

Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2021

PRESENT: Board President Nadine Benoit and Board Members, Robin Iversen, Christopher Martin, Linda Morgan, Susan Toron,
(via teleconference)

ABSENT: Board Members Heidi Askin and Maria Crean,

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Communications John Gil (via teleconference)
Borough Sanitarian Kristin Caperino (via teleconference)
OEM Director Mike Dillion

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale was held on July 1, 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 Iversen, second by Board Member Morgan, with no objections and all members present in favor, that the Minutes of June 3, 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 June with three (3) death, two (2) marriage licenses, and five (5) marriage certificates having been issued for a total of \$78.00 to the Borough.

Communications/Correspondence:

None

Health Officer/Sanitarian Reports:

Borough Sanitarian Kristin Caperino gave an over view of the Borough's sanitation report, she noted that in May Crestwood Lake was approved for opening and that they are in process of scheduling the summer camp inspections.

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Old Business:

There was no update on the USRA.

New Business:

President Benoit suggested that no meeting should be scheduled in August and that the next meeting be held in September, to which the Board agreed.

OEM Director Mike Dillion spoke about the Boroughs response to COVID-19. He thanked the coordination of the Board of Health, OEM, and the administration through the pandemic. He gave an update on the Bergen County Vaccine Mega Site and communication with the Nursing Home. He then gave an update on the meeting between himself, President Benoit, and the Aleoopp summer camps. President Benoit asked about protocols for the police department when going on calls. Director Dillion gave an overview of the Departments procedures. Board Member Iversen asked about Aleoops plan in regards to rain, Director Dillion stated that Brookside School's auditorium gymnasium, or cafeteria would be used.

President's Report:

President Benoit gave an overview of the State of New Jersey's recommendations for the school openings in the Fall called The Road Forward. The document can be found on the covid19 state website. She then reviewed the state statistics noting that we are now in the "Moderate COVID Activity" and that they are seeing decreased volumes in the hospitals. She stated that the Governor or our health commissioners are now calling this the pandemic of the unvaccinated. 99% of the cases they are seeing in the hospitals and positive cases are unvaccinated individuals.

President Benoit reported that the main variant they are seeing in our area is the B117 from the United Kingdom but noted that there is a lot of discussion on the Delta variant originating in India. The vaccinees available are very effective against the Delta variant.

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 Iversen with second by Board Member Martin, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



John Gil
Director of Communications