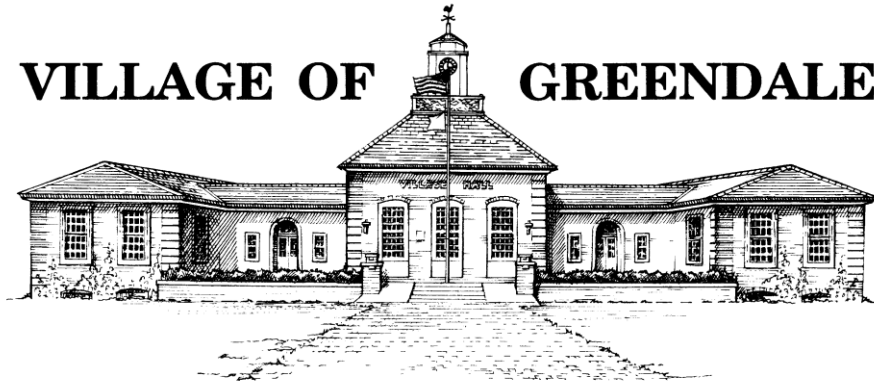




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## **BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 17, 2021  
**TIME:** 3:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Greendale Health Department

1. **ROLL CALL:** 3:31 PM, M. Green, M. Mohiuddin, R. Barbian, J. Cyborowski, K. Krueger, T. Slota, P. Kroll, J. Runnells, S. Sheppard
2. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** K. Krueger motioned to approve the June 15, 2021, draft minutes, seconded by M. Mohiuddin.
4. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:** None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:** Many of the BOH members received emails about COVID recommendations for schools. The e-mails were from parents sharing their perspective on masks required or not for Greendale School District. If the e-mail author makes an open record request for specific information, S. Sheppard shared that per open record policy a department is not allowed to create new documents in order to respond to the emails. If we have the requested information, we can respond to the open records request.
6. **REPORTS:**
  - a. **Medical Advisor Report:** None
  - b. **Trustee Report:** R. Barbian shared the following updates:
    - i. The 6/15/21 town hall meeting 6/15/21 was a success. Quarterly meetings are being planned. This type of meeting gives residents the ability to ask questions and engage in a discussion with the Village President and one other Trustee. About 10-15 residents were present. Most of the questions were related to Southridge. R. Barbian shared that the Boston Store site is 14.4 acres and has a large potential for development. This development plan is moving forward.
    - ii. Village Days event was very successful. Different Village departments assisted with the event: DPW, Kristin Jastroch, Police/Fire and Health Departments.
    - iii. Budget Season: there were some shortfalls in the budget related to revenue decreases from businesses; however, the Village has received some government assistance to mitigate some of the lost revenue.
7. **Health Officer Report:** S. Sheppard reviewed the GHD Board of Health Report document. S. Johnson shared information about a case of Infant Botulism and the successful collaboration between the health department, hospital, and WI Department of Communicable Diseases. We brainstormed additional ways to notify parents/grandparents about the need to avoid feeding



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honey to infants less than one year of age: include flyer in current newborn letter, translate information into some different languages as feeding honey may be seen as positive in some cultures.

## **8. New Business:**

- a. M.Lange shared information about a pot belly pig, “Coconut”, that she currently has living indoors in her Greendale home. Margot brought documents from Coconut’s veterinarian, Margot’s health care provider, and information on some other Wisconsin communities which allow pot belly pigs. Margot requested that the Board of Health approve a recommendation to ask the Village Trustees to consider a waiver for Village Ordinance 9.08(4)(c) to allow pot belly pig. The current Village ordinance does not allow individuals to keep pot belly pigs in their homes: Ordinance 9.08(4)(c): *No person shall keep within the Village, either temporarily or permanently, any bees, pigeons, fowl, cows, cattle, horses, sheep, swine, goats, chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese or any other domesticated livestock.*

Board of Health members discussed differences between therapy, service, and emotional support animals. Emotional support animals do not fall under current American Disabilities Act guidelines. Members discussed other concerns:

- i. Are there communicable diseases that could be passed between pigs and humans?
- ii. Are there any other nearby communities that allow pot belly pigs?
- iii. Would approving this recommendation result in a “slippery slope” with other requests for other animals currently not allowed in the Village?

