

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF HEALTH
REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2025, 7:00 PM**

Secretary Danielle Monaghan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

A. SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

B. ROLL CALL:

Jodi Bettermann	Present	Theresa Brown Biondo	Present	Robert Colburn	Present
John Kalinich	Present	Helen Pollack	Present		

C. SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS:

Postponed until the next meeting.

D. MOTION FOR NOMINATIONS:

1. CHAIRMAN - one-year term

A motion was made by Ms. Brown Biondo, seconded by Mr. Kalinich to nominate Robert Colburn as Chairman for the calendar year 2025.

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

2. VICE CHAIRMAN - one-year term

A motion was made by Ms. Brown Biondo to nominate John Kalinich as Vice Chairman for the calendar year 2025.

Jodi Bettermann	Nay	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Abstain
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Nay		

A motion was made by Ms. Pollack to nominate Jodi Bettermann as Vice Chairman for the calendar year 2025.

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Nay	Robert Colburn	Abstain
John Kalinich	Nay	Helen Pollack	Aye		

E. BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCES

- 1.** Introduction/First Reading Ordinance #1-2025: Board of Health of the Township of Readington County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey An Ordinance Amending Chapter 274 Entitled "Tobacco" of the Code of the Board of Health of the Township of Readington with Regard to Sales to Minors

Helen Pollack read the proposed ordinance. Members discussed the changes and made suggestions.

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

F. MOTION FOR APPOINTMENTS:

1. Appointment of Board of Health Secretary

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

G. MOTION TO PASS RESOLUTIONS:

1. **BH-R-2025-1: 2025 Board of Health Meeting Dates**

A motion was made by Mr. Kalinich, seconded by Ms. Brown Biondo. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

2. **BH-R-2025-02: Designation of Official Newspapers**

A motion was made by Ms. Brown Biondo, seconded by Ms. Helen Pollack. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

3. **BH-R-2025-03: Board of Health Engineer Contract 2025**

A motion was made by Ms. Brown Biondo, seconded by Mr. Kalinich. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

4. **BH-R-2025-04: Board of Health Attorney Contract 2025**

A motion was made by Mr. Kalinich, seconded by Ms. Brown Biondo. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

5. **BH-R-2025-05: Establishing and Adopting Board of Health Bylaws**

A motion was made by Mr. Kalinich, seconded by Ms. Brown Biondo. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

6. **BH-R-2025-06: Appointment of Local Registrar**

A motion was made to determine the authority of appointment and strike the resolution by Ms. Brown Biondo, seconded by Mr. Kalinich. On roll call vote, the following was recorded:

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

H. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

1. BOH Meeting Minutes of 12/18/2024:

A motion was made by Ms. Bettermann to approve the minutes as amended and seconded by Ms. Theresa Brown Biondo. All in favor.

Jodi Bettermann	Aye	Theresa Brown Biondo	Aye	Robert Colburn	Aye
John Kalinich	Aye	Helen Pollack	Aye		

I. **APPROVALS - ALTERATION/NO EXPANSION:**

None.

J. APPROVALS - EXPANSION/NEW CONSTRUCTION:

None.

K. CORRESPONDENCE:

K.1 Public Health Recall: Food Recalls

K.2 Public Health Advisory: First H5 Influenza Detection in Wastewater in New Jersey

K.3 Public Health Update: Updated Legionellosis Disease Chapter

K.4 Training Announcement: Rabies Refresher Training for Animal Control Officers - 15 Jan 2025

K.5 Public Health Info: Healthy Holiday Reminders for Schools and Child Care

K.6 Public Health Alert: Patients at risk of opioid and benzodiazepine withdrawal due to disruption in access to medications in Williamstown, NJ

K.7 Public Health Info: FDA Issues Letter to Retailers and Distributors Concerning Lead in Certain Imported Cookware

K.8 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report for week ending 12_14_24

K.9 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report, Week ending December 21, 2024 (MMWR Week 51)

K.10 Public Health Advisory: Risk of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) H5N1 to Cats from Exposure to Unpasteurized Contaminated Milk or Raw/Undercooked Meat

K.11 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report for week ending 12_28_24

K.12 Training Announcement: Communicable Disease Forum: Healthy Holidays: Navigating Hepatitis A, B, C and more! - Now Available On Demand

K.13 Public Health Info: Prevention and Control of Norovirus Gastroenteritis in Healthcare Settings

K.14 Public Health Update: Request for Feedback on New Jersey Administrative Code Title 8 Chapter 23

K.15 Public Health Recall: Yaomiao Children's Jewelry Sets Recalled Due to Risk of Lead Poisoning

K.16 Public Health Info: Information Regarding Evidence of Immunity for Poliovirus

K.17 Public Health Info: Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report, Week ending January 4, 2025 (MMWR Week 1)

K.18 December 2024 - Former Walmart #5069 - Potable Water Results To fulfill NJDEP requirements, sampling is conducted semi -annually at the potable well at the former Walmart Store #5069 site located at 3576 Route 22 West, Readington, NJ, identified by NJDEP SRP PI #440829.

Members discussed item K.10 and seeking guidance from Hunterdon County Health Department to provide to residents and providing a link on the Township website to the CDC for more information. Members discussed the Rabies Alert that went out to residents and the notification process.

L. EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

1. 2025 Annual Rabies Clinic

The secretary provided the details on the upcoming annual free rabies clinic.

M. COMMUNICATION PLAN:

Members discussed submitting an article to the newspaper on septic maintenance.

N. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE(S):

Jodi Bettermann discussed the proposed standing committee for Sustainable Jersey. The first Sustainable Jersey deadline is February 23, 2025.

O. OLD BUSINESS:

Members discussed the scheduling of a meeting with the USDA regarding the grant.

P. NEW BUSINESS:

Members discussed the creation of standing committees at the next meeting.

Q. COMMENTS:

The Chair discussed the State's requirements for septic management guidance. Members discussed creating a deed restriction outline document, septic system informational handout, and flow chart of the Board of Health application process to provide to residents and engineers. Members discussed checking on repair reports from the county.

R. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Kalinich to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Ms. Theresa Brown Biondo, with a vote of Ayes all, Nays none recorded.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Monaghan, Board of Health Secretary