since we are still waiting on funds.

10. Health Education; Communication; Outreach:

Tami reported that HARP was at Woodlands addressing audiology and the effects of hearing loss and providing hearing screenings. 18 people had free screenings and 15 people attend the lecture on the impact of hearing loss on health and wellness. They usually have about 12-15 participants at woodlands and they are also at the senior center once a month where Lisa has also seen an increase in participants. Tami let Roger know about the audiology screening and lecture and he will get back to her.

11. Inspection Reports:

Martha read her inspection report attached. Joan asked if the issue with Coco Nails has been going on awhile. Martha said yes, unfortunately they said they have trouble finding people to work. Chris Haas asked for a copy of the inspection report that Martha follows to see the criteria.

12. Abatement Orders:

Martha read her abatement report attached. In May, there was 1 dog bite and two children exposed to a bat in their home and being tested for rabies. Judy asked about the details and specifics of the dog bite if there was a police report of if the dog was on or off leash, was it on or off their property etc. Martha said there was no police report but she will find out and get back to you. Judy said since the minutes are public record if going forward the circumstances could be discussed as well. Martha clarified the dog bite was a separate incident from the bat exposure. Judy apologized for getting those two situations transposed but Martha will find out and report back. Martha also went to a call for Brother's BBQ for an issue with their smoker and their sprinkler heads went off. Martha said they had to throw out

everything, clean, and repair the motor to the smoker. The last time she was there they were conditionally satisfactory, so she did a reinspection and passed them. Also discussed was the BP gas station summons for feeding animals which Joan added there are feral cats in that area. The town ordinance states no feeding wildlife.

13. Vital Statistics:

Martha read the Vital Statistics report for May. Ramsey submitted our first reimbursement request for three dollars per marriage license application and received the payment from the state. Tami commented on the increase in deaths for May. Martha agreed and said usually there is a spike seen in the fall/winter.

14. Financial Report:

Martha read the Vital Statistics financial report for May.

15. Ambulance; Ramsey Municipal Alliance; other organizations:

Tami gave an RMA update that next week they will be at the Farmer's Market for a drug take back program. They will also have a police car there for kids to see and go in which has always been a hit in the past. program will be seeds for mental health and collaboration with Ramsey nursery in the fall. Officer Beamon and RMA are working on the Junior Police Academy that will be offered this summer. Tami read the ambulance report provided by Annette Young. Total Calls in May: 139; COVID Calls: 0; Mutual Aid Calls: 2

16. Conferences and Training:

Martha said none.

17. Council Report:

Councilwoman Cusick reported the planning board reviewed the new Chick-fil-a application. The council meeting will be starting at 6 PM for the summer.

18. Correspondence:

None.

19. New Business:

Joan discussed the possibility of hosting a CPR course that would provide certifications at the end. Tami said they will see if they can have one of if ambulance corps can host one. Martha showed the samples Danielle provided for the tablecloth and took recommendations. Tami asked if it will be ready in time for the event and Martha said she thinks so.

20. Review of Assignments:

Joan said the deer management manual discussed last meeting had interesting information and asked for Danielle to send it out. Joan said everyone should read the manual to discuss how to proceed on the deer issue. Chris said he was disappointed in the presentation Dave Volpe presented at the last meeting because there was no example given on what has worked before, only the manual was provided. Chris agreed with Joan that everyone should read it and discuss it next meeting. Councilwoman Cusick reminded Dr. Haas of the ordinance disallowing the discharge of firearms in the borough. Tami said she will ask Danielle to send it out and put it on the agenda for July. Tami also mentioned the Torch Run is occurring tomorrow in Ramsey and was thanked by Councilwomen Cusick for mentioning it.

21. Public Comment:

None

22. Adjournment:

Board moved to adjourn at approximately 9:00 PM. Motion was made by Dr. Haas, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy, and carried by all.

| PUBLIC HEALTH – MAY 2023 REHS Report | May 2023 | Year to Date |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| A.) Communicable Disease | | ----- |
| 1.) Rabies Control | | |
| a.) Dogs Quarantined | 1 | 4 |
| b.) Cats Quarantined | 0 | 1 |
| c.) Animals Vaccinated | 0 | 114 (dogs) 9 (cats) |
| d.) Kennel, Pet Shop Inspections | 0 | 0 |
| e.) Examination by NJSDH | 1 | 4 |
| f.) Animals placed under 90-day quarantine | 0 | 0 |
| 2.) Psittacine Bird Record Investigation | 0 | 0 |
| 3.) Other communicable diseases | | |
| B.) Adult Health Services | | |
| 1.) Influenza Program | 0 | 0 |
| 2.) Adult Health Clinics | 0 | 0 |
| C.) Child Health Service Report | | |
| 1.) Number of Children | 0 | 0 |
| INSPECTION REPORTS | | Year to Date |
| A.) Restaurants, Food Stores & Others | ----- | ----- |
| 1.) Inspections | ----- | ----- |
| a. Satisfactory | 14 | 76 |
| b. Conditional | 2 | 9 |
| c. Unsatisfactory | 0 | 0 |
| d. Pre-Operational | 1 | 2 |
| e. Plan Review | 0 | 0 |
| 2.) Re-Inspections | ----- | ----- |
| a. Satisfactory | 0 | 1 |
| b. Conditional | 1 | 1 |
| c. Unsatisfactory | 0 | 0 |
| 3.) Swimming Pools | ----- | ----- |
| a. Satisfactory | 5 | 5 |
| b. Conditional | 0 | 0 |
| c. Unsatisfactory | 0 | 0 |
| 4.) Tanning Facilities | ----- | ----- |
| a. Satisfactory | 0 | 0 |
| b. Conditional | 0 | 0 |
| c. Unsatisfactory | 0 | 0 |
| 5.) Youth Camp Inspection | 0 | 0 |
| 6.) Salons | ----- | ----- |
| a) Satisfactory | 2 | 7 |
| b) Conditional | 1 | 1 |

