Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale Regular Meeting Minutes June 3, 2021

PRESENT:

Board President Nadine Benoit and Board Members Heidi Askin, Maria Crean

Robin Iversen, Christopher Martin, Linda Morgan, Susan Toron,

(via teleconference)

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Di

Director of Communications John Gil (via teleconference) Borough Sanitarian Michelle Delyannis (via teleconference)

Councilman Jim Strauch

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale was held on June 3, 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to the public was provided via GoToMeeting teleconferencing only, with adequate notice of same posted for public viewing. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by President Benoit who reminded the public to mute their devices so as not to distract from the business at hand. President Benoit confirmed that the open public meeting requirements had been satisfied.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Board Member Crean, second by Board Member Askin, with no objections and all members present in favor, that the Minutes of May 6, 2021, Regular Meeting be approved.

Secretary/Registrar Report:

Mr. Gil reported that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Adult and Child Health Clinics have been suspended until further notice. The Vital Statistics Monthly Report was received from Northwest Bergen Regional Health Commission for May with one (1) death, and two (2) marriage licenses having been issued for a total of \$66.00 to the Borough.

Communications/Correspondence:

GES Letter received on 6/2/2021

Health Officer/Sanitarian Reports:

Borough Sanitarian Michelle Delyannis introduced herself as the new County Sanitarian for Allendale. She then gave an overview of the May sanitary report including the approval of Crestwood Lake as satisfactory for opening.

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Old Business:

Board Member Askin gave an update on the USRA reporting on their recent Narcan training event at Crestwood, scholarship program, and their partnership with the Born This Way Foundation.

Mr. Gil stated that the rabies clinic would be rescheduled for November.

New Business:

Councilman Strauch and Jim Wright, who was having audio issues, discussed the importance of having dumpsters closed and maintained to prevent the spread of rodents. They also discussed the impact of the poison traps and the repercussions up the food chain. Mr. Wright submitted a video that the Board reviewed prior to the meeting. Borough Sanitarian Michelle Delyannis discussed what the County inspects regarding dumpsters.

Mr. Gil reported that the County would be starting up the Health Consultation Program again. He would coordinate that with the County once Borough Hall opens up.

President Benoit discussed holding meetings in July and August. These meetings would be virtual with the goal of returning to in person meetings in September.

President Benoit reported the 4th of July fireworks are going to happen and that the crowd restrictions have been lifted by the Governor. She stated that these updated on restrictions and executive orders are available on the Borough's website. She also confirmed that ALEOOOP would be moving forward with their season.

President's Report:

President Benoit gave an update on the COVID statistics in the Borough from the last COVID OEM meeting. She then reported that COVID cases are on the decline with the rollout of the vaccines and reported on the vaccine statistics. Next, she reported on regional hospitalization statistics and that the Northern Region of the State was in the moderate risk category.

President Benoit continued with an overview of mask mandates and vaccinations. She then reported that with the declining numbers that the Allendale COVID OEM meetings will no longer be happening. She thanked John Gil and Linda Morgan for their work with the team.

Public Comment:

None

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Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, on a motion by Board Member Crean with second by Board Member Iverson, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Gil

Director of Communications