

Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale  
Reorganization Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2021

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

ABSENT: Maria Crean

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Communications John Gil (*via teleconference*)  
Borough Sanitarian Kristin Caperino (*via teleconference*)  
Police Chief George Scherb (*via teleconference*)

The Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale was held on January 7, 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 meetings requirements had been satisfied.

***Oath of Office:***

Susan Toron was sworn in as a Board Member

Mr. Gil would arrange with Mrs. Crean to be sworn in.

***Resolutions:***

The following resolutions were voted on and approved:

**2021-01/Order of Voting**

Motion by Board Member Askin, second by Board Member Morgan that Resolution 2021-01 be and is hereby approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Board Member Askin:	aye	Board Member Martin:	aye
Board Member Crean:	Absent	Board Member Morgan:	aye
Board Member Iverson:	aye	Board Member Toron:	aye

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**2021-02/Election of Board of Health President - Nadine Benoit**

Motion by Board Member Morgan, second by Board Member Iverson that Resolution 2021-02 be and is hereby approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Board Member Askin:	aye	Board Member Martin:	aye
Board Member Crean:	Absent	Board Member Morgan:	aye
Board Member Iverson:	aye	Board Member Toron:	aye

**2021-03/Election of Board of Health Vice President - Linda Morgan**

Motion by Board Member Askin, second by Board Member Iverson that Resolution 2021-03 be and is hereby approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Board Member Askin:	aye	Board Member Martin:	aye
Board Member Crean:	Absent	Board Member Morgan:	aye
Board Member Iverson:	aye	Board Member Toron:	aye

**2021-04/Time and Place of Board of Health Meetings for 2021**

Motion by Board Member Iverson, second by Board Member Askin that Resolution 2021-04 be and is hereby approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Board Member Askin:	aye	Board Member Martin:	aye
Board Member Crean:	Absent	Board Member Morgan:	aye
Board Member Iverson:	aye	Board Member Toron:	aye

***Approval of Minutes:***

Motion by Mr. Martin, second by Ms. Morgan, with no objections and all members present in favor, that the Minutes of the December 3, 2020, Regular Session 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 November with two (2) marriage certificates and two (2) marriage license having been issued for a total of \$76.00 to the Borough. Six (6) deaths were reported.

***Communications/Correspondence:***

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None

***Health Officer/Sanitarian Reports:***

Ms. Caperino gave an overview of the inspections reported from Bergen County stating that the 2020 inspections have been completed and inperson inspections would start up again in 2021. She then reviewed upcoming education programs for Cervical Cancer Awareness Month as well as Alzheimer's Awareness.

***Old Business:***

Board Member Askin gave an update on the USRA Coalition.

Mr. Gil confirmed that the rabies vaccination event would be held in the spring due to COVID limitations and outdoor facility issues in the winter months.

***President's Report:***

Board President Benoit reviewed data off of the COVID19.nj.gov website. She stated that hospitalizations are a very good measure as to how we are doing as a state. Currently there are 3,711 hospitalizations, 430 on ventilators and 654 in critical care. Boardmember Iverson gave an overview of observations that she is seeing in the hospitals.

President Benoit gave an overview of the current vaccine distribution guidelines, plans, and how to register on the state's website. The information would be included in the January Borough newsletter.

She encouraged everyone to continue the practice the wearing of masks, the social distancing, the hand-washing as well as getting vaccinated.

Board President Benoit and Board Member Iverson addressed a question regarding should someone who has had COVID-19 receive a vaccination and any allergic reactions.

Board President Benoit gave an overview of the Allendale OEM group that is meeting weekly regarding COVID 19 and the positive feedback that has resulted from the meetings.

***Public Comment:***

No member of the public came forward.

***Adjournment:***

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There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, on a motion by Board Member Iverson, with second by Board Member Martin, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Gil  
Director of Communications