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| c) Unsatisfactory | 0 | 0 |
| B.) Environmental Health | Complaints/Investigations | Year to Date |
| 1. Air Pollution | 0 | 0 |
| 2. Animals/Birds | 0 | 0 |
| 3. Bathing Facilities | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Emergencies | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Food Establishments/Other | 3 | 8 |
| 6. Housing | 0 | 2 |
| 7. Hazardous Spills | 0 | 0 |
| 8. Insects | 0 | 0 |
| 9. Milk Products | 0 | 0 |
| 10. Nuisances | 1 | 1 |
| 11. Occupational Health | 0 | 1 |
| 12. Potable Water | 0 | 0 |
| 13. Poison Ivy, Ragweed | 0 | 0 |
| 14. Rodents | 0 | 0 |
| 15. Solid Waste | 0 | 0 |
| 16. Stream Pollution | 0 | 0 |

Borough of Ramsey
Registered Environmental Health Specialist Report
May 2023

Food Establishment Inspections/Prepackaged Stores:

Satisfactory

Michael's Stores
Sparo's Ramsey (Pre-Operational)
Party Fair
Five Below
Café Panache
Maguro Sushi
Greek City Restaurant
Simply Green
Hubbard School Cafeteria
Tisdale School Cafeteria
Smith School Cafeteria
Dator School Cafeteria
Brother's Smokehouse BBQ (upon Re-inspection)
Kinchley's Tavern

Conditionally Satisfactory

Giovanna's Café
NY Pizza

Hair & Nail Salon Inspections

Satisfactory

Belle Nails
Michelle's Day Spa

Conditionally Satisfactory

Coco Nails

Recreational Bathing Facilities

Satisfactory

Bear's Cove
Timber Valley
Ramsey Golf & Country Club
Cambridge West
Ramsey Municipal Pool

Dog & Cat Bites

130 Momar Drive

1 dog – quarantined and released.

40 Lake Street
2 children exposed to bat (ages 7 & 11)

Complaints

Food Establishment

Brother's Smokehouse BBQ

On Saturday May 20, 2023 I got a call from the Ramsey Police that the Fire Department needed me to come to the above establishment for an emergency due to smoke in the back room. Upon arrival I met the Fire Department there and investigated the situation. There was a lot of grease in the smoker room and the motor on the smoker made the alarm go off. They were advised that all food must be thrown out and the area must be cleaned and sanitized. They were now allowed to open until the sprinkler heads and my requested were done. On May 20, 2023 I did a reinspection of the restaurant as they were conditionally satisfactory from my previous inspection.

NY Pizza

Complainant stated that he found a snail in his rigatoni Bolognese. At the time of inspection, I did not find any evidence of this. The owner stated that once the complainant contacted him he called the company where he orders his food to advise them of this in case the escargot may have been being prepped need other foods. The restaurant did post conditionally satisfactory for repeated violations.

Pub 17

I was notified that there was evidence of hookah smoking going on inside the establishment. I attempted to visit the establishment but it was closed at the time. I emailed the owner that this was not permitted and if they are caught smoking inside the building a summons would be issued. The owner called me to assure that this is where they store the hookahs and it is only being done outside. Abated until further notice.

Property Maintenance

391 Island Road

The complainant stated that the grass is extremely overgrown at the above location. At the time of inspection, this was valid. A letter went out to the responsible party stating that they have 10 days to take care of the issue or a summons will be written. I will follow up and report back.

Site Plan Waivers

None at this time

Court

BP Gas Station

Issued a summons for feeding cats. Court is scheduled for June 20, 2023. I will report back with outcome.

170 Williams Drive

Summons issued for garbage all over parking lot. Court is scheduled for June 13, 2023. I will report back with outcome.

Miscellaneous

I continue to do spot checks of garbage dumpsters to avoid issues with rodents and wildlife.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha Sobanko

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Health Officer's Report May 2023

June 8, 2023

Vector-borne Surveillance Report:

Attached is the NJ Department of Health's Surveillance Report. The number of chikungunya cases reported to date are higher than the 2022 total due to an ongoing outbreak in South America. The number of tick-related emergency department visits is higher compared to this time last year, but close to the 5-year average. See page 9.

Influenza and Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report:

Attached is the Influenza and Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report. Influenza activity statewide has been low since the end of January 2023. There were four confirmed influenza-associated pediatric deaths in New Jersey this season.

Enhancing Local Public Health Grant:

No new updates pertaining to the Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

James Fedorko