

**RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH
AGENDA**

DATE: September 08, 2022, via teleconference

TOPIC:	REPORT BY:	COMMITTEE:
1. Announcement: Statement of Requirements Open Public Meetings Announcement	Jeff Nemeth	
2. Call to Order, Attendance, Minutes	Danielle Monaghan	
3. Announcements	Jeff Nemeth	Jeff Nemeth
4. Codes, Ordinances & Legislation	Joan Waring Martha Sobanko	Joan Waring Martha Sobanko Albert Tartini
5. Special Matters	Joan Waring	Joan Waring Martha Sobanko
6. Site Plans	Martha Sobanko	Martha Sobanko
7. Public Water Supply	Danielle Monaghan	Provided by Mike Skroupa
8. Public Health	James Fedorko Martha Sobanko	James Fedorko Martha Sobanko Tami Azouri Jessica Coronato
9. Health Education; Communication; Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramsey Day • Flu Clinic 	Martha Sobanko Joan Waring	Tami Azouri Martha Sobanko Danielle Monaghan
10. Inspection Report	Martha Sobanko	Martha Sobanko
11. Abatement Orders	Martha Sobanko	Martha Sobanko
12. Vital Statistics	Danielle Monaghan	Danielle Monaghan
13. Financial Report	Danielle Monaghan	Jeff Nemeth Danielle Monaghan
14. Ambulance; Ramsey Alliance; other organizations	Tami Azouri Jillian Beilen (Ambulance Corps.)	Bill Lara Jillian Beilen Tami Azouri
15. Conferences & Training	Martha Sobanko	Jim Fedorko Martha Sobanko Danielle Monaghan
16. Council Report	Councilman Peter Kilman	Councilman Peter Kilman
17. Correspondence	Danielle Monaghan	Martha Sobanko Danielle Monaghan
18. New Business	Members	
19. Review of Assignments	Jeff Nemeth	
20. Public Comments		
21. Adjournment	Jeff Nemeth	

**RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2022**

1. President's Announcement:

Jeff Nemeth 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, Mr. Nemeth 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 5TH, 2022 AND RIDGEWOOD NEWS ON JANUARY 7TH, 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:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
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

IN ATTENDANCE	PRESENT	ABSENT
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	

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

4. Announcements:

None.

5. Codes, Ordinances & Legislation:

NJ extended outdoor dining regulations put in place during 2020. Bill S2364 ScaAa (2R) allows for outdoor dining regulations put in place during the pandemic will be extended through November 2024

6. Special Matters:

Joan said there was a discussion at healthy bones last week about the need to continue COVID-19 cleaning measures after classes since the virus is airborne. Since the pandemic, the participants have been wiping down the seats and the weights/dumbbells after each class. Dr. D'Alessandro stated at Valley Hospital, they continue cleaning in-between patients but have not continued to wipe down coworker's desk space and other surfaces after they test positive for the reason that it is airborne. Bill Lara stated they continue to wipe down all equipment at the gym he works at. Dr. Tartini said he agrees equipment should still be wiped down after use and not for COVID alone, but we are approaching flu season as well as preventing the spread of any other viruses. Joan said she will relay the message to the group that the Board of Health recommends continuing to wipe down surfaces.

7. Site Plans:

Martha reviewed Dunkin Donuts RT 17's plans to renovate/update facades.

8. Public Water Supply:

The water operations report for August provided by Mike Skorupa was read by Danielle.

9. Public Health:

Jim Fedorko read his report and explained his COVID-19 graph showing case trends. Overall, cases are neither going up nor down in all 15 municipalities covered by Mid-Bergen Regional Health. There are 24 confirmed cases of Monkey Pox in Bergen County. Just two months ago there were zero cases in Bergen County. The United States has the most monkeypox cases with Spain following in second. Mid Bergen has given two Monkey Pox vaccinations so far and has one appointment scheduled for tomorrow. Jim said there are certain criteria to meet before being eligible to receive the vaccine. 1 criterion is direct contact with a case. Mid Bergen obtains the vaccine and then residents are vaccinated through HARP. Vaccinations are also available through the New Bridge Medical Center. Danielle posted the flyer and virus information on the Ramsey website and Heidi posted the information on the BOH Facebook page. All towns have been responding to calls regarding monkeypox and they are directed appropriately.

10. Health Education; Communication; Outreach:

Jim announced that Mid Bergen has hired a Health Educator, Kelley Grippo. Kelley will be attending Ramsey Day and providing giveaways, informational material, and mini activities. Jim said that he can loan his tick collection to be put on display as well with our tick information. Tami announced that HARP will also have a booth at Ramsey Day and will be having a Teddy Bear Clinic. This will be an interactive experience to talk to kids about what happens when they go to the doctors, how to take a temperature, etc. Joan asked Danielle if we can request to have our booth located next to HARP's. Joan took a quick sign up for Ramsey Day. Jeff will be available in the afternoon to help with break down. Angela said she will be able to come from 12-2PM. Jim said Kelley will be there the entire day. Angela asked if we can give out the free radon test kits that are available in Paramus. Jim said he will find out. He also has sunscreen left over to give away. Jim said there is also materials available for free from the Bergen County Health Department and that he dropped off rapid COVID test that we could give away on Ramsey Day.

