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## **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** April 19, 2022

**TIME:** 3:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Greendale Public Library Community Meeting Room

- 1. Roll Call:** 3:30 PM: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, T. Slota, R. Barbian, M. Green  
Excused: J. Runnells  
Also Present: Shawne Johnson, Public Health Manager (Note taker)
- 2. Introduction Of Guests:** None
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** M. Green motioned to approve the March 15, 2022, draft minutes, seconded by K. Krueger.  
Ayes: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, M. Green  
Nays: None  
R. Barbian and T. Slota abstained as they were not present during the 3/15/22 meeting.  
Motion to approve: Carried
- 4. Citizen Comments:** None
- 5. New Business**
  - a. Review BOH appointment periods:** A. Haas reviewed the BOH By-Laws of the GHD related to appointment periods. The By-Laws state citizen members shall be appointed for a term of three years and citizen members may serve 2 consecutive terms. A. Haas reported that R. Barbian, J. Runnells, T. Slota, and M. Mohiuddin are up for re-appointment in 2022.
  - b. Review BOH By-Laws** (last revised in 2016): A. Haas reviewed several sections of the BOH By-Laws with the members. Members shared ideas and made recommendations to change some wording during the discussion.
    - i.** Article III—Membership, Section 1—Number and Composition: Discussion included members stating the number of BOH members listed was confusing; it can be challenging for the Medical Advisor to attend at least three meetings/year; important for the Medical Advisor to have some public health expertise, such as a family practice, primary care, or pediatrician; could members attend virtually via Zoom
    - ii.** Article III—Membership, Section 2—Term of Membership: Discussion included a question on the reason for limiting terms as volunteers are hard to find. R. Barbian



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said terms could be extended with Village Board approval. R. Barbian also shared the required process to obtain new BOH members when there are openings.

- iii. Article IV—Board Members, Section 1—Officers: Discussion about the value of electing BOH Chairperson and Secretary. R. Barbian shared that BOH members might feel more “official” in these roles and some volunteers might be more likely to step forward and participate on the BOH if these roles were available. R. Barbian shared the process for electing members into these roles if the BOH moved forward in electing these positions.
- iv. Article VI—Meetings, Section 3—Quorum: The current By-Laws state that four voting members present constitutes a quorum. A tie vote shall mean a proposal is defeated.
- v. Article VI—Meetings, Section 5—Absenteeism: Members discussed absenteeism and that sometimes absenteeism due to illness cannot be avoided. R. Barbian shared that the BOH does have a mechanism in place if a member has multiple, unexcused absences of its members.

A. Haas made a motion asking all BOH members to review the BOH By-Laws and bring any wording changes to the May BOH meeting, seconded by R. Barbian.

Ayes: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, T. Slota, R. Barbian, M. Green

Nays: None

Motion to approve: Carried

## 6. Ongoing Business:

### a. Review of Communicable Disease: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update:

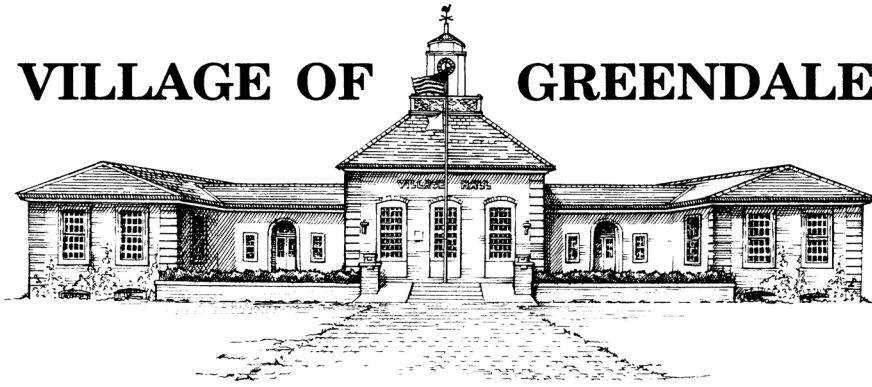
- i. S. Johnson shared that Greendale COVID case numbers had increased this past week. However, hospitalization rates remain low, and this is thought to possibly be related to 3 reasons: (1) Greendale has a high vaccination rate (2) Pediatric cases generally tend to be mild (3) Residents who had COVID-19 in the past have some remaining antibodies which offer protection against severe disease. Milwaukee County wastewater monitoring has shown an increase in COVID concentrations, which may indicate an increase in cases.
- ii. The FDA issued an emergency authorization for a long-acting monoclonal antibody treatment called Evusheld. It is recommended for individuals 12 + years of age with moderate to severe compromised immune systems.



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- iii. COVID testing sites near Greendale: Summit Clinical Lab in Franklin, Walgreens on Loomis Road in Greendale, and Holistic Home Care and Hospice on Forest Home Avenue.
  - iv. COVID vaccines are available at Walmart and Walgreens in Greendale, Meijer Pharmacy in Greenfield, and the Aurora Edgerton Clinic in Greenfield.
  - v. Mask mandates were lifted on Amtrak, Uber, and many airports.
- b. **Discussion regarding Health Literacy:** A. Haas shared that she had forwarded a GHD link to all BOH members which included information about health literacy, the CDC health literacy website, the Surgeon General's toolkit about health misinformation, and a community toolkit for addressing health misinformation. M. Green shared that the SAGE committee had created an article on scams, which was published in the Greendale Village Views. M. Green said she hopes to create upcoming articles on health literacy and health misinformation. Discussion included the prevalence of scams being reported by the Greendale Police Department. It is important to closely view emails to ensure they are legitimate before opening them up.

