

**RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> , 2020**

**1. President’s Announcement**

Tami Azouri called the meeting of the Ramsey Board of Health to order at 8:05 P.M. In accordance with requirement of N.J.S. 10:4-6, Tami 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 ON DECEMBER 27, 2019. NOTICE OF THIS MEETING BEING HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL WAS GIVEN TO THE BERGEN RECORD, POSTED ON THE BROUGH WEBSITE, AND POSTED ON THE DOORS OF THE BOROUGH HALL.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 13 of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 of the laws of the State of New Jersey, the regular meetings of the Ramsey Board of Health of the Borough of Ramsey for the year 2020 are held on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 P.M. and shall be held in the upstairs Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 33 North Central Avenue, Ramsey, NJ as follows:

**3. Call to order, attendance, minutes:**

<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mrs. Tami Azouri	X	
Mrs. Joan Waring	X	
Mr. Jeffery Nemeth	X	
Dr. Albert Tartini	X	
Mr. William Lara	X	
Ms. Heidi Martin	X	
Dr. Angela D’Alessandro	X	
Ms. Sara Poppe	X	
Dr. Carla Souza Iudica	X	

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Jane Woods, Council Liaison	X	
Mr. Sam Yanovich, Health Officer	X	
Mrs. Martha Sobanko, R.E.H.S	X	
Ms. Danielle Monaghan, Board Secretary	X	
Pete Scandanario, Borough Attorney	X	
Chris Hurley, Ambulance Corps	X	

The roll was called by Danielle Monaghan. Motion was made by Heidi Martin to approve the minutes from the May meeting and seconded by Jeff Nemeth after a typographical correction was made.

**4. Announcements:**

Personal care services reopen on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and youth camps/summer programs can operate starting July 6<sup>th</sup>. Martha will be inspecting all personal care services prior to reopening. There will be no Finch Park Camp this summer. Ramsey pool will open June 29<sup>th</sup>. Joan asked about the requirement to shower before going into the pool. There are specific guidelines for pools to follow. Martha will ask Gary what activities will be continuing and report back. The Board of Health's recommendation regarding the blood drive was emailed following the May meeting. Jeff Nemeth announced that Dr. Murphy will be holding a blood drive and the school system is handling everything with Red Cross. It will be held at Dater School on June 19<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 3 PM in the school gym. Rapid passes are available online. The Ramsey Farmer's Market opened on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> with guidelines that can be found on their website. Tami said the Farmer's Market looked good when she went there. Martha said one individual did not want to wear a mask and some people went under the taped off areas. It was discussed that it would be a good idea to place signs on the bike path sign to remind people of social distancing, Also, Hedi said reminders could be posted to Ramsey Facebook Groups and/or Hedi can put reminders on Ramsey Patch.

**5. Codes, Ordinances & Legislation:**

Joan discussed mandatory vaccinations. Senator Sweeney responded to Joan's email and thanked her for her support on the bill to restrict exemptions for only medical reasons and/or siblings having negative reactions. The limited exemptions bill is still in committee. Karen Dey asked Joan for information from the Board of Health to put in her proposal for Sustainable Ramsey. Joan gave her a list of all the things the Board of Health last year. The Environmental Commission and Board of Health collaboration will continue to work together on the plastic bag matter. Tami would like post on the website for vaccination schedule information to remind parents to get their children immunized.

**6. Special Matters:**

**COVID-19:**

Sam said Ramsey has 69 test last week and only 1 result was positive. Al said he would like to pass an ordinance to mandate sneeze guards/plexiglass be put into place at the front counters in medical and dental offices. Jeff said some offices have limited supplies and people needed to supply their own masks and own hand sanitizers because the dental office did not have enough. Al said it is not mandatory yet but some have it already. They can do a professional job or temporary. Currently waiting rooms are non-existent. People are waiting in cars and are being called in when they are ready to be seen. Al said a second surge is expected. Should it be mandated in all stores? Al proposed that we make a recommendation to pass an ordinance for medical and dental offices first. Once something is put together and reviewed, Jane can present it to the Mayor and Council.

**7. Site Plans:**

None.

**8. Public Water Supply:**

Danielle read the operations report by Mike Skroupa.

**9. Public Health:**

Sam said the deer tick population throughout the county is very high and it is concerning that people may not be going to the doctors. Sam mentioned Tick borne disease tool kit that could be posted to the website. Sam also stated that the mosquito population is down this year but could go up next month. Last year eastern equine encephalitis was a problem in the North East which is a concern to look for this summer.

**10. Health Education; Communication; Outreach:**

Each month new information is added to the Ramsey Health webpage. Tami spoke about having a CPR webinar training in July. Chris Hurley asked if it would be a Zoom training class or pre-recorded video. Tami said each person would get their own mannequin and toolkit box. She would like it to be interactive with a video portion if it is possible. Tami also suggested that each month the Board of Health should host an online topic. Some ideas were benefits of using sunscreen, ticks, diabetes, and other health topics.

**11. Inspection Reports:**

Martha reported that she did not go on inspections during May due to COVID-19 but will resume inspections in June.

**12. Abatement Orders:**

Martha read her complaints and abatement report. Most complaints received are about people not wearing masks or wearing masks improperly. Martha discussed a complaint regarding bees in the neighborhood. Peter said the Board of Health had previously looked into an ordinance for Ramsey but that beekeeping is regulated by state statute so they did not go forward. He will forward a copy to Martha.

**13. Vital Statistics:**

Danielle read her Vital Statistics report.

**14. Financial Report:**

Mr. Nemeth read off what income came through Board of Health Licenses and Vital Statistics.

**15. Ambulance; Ramsey Municipal Alliance; other organizations:**

Sara said the Ramsey Alliance funding is frozen. People are still dealing with drugs and alcohol abuse while people are still at home. Tami said mind, body, spirit and mental health would be a good topic for the monthly discussion.

Chris gave a report on the Ambulance Corps. They continue using proper PPE and sanitizing protocols. They had 60 calls in May. Chris said they typically have approximately 100 per month and typically see an increase during the summers. He added they are expecting to see a surge in numbers and calls with stay at home order being lifted.

- 16. Conferences and Training:**  
Danielle took a Registrar COVID webinar on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Sam is having a state webinar on Monday to discuss all of the state programs (outdoor dining, public bathing, and recreation). Tami asked if there was an update about contact training. Sam said they have a pilot program ongoing in two municipalities and surveying how many they think each town would need. He will know more tomorrow during the meeting. Sam also has conference calls every day with the state.
- 17. Council Report:**  
None.
- 18. Correspondence**  
None.
- 19. New Business:**  
Tami discussed having a monthly health topic that she discussed during health education, communication and outreach.
- 20. Review of Assignments:**  
Pete Scandanario will create an ordinance draft to recommend sneeze guards become mandated in dental and doctor offices. Members will look for statements on immunizations to post. Tami will find out more information on having a virtual CPR class.
- 21. Public Comment:**  
None.
- 22. Adjournment:**  
The Board moved to adjourn at approximately 9:00 PM. Motion was made by Bill Lara, seconded by Jeff Nemeth, and carried by all.