

**RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD JULY 14, 2022**

**1. President's Announcement:**

Dr. Albert Tartini called the meeting of the Ramsey Board of Health to order at 8:06 PM. In accordance with requirement of N.J.S. 10:4-6, Dr. Tartini 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 ON JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 AND RIDGEWOOD NEWS ON JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022. 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:**

<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	
Dr. Carla Souza Iudica	X	
Mrs. Jessica Coronato		X

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Mr. Peter Kilman, Council Liaison	X	
Mr. James Fedorko, Health Officer	X	
Mrs. Martha Sobanko, R.E.H.S.		X
Ms. Danielle Monaghan, Registrar/Board Secretary	X	
Pete Scandariato, Borough Attorney		X
Jillian Beilen, Ambulance Corps	X	
Shauna Lauricella, Ramsey Municipal Alliance		X

Dr. Tartini read the president's announcement. The roll was called by Danielle Monaghan. A motion was made by Hedi Martin to approve the minutes from the May meeting, seconded by Joan Waring, and carried by all.

**4. Announcements:**

Joan said there is a Hands Only CPR class being held next week, but the attendance seems low at about 10-12 people and was wondering if it would be canceled. Danielle said she has not heard anything being canceled or rescheduled.

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

None.

**6. Special Matters:**

Joan said there was a discussion with passion at healthy bones last Tuesday asking for something to be done about the deer issue in town. Al said the deer look like they are bigger than ever. Joan said the Board of Health has tried to mitigate the issue and presented an infrared mapping system to get a count of how many are in our town, but it was not approved still. Al recommended that the residents should to write a letter to the Mayor and Council. Joan said many people have had negative experiences with Lyme's disease or car accidents with deer. Al said he has seen people at the hospital testing positive for more than one tick borne diseases. Joan asked if there is anything else besides contacting the council that we can do to underscore the significance of the issue. Peter Kilman said the issue is, there is no easy solution. The options of hunting, poison, etc. are all sensitive topics that encompasses a lot of problems in itself. The mayor and council have been discussing it for a couple of years and have tried to find county solutions. The county has washed his hands of it. The council investigated the possibly of bow hunters but were met with opposition. Other problems that could stem from bow hunting is if the deer take off and die on another property or a resident is injured. Ramsey is a highly densely populated town. Saddle River did bow hunting, but they have larger properties with more open space and were able to accommodate if residents were okay or no okay with having hunters on their property. Peter said unfortunately a disease worse than Lyme's, as bad as Lyme's is, will have to emerge for anyone to have a solution come to front. Al said the Powassan virus disease is caused by a bite from an infected tick and is very serious. It is a viral form of a tick-borne illness. There have been a few fatalities in the southern portion of the state. Also, Al stated Babesiosis is just as bad as Malaria and these are illnesses spread by deer. Peter said if Mahwah, Allendale, and Wyckoff do not agree we will not have unity with surrounding municipalities and the problem will not resolve. Mass sterilization was proposed at one point, the doe would have to be captured, tagged, and two shots need to be given within 4 months so it was not effective. There is nothing to be done at this point in time.

**7. Site Plans:**

None.

**8. Public Water Supply:**

The water operations report for June and July provided by Mike Skorupa was read by Danielle.

**9. Public Health:**

Jim Fedorko read his report and explained his graphs provided to the board. Jim also provided the influenza report as well for the board. He said the few things to notice was there have been no influenza mortalities this year, but there were two big spikes which correlated with the COVID spikes. Jim said we are going through another spike. The COVID cases are really neither going up or down lately. Since providing the reports earlier today, the report included shows Ramsey in the orange category which has now dropped to yellow. Jim also said he would like to briefly discuss the Monkeypox virus. There are 15 towns in Mid Bergen's jurisdictions and there are currently 4 positive Monkeypox cases among those

towns, none of which are hospitalized. Early in the announcement of this emerging virus there were 30 cases in total and now a total of 599 cases in the US. Germany has the most cases of over a 1000. Jim predicts seeing more over time. There are 8 total Monkeypox cases in NJ. Al said he has seen 1 hospitalized case at Holy Name. Jim said the Monkeypox case fatality rate is about 1%.