## 7. Tabled Business:

- i. GHD's Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): A. Haas shared that she had included copies of the 2020 GHD CHA and the Executive Report in the March BOH packet. She reviewed highlights of the CHA. Some of the identified health problems included an increase in youth vaping and dementia. A focus group led by the United Way identified difficulty in finding affordable housing. R. Barbian shared that State of WI guidelines showed that Greendale had an adequate number of low-income housing units. M. Mohiuddin indicated some of the apartment complexes might have limited availability due to wait lists.

## 8. Standing Reports:

**Medical Advisor Report:** A. Siddiqui emailed the following updates: He reported that second COVID booster vaccines are now recommended for individuals 50+ years of age with high risk-immunocompromised patients. He believes the booster will soon be advised for the general population. He also shared his perspective that it may be helpful to call the boosters an annual COVID vaccine, similar to the annual flu vaccine.

**Health Officer Report:** All BOH members received a copy of the March BOH report.

A. Haas reported on the following report highlights:

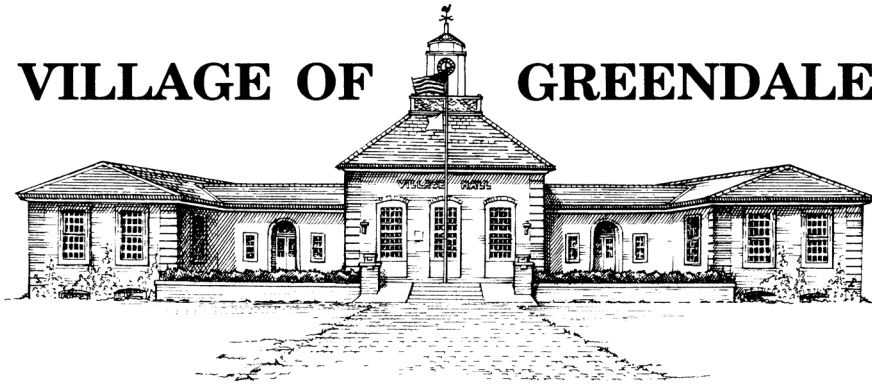
- i. The GHD is now offering a new developmental screening tool called the ASQ-Social Emotional (SE) for young children.



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- ii. A new campaign called “There is no poop fairy” will be highlighted at the 5/7 Pet Palooza event. Small animal poop bag holders will be distributed free at the event. A communicable disease grant was used to purchase the campaign materials.
- iii. The BOH report included photos from some of the March highlighted activities!

## **Community Health (CHIP) Workgroup Reports**

- iv. **SAGE:** M. Green shared that the intergenerational activities were a big success! Free memory screening will be provided on 6/23; The Greendale Memory Café will host a Donna Lexa art activity on 4/27; The dementia newsletter continues to get sent out to 75+ individuals every other month; a senior health screening and resource fair is scheduled for 7/27 at St. Alphonsus church. AARP donated \$500 for the event!
- v. **Step Up to Better Health:** A. Haas shared that this workgroup includes activities related to nutrition and physical activity. Upcoming activities include the community and children’s gardens; summer passport activity event; a 6/8 “school’s out” event on Broad Street, and a 10/23 Fun/Run walk. Aleks Skibicki and Karla Geiger are co-facilitators of this workgroup.
- vi. **Community Alliance:** S. Johnson shared that the two new co-facilitators were able to complete the required annual work plan and get it submitted to the CDC. They are working to build the coalition membership and have several activities in the works: the “Small Talks” campaign, walking vests, and youth engagement activities.
- vii. **Mental Health/Resiliency:** S. Johnson shared that M. Mermal was facilitating this new workgroup and this month the workgroup was finalizing the vision, mission, workgroup name, and the strategic plan! M. Mermal has had success in inviting a diverse group of organizations to work on this important health issue.

## **Trustee Report:** R. Barbian shared the following items:

- viii. Voting during the Spring election was lower than usual—less than 40% voter turnout
- ix. Todd Michaels is retiring, and his official last day is 4/22. He will be on contract to assist the new Village Manager if needed. The new manager will start on 4/24.
- x. There is a new café opening in the old Ruby Tuesday location. A Starbucks will open near Martin Luther High School. There is a new discount furniture store near the Bed, Bath, and Beyond storefront.
- xi. Southridge development is still moving forward but at a slow pace. There has been an interest in including a medical building and hotel possibly.
- xii. The Goodwill building was sold back to Roy Reiman.



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xiii. Greendale DPW, Fire, and Police were included in a large monetary gift from a former Greendale resident. Each department will receive 1/3 of the monetary gift for equipment purchases.

**9. Citizen Comments:** Elaine Unger, 4815 Sutton Lane asked if the BOH By-Laws allowed the Health Director to vote, make motions, and if included as a BOH member. She recommended talking with Brian Van Klooster, Library Director, if interested in moving forward with president and vice president positions. She said the Library Board does have a process in place if a member misses 3 consecutive meetings as then the Library Board President would meet with that individual to discuss their interest in remaining involved with the board.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:** A. Haas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by K. Krueger.

Ayes: A. Haas, K. Krueger, P. Kroll, M. Mohiuddin, T. Slota, R. Barbian, M. Green

Nays: None

Motion to approve: Carried

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm. Next meeting: May 17, 2022, at 3:30 PM in the Greendale Public Library Community Meeting Room. ***Please notify Ashley Haas, Greendale Health Officer or Theresa Rypel @ 423-2110 if you are unable to attend this meeting. Email: [trypel@greendale.org](mailto:trypel@greendale.org)***