

**RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD JANUARY 11, 2024**

President’s Announcement:

Tami Azouri called the meeting of the Ramsey Board of Health to order at 8:03 PM
In accordance with requirement of N.J.S. 10:4-6, Ms. Azouri read the Open Public Meeting Notice.

Adequate notice of the meeting has been provided.

Oath of Office for re-appointed members:

Mayor Deirdre Dillon administered the Oath of Office to the reappointed members, Dr. Albert Tartini, Joan Waring, Dr. Angela D’Alessandro, Dr. Banafsheh Goujani, Dr. Christoph Hass and Judi Kennedy. Mayor Dillon welcomed everyone and thanked them for their service on the Board of Health.

Call to order, attendance, minutes:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Tami Azouri	X	
Dr. Angela D’Alessandro	X	
Dr. Banafsheh Goujani		X
Heidi Martin	X	
Dr. Albert Tartini	X	
Joan Waring	X	
Christoph Haas, Alt. 1	X	
Judi Kennedy, Alt. 2 (via phone)	X	
Carla Ludica -Souza	X	

IN ATTENDANCE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Peter Kilman, Council Liaison	X	
Mr. James Fedorko, Health Officer	X	
Mrs. Martha Sobanko, R.E.H.S.	X	
Mrs. Kelly Sylvester, Secretary		X
Peter Scandariato, Board Attorney		X
Marisa Dicorcia		X

Election of Officers:

Tami opened nominations for the Office of President. Al Tartini was nominated, Jane seconded. Carried.
Joan nominated Heidi as Vice President. Al seconded. Carried.

Announcements: none

Codes, Ordinances & Legislation: None.

Approval of Resolutions R1-R6 2023:

R1-2023 – BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, NEW JERSEY DATED MAY 15, 2015 AND SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED BE AND HEREBY ADOPTED AS THE BYLAWS FOR THE YEAR 2024.

R2-2023 – BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, THAT THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR PUBLICATION: THE RIDGEWOOD NEWS AND THE BERGEN RECORD.

R3-2023 – BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY is hereby authorized to execute a uniform shared services agreement for Local Public Health Services between Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission and the Board of Health for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2023 in the amount of \$22,000 per annum equal to \$5,503 quarterly payments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission shall supply the terms described from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The agreement shall be in the form as attached hereto.

R4-2023 – BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY be and he is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Health Awareness Regional Program (HARP) and the Board of Health for the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2024 in the amount of \$19,324.00 per annum equal to \$4,831.00 quarterly payments. HARP shall supply the terms described from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

For the Contract period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 the professional fees are:

Health Promotion/Exercise - \$52.00 x 100 hrs. = \$5,200.00

Public Health Nurse Director/Supervision = (Provided by Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Contract)

Public Health Nurse – \$53.50 x 265 hrs. = 14,124

Total Contract Payment = \$19,324.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement shall be in the form as attached hereto shall supply the terms described from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The agreement shall be in the form as attached hereto.

R5-2023 – BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY that the 2024 Interlocal Agreement for Well Child Clinics contract be accepted with agreed upon fee as set forth in the contract attached hereto. A 1-time administrative fee of \$125, payable upon execution of the contract, a \$35 per child fee for examinations and a \$20 per child fee for immunizations only, to be billed directly by the medical

provider.

R6-2023 – BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY that the following are hereby appointed and effective as of January 11, 2024.

Committee Appointments – Al Tartini, Board of Health President, the committee appointments will be as follows for the year 2024.

Executive Committee – Albert Tartini, Heidi Martin and Chris Haas

Codes, Ordinances, & Legislation – Joan Waring

Public Health – Tami Azouri and Albert Tartini

Building Application & Site Plans – Angela D’Alessandro and Judi Kennedy

Finance & Budget – Chris Haas

Staff Appointments –

Health Officer

Registered Environmental Health Specialist

Secretary to Board & Meetings Clerk

Office Administrative Assistant

Board Attorney

Local Registrar of Vital Statistics

Deputy Registrar

Alternate Deputy Registrar

James Fedorko

Martha Sobanko

Kelly Sylvester

TBD

Peter Scandariato, Esq.

TBD

Angela Mattiace

Martha Sobanko

R1-2023 – Approved by all

R2-2023 – Approved by all

R3-2023 – Approved by all

R4-2023 – Approved by all

R5-2023 – Approved by all

R6-2023 – Approved by all

AYES: Dr. Tartini, Tami Azouri, Dr D’Alessandro, Heidi Martin, Joan Waring, Dr. Haas, Judi Kennedy.

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Dr. Goujani

Site Plans:None

Abatement Orders:

Mrs. Sobanko read her monthly abatement report to the board.

Inspection Reports:

Mrs. Sobanko noted that there were no inspections in January and they would resume in February.

Public Water Supply:

Martha had nothing to report.

Public Health:

Jim welcomed and thanked the new members for their commitment to the Board. Jim began by discussing and reviewing the year-end report of communicable diseases in Ramsey. He reviewed COVID, RSV and Flu cases in town and overall in NJ. Joan inquired about the use of waste water testing. Jim responded that it is still used in some areas of Bergen County. Joan asked some questions regarding Lyme disease reporting. Jim responded with the breakdown of types of Lyme disease.

Mental Health: Tami discussed the Wellness Series that is starting next month on February 12th. Al suggested that maybe Kelly Grippo could come and help out. Tami is going out to West Bergen to see if they want to participate along with the dietician from Shop Rite. She also discussed raising awareness of loneliness in our community.

Vital Statistics:

Martha read her monthly vital statistics report to the board, this was a combined report of November & December.

Financial Report:

Martha read the income and year to date data for the health department.

Correspondence/Communications/Health Education: Martha informed the Board that the rabies clinic is being held on Jan 14th at the Rescue Squad from 1-3pm.

Ambulance; Ramsey Municipal Alliance; other organizations: nothing to report. Marisa was not present at meeting.

Council Report: Peter discussed a meeting he is attending this month on Deer Human Conflict being held in Upper Saddle River.

Conferences and Training: None

New Business: None

Review of Assignments: None.

Public Comment: No public present.

Adjournment:

Al Tartini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm, seconded by Chris Haas. Carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Sylvester, Secretary.