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

Joan said she is responsible for Ramsey Day this year and would like to take theme suggestions for booth ideas. Deer was suggested as a topic as well as tick borne diseases. Danielle is ordering free CDC materials to give out as well. Last year Carla did an interactive topic and provided free blood sugar testing. Carla said she would be able to do that again if people are interested and could provide literature on diabetes. Joan will send out a booth coverage signup sheet. Joan asked if we know what the RMA is going to feature but we do not know yet. Ramsey Day is on September 10. Joan asked if we have anything besides literature to give away. Jim said he will be in touch about providing anything to give out on Ramsey day. Joan also said she has been doing the Ramsey Walking Group for 15 years now and would like to celebrate the milestone. She would like to see if there are funds in the budget that can be used towards refreshments at the senior center. She was thinking it would be sometime in September or October when the traffic from the town pool reduces. It would be a nice thing to do and this has been a Board of Health activity for all these years. Al said we should write an article to submit as well to acknowledge the accomplishment.

**11. Inspection Reports:**

Martha read her monthly inspection reports for May and June.

**12. Abatement Orders:**

Martha read her monthly abatement reports for May and June.

**13. Vital Statistics:**

Danielle read her Vital Statistics report for May and June.

**14. Financial Report:**

Danielle read the financial report.

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

Jillian's Ramsey Ambulance Corps representative stated they responded to 147 calls in May. Three of those calls were COVID positive and 12 were mutual aid calls to Mahwah, Allendale and Franklin Lakes. In June, they responded to a total of 142 calls, 2 were COVID positive, and 15 mutual aids. There is no town breakdown for mutual aid calls in June.

**16. Conferences and Training:**

None.

**17. Council Report:**

Peter proposed a booth topic for this year's Ramsey Day. He suggested developing healthy habits could be a theme. He recently learned the significant impact sugar has on your diet from personal experience. You don't realize until someone tells you the information. Other health habits could include remembering sunscreen, bug and tick spray, check yourselves and pets for ticks, etc. Peter said he also spoke to Chief Lyman regarding preventative reminders that if you are going to park your car outside at night, please lock your doors and remove your key fobs because there has been an increase in thefts. Also, Ramsey

Main Street water mains have been replaced, some of them being over 100 years old, which was a big project because the county's involvement.

**18. Correspondence**

None.

**19. New Business:**

None.

**20. Review of Assignments:**

Joan will send out a sign-up sheet for the booth coverage for Ramsey Day.

**21. Public Comment:**

None.

**22. Adjournment:**

Board moved to adjourn at approximately 9:09 PM. Motion was made by Joan Waring, seconded by Heidi Martin and carried by all.

**Borough of Ramsey**  
**Registered Environmental Health Specialist Report**  
**July 2022**

**Food Establishment Inspections/Prepackaged Stores:**

**Satisfactory**

NJ Sports Academy  
Learning Experience  
Mindful Café  
Poke Time  
Maguro Sushi (upon re-inspection)  
Tawara Mart  
Anthony Coal Fired Pizza

**Recreational Bathing Facilities Inspections**

**Satisfactory**

Ramsey Golf & Country Club (Pre-operational)

**Property Maintenance**

***30 Sun Valley Road***

The police reported workers at the above address burning cardboard in the backyard. The Police had already issued a summons but wanted to make me aware of the situation in case it happened again. Abated until further notice.

**Garbage**

I still continue to do spot checks of garbage areas behind businesses. Garbage issue had to be address with the owners of Cars as it seems to be a constant issue.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Martha Sobanko*  
Martha Sobanko, R.E.H.S.