11. **Inspection Reports:**
Danielle read Martha's monthly inspection reports for July
12. **Abatement Orders:**
Danielle read Martha's monthly abatement reports for July.
13. **Vital Statistics:**
Danielle read her Vital Statistics report for July
14. **Financial Report:**
Jeff read the financial report.
15. **Ambulance; Ramsey Municipal Alliance; other organizations:**
Tami said that RMA is pairing up with HARP to provide a 3-part mental health and parenting series at the community center beginning tomorrow. This series is for new parents and information on how to reduce stress and improve mental health. RMA will be at the Ramsey Farmer's Market again on October 2nd selling t-shirts. The Annual Parent Academy is scheduled for October 12th. This year's topic is still to be determined.
16. **Conferences and Training:**
None.
17. **Council Report:**
None.
18. **Correspondence**
None.
19. **New Business:**
None.
20. **Review of Assignments:**
None.
21. **Public Comment:**
None.
22. **Adjournment:**
Board moved to adjourn at approximately 8:49 PM. Motion was made by Dr. Tartini, seconded by Mrs. Azouri and carried by all.

Operations Report
Ramsey Water & Sewer Department
Monday, August 15th, 2022

1. The Department's personnel continue to collaborate with Crew Engineers, DeBlock Environmental Services, and Montana Construction with the Lead Line Survey/Replacement Project. We have also started phase 1B inspections included in the initial properties listed in the NJDEP survey.
2. The workforce continued with daily duties such as utility mark outs requests, water sampling, customer service requests, meter reading, facility inspections and maintenance amongst other duties. Personnel have been taking well deserved vacation time.
3. The Darlington well taken out of service and the controls were locked out on June 30, 2022, at 8:07pm due to PFOA/PFOS testing.
4. We are awaiting additional quotations for a new submersible pump, motor, column, and wire at the Brookfield well so that it can be put back online.
5. The Departments Jetting-Vacuum truck is at the dealership for repairs, service, and a recall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Skorupa
Assistant Superintendent
Borough of Ramsey
Water & Sewer Department

MID-BERGEN REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION

705 Kinderkamack Road, River Edge, New Jersey 07661

Phone: 201-599-6290 Fax: 201-599-6325

<http://midbergen-regionalhealth.org>

President
Paul Viola

Health Officer
James Fedorko



Members

Bogota~ Englewood Cliffs

Leonia~ New Milford

River Edge

Contracting Towns

Ramsey~ Carlstadt~ Wallington

Tenafly~ Ridgefield Park

Closter~ Hasbrouck Heights~

Bergenfield~ Garfield~ Cliffside Park

Health Officer's Report

August 2022

September 7, 2022

COVID-19

The number of new weekly COVID cases in Ramsey has slightly decreased later in the summer, and Ramsey averaged 13 new COVID cases over the past nine weeks. See attached graph. This has been the trend in the other towns that the Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission monitors.

The case fatality rate for COVID in Ramsey is 0.67% based on confirmed positive cases of the disease.

Monkeypox

As of September 6th, there are 50 confirmed cases of monkeypox cases in Bergen County. The Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission vaccinated three people who met the requirements to receive a monkeypox vaccination. No monkeypox cases were reported in Ramsey and the rate of new cases in Bergen County is decreasing. Excellent information can be found on the NJ DOH Monkeypox Homepage.

As of September 2nd, the United States has 19,961 monkeypox cases, which is the most worldwide. Spain has the second highest number with 6,543 confirmed cases.

Polio

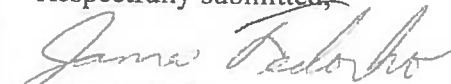
In late July 2022, a case of paralytic poliomyelitis was confirmed in an unvaccinated adult in Rockland County, New York. The infection was not travel related. One case of paralytic polio is considered an outbreak, and likely indicates underlying poliovirus transmission in a community.

The local health department is urging the unvaccinated or under-vaccinated to receive the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV).

Vector Borne Disease Report:

One case of West Nile virus was reported to the Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission for case investigation. Attached is the most recent Vector Borne Disease Report. Spraying of insecticide for adult mosquitoes is conducted by Bergen County Mosquito Control.

Respectfully submitted,


James Fedorko

Borough of Ramsey
Registered Environmental Health Specialist Report
August 2022

Food Establishment Inspections/Prepackaged Stores:

Satisfactory

King North Pizza
Ramsey Junior Football Stand
Poke Time
Maguro Sushi (upon re-inspection)
Tawara Mart
Anthony Coal Fired Pizza
Jersey Mike's
La Gondola
Mindful Café
Spring Street Deli
Uncle Louie G's Italian Ice
Sal's Pizza

Conditionally Satisfactory

Favale's Trattoria
New York Pizza

Complaints

Uncle Giuseppe's

The complainant stated that they ordered a sandwich and the worker was touching and cutting the sandwich without gloves. I contacted Janet French who is the Food Safety & Sanitation Coordinator. She advised me that she would go back to check the cameras and if there was an issue of any kind the staff would again be trained on proper food handling. Abated until further notice.

Housing

137 E. Main Street

The complainant stated that there are electrical and plumbing issues in the apartment and that there is water leaking through the wall causing mold to be present. Jim Trouf and I went out to investigate but because this was a single-family home there was not much I can do. Most of the issues were building department. The complainant was told to send over all the homeowner information and did not provide us that as of September 8, 2022.

Septic

14 Addison Place

A septic tank was decommissioned at the above address.