

Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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: Director of Communications John Gil (*via teleconference*)
Borough Sanitarian Kristin Caperino (*via teleconference*)
Councilwoman Amy Wilczynski (*via teleconference*)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale was held on May 6, 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 Martin, second by Board Member Crean, with no objections and all members present in favor, that the Minutes of April 1, 2020, 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 April with three (3) deaths, seven (7) marriage certs, one (1) marriage license having been issued for a total of \$73.00 to the Borough.

Communications/Correspondence:

None

Health Officer/Sanitarian Reports:

Borough Sanitarian Kristin Caperino reported that there was one animal bite that was investigated and the animal was released. She then gave an overview of the April Sanitation Reports and updated complaints regarding Goldberg Bagels.

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Old Business:

Board Member Askin gave an update on the USRA stating that they were working on establishing a scholarship for the high school and new podcasts for the fall.

Mr. Gil gave an update on the rabies clinic scheduled for May 22nd.

New Business:

Borough Sanitarian Kristin Caperino gave an overview on the County's Clean Communities Program and educational outreach program run by an environmental specialist who can be scheduled to give virtual or in-person presentations at the schools.

Councilwoman Amy Wilczynski gave an update on what was happening in preparation for Crestwood Lakes opening. She discussed lessons learned from last year, the planning that has taken place this year for another successful season, and COVID-19's impacts. She then gave an overview of the work and upgrades that have taken place over the last few months. The Board then discussed summer camps and how the latest COVID-19 regulations impacted how they would be operating.

President's Report:

President Benoit gave an update and overview on the now biweekly COVID-19 OEM meetings. She then gave updated statistics on COVID-19 and commented on the positive trends in the cases. President Benoit then discussed the different variants that are still being seen noting that in Bergen the UK and New York City variant are the most prominent. Next, she gave an update on the vaccination progress noting that New Jersey has vaccinated about 3.4 million. She thanked John Gil and Linda Morgan for coordinating Allendale's program to help seniors schedule vaccinations. President Benoit then reviewed the latest reopening mandates from the Governor and the corresponding dates.

The Board then discusses what events would be happening for Memorial Day and the Fourth of July. It was noted that the Borough would not be holding a parade for Memorial Day but a ceremony is being planned.

Finally, the Board discussed meeting in person again and possibly meeting over the summer.

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 Iverson with second by Board Member Crean, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

John Gil
Director of Communications