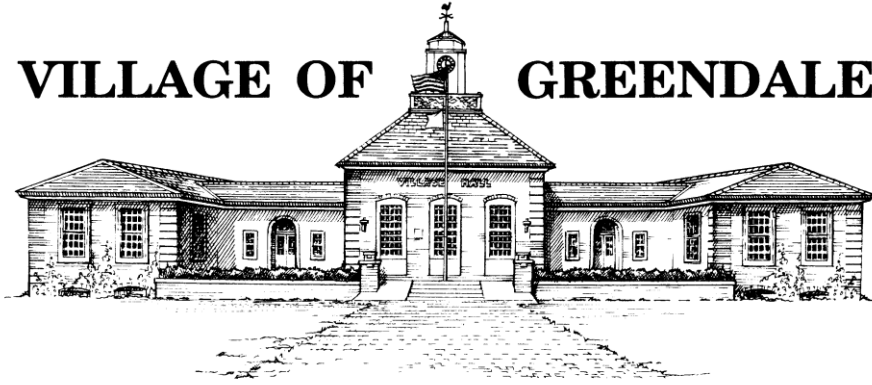




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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 19, 2021
TIME: 3:30 P.M.
PLACE: Greendale Public Library Community Meeting Room

- 1. ROLL CALL:** 3:30 PM, M. Green, M. Mohiuddin, R. Barbian, T. Slota, P. Kroll, A. Haas

Also Present: Shawne Johnson, Public Health Manager

- 2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** T. Slota motioned to approve the September 21, 2021, draft minutes, seconded by P. Kroll.

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Erin Dummert voiced concerns over the Greendale School District's current quarantine policy. She reported her children had already missed 20 days of schooling and other activities due to this policy and none had come down with the virus during their quarantine period. She also expressed concerns that the science on natural immunity was not used in making the school district's quarantine policy.

Kelly Plitt reported that she likes data and had recently reviewed the Greendale School District's quarantine data. She reported the data showed 22 positive COVID cases, 196 quarantines, and one positive case as a result of being a close contact. She estimated that the quarantines may have resulted in approximately 800 missed school days. She asked if the quarantine policy was worth the missed school days for such a large number of students when only one positive case was reported to be associated with the quarantine.

- 5. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:**

Board of Health members received an email from a citizen with questions about the COVID data that the Greendale Health Department posts weekly on their website and Facebook page. A. Haas responded to the email in a timely manner and answered each of the citizen's questions. BOH members had been cc'd on the email response and felt the response was helpful and informative as other citizens have asked similar questions about the data. BOH members shared ideas on ways to best communicate with residents with concerns and/or questions. Recommendations included reaching out to residents via a phone call after the BOH meeting, sending emails, writing updates for the Village Views newsletter. BOH members shared the necessity to follow parliamentary procedures during the meetings, which includes not responding to items not listed on the BOH agenda that month. New items



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brought up by residents could also be addressed by including them in the “New Business” section of the next month’s BOH agenda.

6. REPORTS:

- a. **Medical Advisor Report:** Dr. Siddiqui emailed that he continues to recommend the COVID vaccination for all eligible individuals.
- b. **Trustee Report:** R. Barbian shared the following updates:
 - i. There will be a closed session tonight to address Southridge and the sale of the former Boston Store site. He said multiple developers have shown an interest in the site.
 - ii. Budget Season: there will be 3 meetings open to the public and the Trustees will go through each item, line by line so that residents can understand the budget.
 - iii. They hope to revitalize the Winterfest event in Greendale! The Barbecue Store is asking for Trustee approval to hold a professional barbecue cook off event on 2/26/2022 as part of the Winterfest event.
 - iv. The annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner will be held at the Hose Tower in December.
 - v. The healthy exercise stations were removed from some of the Greendale parks due to vandalism of the equipment.

7. Health Officer Report: All BOH members received a copy of the September BOH report. A. Haas reported on the following items:

- a. She is working as the Interim Health Officer and so the GHD is down two staff member positions.
- b. The GHD hired four limited term staff as contact tracers and COVID vaccinators.
- c. Staff have been preparing for the 10/26/21 annual community flu clinic, which will be held at the Greendale High School. This clinic is run as a mass emergency event and so the vaccine is free for any child 6 months to 18 years of age. The vaccine cost for adults is \$30.
- d. Staff and the Step Up to Better Health workgroup organized and participated in the 10/24/21 annual Fun Run/Walk. The SAGE committee also had a booth at the event. There were 676 registered participants!
- e. Staff participated in the 10/23/21 Fire Department’s open house. The event was very well attended and the GHD distributed information on building a home emergency preparedness kit, along with distributing some items to include in the home kits!
- f. Staff and Community Alliance coalition volunteers, including the Teen Team, attended the 10/22/21 Greendale versus Greenfield football game. Students were asked to



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complete a coalition youth survey in exchange for a free pop-it keychain featuring a positive message created by the Teen Team. Over 100 surveys were completed!

