

Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale
Regular Session Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2020

- PRESENT: Board President Nadine Benoit and Boardmembers Heidi Askin, Maria Crean, Robin Iversen, Christopher Martin, Linda Morgan, and Susan Toron
(via teleconference)
- ABSENT: None
- ALSO PRESENT: Director of Communications John Gil (via teleconference)
Borough Sanitarian Kristin Caperino (via teleconference)
Police Chief George Scherb (via teleconference)

A Regular Session Meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Allendale was held on December 3, 2020. 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 8:00 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.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Ms. Crean, second by Ms. Morgan, with no objections and all members present in favor, that the Minutes of the November 5, 2020, Regular Session be approved as amended.

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 one (1) marriage certificates and two (2) marriage license having been issued for a total of \$66.00 to the Borough. Five (5) deaths were reported.

Communications/Correspondence:

None

Health Officer/Sanitarian Reports:

Ms. Caperino gave an overview of the inspections reported from Bergen County. She stated that the County was doing COVID 19 Compliance Assistance with each establishment. Compliance Assistance means they are reviewing the up-to-date COVID information as an educational service.

President Benoit questioned if food establishment outdoor tents are still up. Mr. Gil would follow up with an email to the Board after consulting the Code Enforcement Officer.

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Old Business:

Board Member Askin gave an update on the USRA Coalition.

Mr. Gil gave an update on the rabies clinic with possible ideas on how to proceed regarding the locations and logistics of the event. It was determined to hold the event in the spring due to COVID limitations and outdoor facility issues in the winter months.

New Business:

Board Member Martin asked about the recent deer hunt that was held in town. Chief Scherb gave a general overview and background of the recent event. President Benoit asked if the Borough approves a hunt to which Chief Scherb responded that is not the case.

President Benoit made the point that the Board of Health is not here to approve or disapprove of the hunt but to examine the public health ramifications.

Mr. Gil reminded the Board to return the First Responder forms that have been sent out.

President's Report:

President Benoit reported that the County is in the planning stages with the State on a vaccination plan. Next, she gave an update on the CDC guidance on quarantine policies and their impact on the state, local facilities, and school districts. President Benoit updated the Board on Bergen County's COVID testing in December. Those dates would be publicized in the Borough's newsletter. She informed residents that the state's COVID-19 website has a link with testing locations by zip code and reminded people to heed the States recommendations not to travel over the holidays. President Benoit then reviewed the recent Executive Orders from Governor Murphy. She encouraged residents to review the COVID-19 holiday recommendations that have been posted on the state's COVID website.

Board Member Iverson added that they are seeing that the recent COVID-19 cases are seen in a younger group. A discussion was had on the possible causes was had.

President Benoit reported that the Allendale OEM COVID group has been meeting regularly and updated the Board on the recent meetings.

Mr. Gil informed the Board that the next meeting would be January 7, 2021.

Public Comment:

No member of the public came forward.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board of Health, on a motion by Mr. Martin, with second by Ms. Toron, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted

John Gil
Director of Communications