After a lengthy discussion the following recommendations were made:

- i. Obtain an expert opinion from our Village Attorney
- ii. Research which nearby communities allow pot belly pigs and the types of requirements they have included
- iii. Research communicable diseases that can spread between pigs and humans

A motion was made by R. Barbian and seconded by M. Mohiuddin to table this discussion while reviewing the recommended items and reviewing the documents provided by Margot Lange. Once all the information is available, this item will be placed on an upcoming Board of Health agenda.

- b. COVID Personnel and Budget Update:
  - i. Kinsey Mannebach, Public Health Specialist resigned and her last day of work was 8/6. She has moved to Minnesota. Todd has approved a request to fill this position.



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- ii. Health Department part-time employees: T. Rypel and C. Trecek are currently working full time and the additional work hours are paid using grant funds for COVID work.
- iii. We called back 2 limited term employees to help with the contact tracing. Two additional R.N.s will begin assisting with this work later this month. All four are R.N.s and can help with contact tracing and vaccine administration.
- iv. We have been helping Hales Corners Health Department with some nursing services as their Health Officer was the only fulltime employee and a nurse and retired 7/15/21. S. Sheppard is currently their interim health officer. The Village of Greendale will be reimbursed for services provided onsite.
- v. S. Sheppard submitted her retirement and her last day will be 10/1/21. She is staying until that date to help submit the 2022 draft health department budget. S. Sheppard will talk with Todd Michaels about next steps for hiring a new health officer. The Greendale Health Department is a level 3 health department. WI State Statutes state the Level 3 Health Officer requirement includes at least one of the following:
  1. *A master's degree in public health, public administration, health administration or, as defined in rules promulgated by the department, a similar field and 3 years of experience in a full-time administrative position in either a public health agency or public health work.*
  2. *A bachelor's degree and 16 graduate semester credits towards a master's degree in public health, public administration, health administration or, as defined in rules promulgated by the department, a similar field and 5 years of experience in a full-time administrative position in either a public health agency or public health work.*
- vi. Funding Allocation: S. Sheppard reviewed a grant document with members. The document included information on several different grants. The total amount of health department grants over the next 2-3 years is close to \$1,000,000. The grants have specific scope of work and require a lot of documentation. R. Barbian reported that S. Sheppard and the health department does an outstanding job on managing the health department grants.

## **9. OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

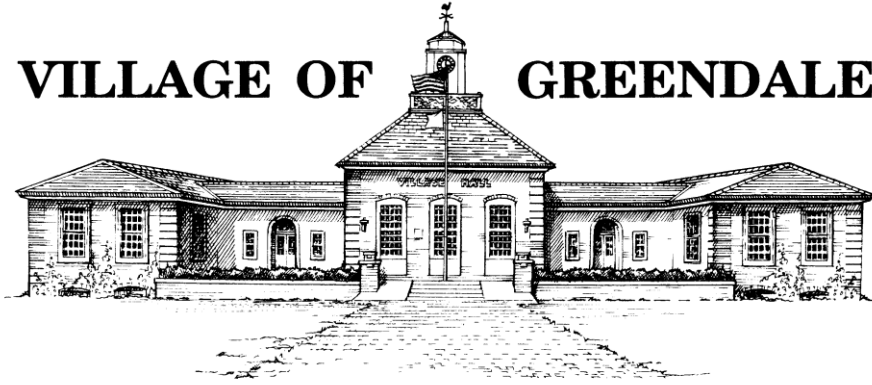
- a. Coronavirus (COVID-10) status update: S. Sheppard reviewed the COVID-19 Data for August. The Delta variant is the most transmissible strain to date, and we have seen a recent rise in Greendale cases and our positivity rate. The previous week Greendale had 39 new cases and a positivity rate of 11.1%. Since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, 26 Greendale residents have died of COVID-19 (reported as the primary cause on their death certificate). We have not had any new deaths this month. J. Cyborowski



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asked for the members' perspectives on a short video of Dr. Fauci stating masks were not that effective in preventing the spread of the COVID virus. T. Slota reported that the information in the video has changed due to new research on the benefits of mask wearing.

**10. TABLED BUSINESS REVIEW:** None

**11. COMPLETED BUSINESS REVIEW:** None

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** T. Slota motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by R. Barbian. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm. Next meeting: September 21, 2021, at 3:30 PM in the Greendale Public Library Community Meeting Room.

***Please notify Sue Sheppard, Greendale Health Officer or Theresa Rypel, Clerk @ 423-2110 if you are unable to attend this meeting. Email: [trypel@greendale.org](mailto:trypel@greendale.org)***