

RAMSEY BOARD OF HEALTH

1. President's Announcement:

MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD October 10th, 2019

Mrs. Waring called the meeting of the Ramsey Board of Health to order at 8:02 PM.

In accordance with requirement of N.J.S. 10:4-6, Mrs. Waring 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 WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LEGAL AD SECTIONS OF THE BERGEN RECORD AND RIDGEWOOD NEWS ON JAN. 18, 2019.

2. Attendance/Minutes:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Joan Waring	x	
Mr. Jeffery Nemeth		x
Mrs. Maureen Kane	x	
Dr. Albert Tartini	x	
Mr. William Lara	x	
Ms. Heidi Martin		x
Dr. Ann D'Alessandro	x	
Ms. Sara Poppe	x	
Mrs. Tami Azouri	x	

IN ATTENDANCE	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Michael Gutwetter, Council Liaison		x
Mr. Sam Yanovich, Health Officer	x	
Mrs. Martha Sobanko, R.E.H.S	x	
Ms. Danielle Monaghan, Board Secretary	x	

2. **The roll was called by Ms. Monaghan. In attendance were Mrs. Waring, Mrs. Kane, Dr. Tartini, Mr. Lara, Dr. D'Alessandro, Ms. Poppe, Mrs. Azouri, Mr. Yanovich, Ms. Monaghan, and Mrs. Sobanko.**

Dr. D'Alessandro approved the September minutes, seconded by Mr. Lara, and carried by all.

3. **Announcements:**

The 2019 Health Fair is coming up on Tuesday, October 15th. Maureen Kane will be screening for diabetes, Donna Mater will be taking blood pressure, Kristin from ShopRite will be having a nutrition table, and Sophia from Stigma Free will have a table with mental health resources. Tami and Joanne from HARP will be giving flu shots. The suburban news posted a small blurb in the paper promoting the health fair. Sara posted about it on the Lighten up Ramsey Facebook page. Thirteen people have already signed up for Car fit appointments.

4. **Codes. Ordinances & Legislation:**

Martha sent a copy of the Hoboken plastic bag ordinance to Peter for review. Canvassing major stores in Ramsey to get their take on banning plastic bags was discussed. Asbury Park may also be banning plastic bags. Shoprite already has a plastic bag return. Joan talked about how it is important to clean out your recycling and making sure you are recycling the correct items.

5. **Drug Alliance/Special Matters:**

The CDC announced 1,299 cases caused by vaping and 2 deaths as of 10/10/19. Joan discussed how over half are 25 and older and vaping is not only a problem in the schools. Dr. Tartini proposed recommending banning vaping to Mayor and Council. The Alliance is doing education on vaping and plans to do more. The board discussed possibly raising fees for retailers who sell the products and involving the Board of Education and Ramsey Alliance to come up with a solution. A draft was shown to the board for review and to be given to Mr. Guttwetter. Martha is going to reach out to Mahwah, Ridgewood, and Paramus to see what they are doing about it. Martha will also follow up with Peter about the ordinance.

The 2020 Lectures were discussed to determine who would want to be in charge of organizing the series. Joan said that last year 25-30 people would attend. Would the Alliance and Board of Health team up? How could money be raised for speakers? Tim Shoemaker's vaping press release was discussed. The topic was tabled for now.

The Alliance said 45 people showed up to the Sports Injury and Pain: Facts about Opioids and Pain Management. Ramsey residents and kids from Ramsey High School and Don Bosco were in attendance. The speakers were terrific and the conversation was great. On 10/11/19, the high school football game's theme is Knock out Opioids and everyone is wearing black,

red, and white. Daryl Strawberry will be speaking at Don Bosco about drug abuse on 10/16/19.

6. Site Plans:

Aldi's

Chick fil A

Brothers BBQ

7. Public Water:

None

8. Public Health:

Sam said some cases of tick borne illnesses such as Lyme and Babesiosis have been reported. Ridgewood recently sprayed for West Nile. The high dose trivalent for people 65 and older and the quad shot for the flu vaccine is late and in short supply from the manufacturer. Not many places have it. Valley and Hackensack have had some flu cases so far, but Sam reported that there has been little activity.

There have been two coyote attacks reported in neighboring towns.

9. Abatement Orders: The Board read Mrs. Sobanko's report.

10: Inspection Report: The Board read Mrs. Sobanko's report.

11. Vital Statistics:

In September, 7 marriages occurred in Ramsey.

12 Financial Report: Ms. Monaghan read off what income came in through Board of Health licenses and Vital Statistics.

13. Conferences & Training:

Ms. Monaghan attended the Bergen Passaic Registrar Association meeting on September 17th, 2019. Mrs. Sobanko attended the NJEHA fall conference on September 17th, 2019.

14. Ambulance:

The employee flu shot clinic will be held at the Ramsey Ambulance Corps on Wednesday October 16th for borough employees and emergency service volunteers.

15. Council Report:

Mr. Gutwetter said information on coyotes will be going on the Ramsey website. The bid for last part of the community center is ongoing and waiting for DEP approval. The community center will be open as a polling

station for the election in a month. The Senior Center will be open by the time the pool opens next year.

16. Correspondence:

A letter from resident was sent to the Board of Health about how eating meat is unhealthy.

17. New Business:

None

18. Review of assignments:

Mrs. Sobanko will look into what other towns are doing about vaping and follow up with Peter.

19: Public Comments:

A resident from Upper Saddle River who is a grad student attended our meeting as part of an assignment. She is going to be a psychiatric nurse. She inquired about the process of how to be on the Board of health. Dr. Tartini explained how you are appointed when there is an open position and must be a resident of Ramsey.

20. Adjournments:

The Board moved to adjourn at approximately 9:33. Motion was made by Sara Poppe and seconded by Dr. D'Alessandro, and carried by all.