- g. We partnered with the Greendale School District and Hayat Pharmacy to write a “Test to Stay” pilot proposal. The purpose would be to allow students in quarantine to attend school as long as they remain asymptomatic and they test negative for the COVID virus on alternating days. The proposal was sent to the WI Department of Health Services last week and we are waiting to hear if they accept our proposal. Some other school districts in other states have piloted this approach and found it to be successful in conjunction with other mitigation measures, such as wearing masks. A discussion was held to identify the different roles of the Greendale Health Department and Greendale School District, in regards to the school district quarantine policies. The discussion identified that the health department makes recommendations to the school district on health policies but it is the school district’s board that votes and creates the policies.

8. New Business:

- a. 2022 Tax levy Budget Update: A. Haas reported that all BOH members received a hard copy of the draft GHD budget during the September 21st BOH meeting. The GHD budget includes several different grants and some of the grants go through year 2024. A. Haas said staff are working on some new methods to track the different grants and to ensure that the funding is used in the best manner for the Village of Greendale.

9. OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- a. Coronavirus (COVID-10) status update: S. Johnson reported that staff are receiving numerous calls from residents each day about COVID vaccine boosters. The Pfizer booster is currently available at many local pharmacies and medical offices for select groups identified by the CDC: Age 65 and older, anyone 18 and older who lives in a long-term care setting or who has an underlying medical condition or who works or lives in a high-risk setting and who completed their initial Pfizer vaccine series at least 6months ago. Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html> Staff are watching the news for any updates on the Moderna and J&J booster doses. As of Tuesday, the FDA’s independent advisory committee recommended authorization of the Moderna and J&J booster doses. However, there are still more steps to be completed before our Health Department can administer Moderna booster doses: The FDA and CDC need to authorize the booster shots and we need to receive the DHS medical order for the vaccine. On October 26th, the FDA’s independent advisory committee will review data on the Pfizer pediatric COVID vaccine for children ages 5-11.

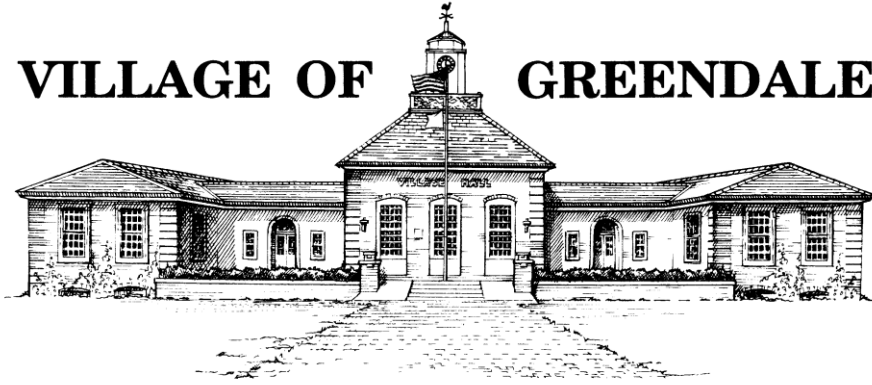
- 10. TABLED BUSINESS REVIEW:** A. Haas gave some updates on the pot belly pig situation. A. Haas reported that she had worked with the Village Manager and legal department to draft a letter to the resident, as the resident did not return any phone calls in September to S.



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Shepard. The certified letter included information that having a pig in Greendale is in violation of Ordinance 9.08(4)(c) and the resident would need to respond within 30 days. R. Barbian asked if the BOH could wait for one more month to hear from the resident, and if no response, then to close out this business. All BOH members agreed to wait to close out this business until November 23, 2021.

11. COMPLETED BUSINESS REVIEW: None

12. ADJOURNMENT: R. Barbian motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Mohiuddin.

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

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm. Next meeting: November 23, 2021, at 3:30 PM in the Greendale Public Library Community Meeting Room.

Please notify Ashley Haas, Greendale Interim Health Officer or Theresa Rypel @ 423-2110 if you are unable to attend this meeting. Email: trypel@greendale.org