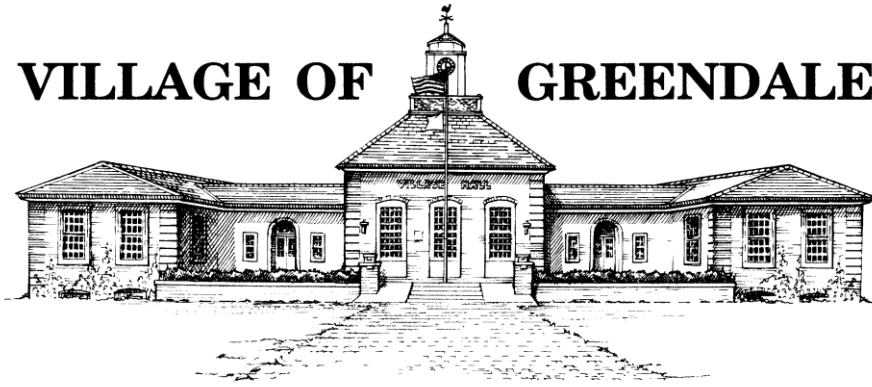




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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

DATE: November 16, 2021
TIME: 3:30 P.M.
PLACE: Greendale Public Library Community Meeting Room

- 1. ROLL CALL:** 3:30 PM, M. Green, K. Krueger, R. Barbian, T. Slota, P. Kroll, A. Haas, J. Runnells (virtual)

Also Present: Shawne Johnson, Public Health Manager

- 2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** R. Barbian motioned to approve the October 19, 2021, draft minutes, seconded by T. Slota.

- 4. CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Elaine Unger, 4815 Sutton Lane, thanked the BOH members for their work. She recommended posting information on ways to boost immunity and overcome illness on the Greendale Health Department's (GHD) social media sites. She recommended including information about healthy diet, exercising, specific vitamins, and ways to improve health by reducing obesity, high blood pressure, and other health conditions associated with poor health. She also recommended the BOH consider changing the meeting date and time so that more residents could attend.

Amy Oyen, 5323 Olympia Drive, recommended that the GHD post information on its Facebook page about topics besides COVID-19. She recommended information about Greendale's great walking trails/walkability, activities that families could do, and ways to promote overall health. She asked why we posted weekly COVID updates. She also asked why the ability to post comments was turned off on our Facebook page—she said some residents now feel their perspectives are not being heard. She also recommended changing the meeting time and she reported not being able to locate the BOH agenda.

- 5. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:** None

- 6. REPORTS:**

- a. Medical Advisor Report:** Dr. Siddiqui emailed that he recommends the flu and COVID vaccines for all eligible individuals. He emailed "stay healthy and well!"
- b. Trustee Report:** R. Barbian shared the following updates:



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- i. He congratulated A. Haas on her appointment as the Village of Greendale Health Officer.
- ii. The Village Trustees will finalize the budget tonight. They offered the public multiple sessions to learn about the budget.
- iii. Trustees will vote on the tax levy—the tax bill is made up of many different entities, including MMSD, the school district, MATC, Milwaukee County, and Village of Greendale. T. Slota asked about the expected 2022 tax levy and R. Barbian said it would be 1.9%. The Village took out a 20-year loan for road repairs (\$5 million) and so the tax levy will increase to 3.54% to include that payment.
- iv. Boston Store has items to be auctioned off, including sturdy shelving units and cabinets.
- v. The healthy exercise stations were removed from some of the Greendale parks due to vandalism and graffiti painting on the equipment.
- vi. The Dickens Village event will be held on December 3rd and the Tree Lighting event will take place on 11/26.

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

- a. She was officially appointed as the Village of Greendale Health Officer. She has been a nurse since 2008 and will finish her Masters of Public Administration degree in early summer 2022.
- b. Mental health resiliency was selected as an important health topic to be addressed by a community health workgroup. A graduate student presented mental health data on 11/12/21 to a steering committee that included staff from the school district's social service department, area hospitals, National Alliance of Mental Illness, and a Village Trustee.
- c. The SAGE (Successful Aging in Greendale for Everyone) workgroup updated their strategic plan. The workgroup wrote several articles for the Village Views and the Life in the Village magazine. The Village Views articles included information about healthy diet and exercise.
- d. The Community Alliance Coalition is organizing a toy drive to support clients enrolled in the Community Medical Services program. This program helps clients with substance abuse and mental health issues. Some of the clients have children and the toy drive will help support their emotional needs during the holiday season. Toy donations can be dropped off in Greendale at the Welcome Center and at the Tree Lighting event. Community Alliance now has a "Teen Team", which includes 4-5 teens working with the coalition. This team selected a peer-to-peer campaign called "Seize the Awkward"



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and this will be posted on Snap Chat site. The campaign provides tips to help teens identify important signs to help a friend who may be struggling and offers tools to help.

- e. A. Haas reviewed the data listed on the monthly BOH report. The GHD followed up on 105 COVID cases in October. Last week there were 58 positive cases reported. The average age is trending downward as there were more cases in young children and young teens. Many in that age group have only recently been able to receive the Pfizer vaccine due to the emergency use authorization. The positivity rate has trended up since July, but it remains much lower than last November. R. Barbian asked if the GHD was able to report on the number of individuals testing positive who were vaccinated. A. Haas shared that this was not data reported by GHD. The State of WI does track that information, but the lowest data point is at the county level.
- f. GHD staff members worked with volunteers, participated in community health workgroup meetings, and provided blood pressure screenings at senior housing sites in October. The health department is still short two staff members (public health specialist and public health nurse) and so continues to use limited term staff to fill in some gaps related to contact tracing and vaccine clinics.

8. New Business:

- a. Adding a second citizen comment time to the BOH agenda in January 2022: R. Barbian motioned to have a second citizen comment time and K. Krueger seconded the motion. Discussion included the rationale that adding this time allowed for citizens to respond to items discussed during that same meeting and not having to wait an entire month before responding. There was a call to vote and BOH members voted unanimously to this motion.
- b. R. Barbian made a motion to add an agenda item for the January 18, 2022 meeting: The agenda item would be to have a discussion on moving the day of the week and time of the BOH meeting. K. Krueger seconded the motion.

9. OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

- a. COVID Vaccine Booster Clinic: GHD has been holding weekly booster clinics and vaccinating approximately 80 individuals at each of the clinics. Currently we are allowed to vaccinate individuals in these select groups:
 - i. 65+ years of age
 - ii. 18+ years of age living in a long-term care setting
 - iii. 18+ years of age who has an underlying medical condition
 - iv. 18+ years of age who works or lives in a high-risk setting.

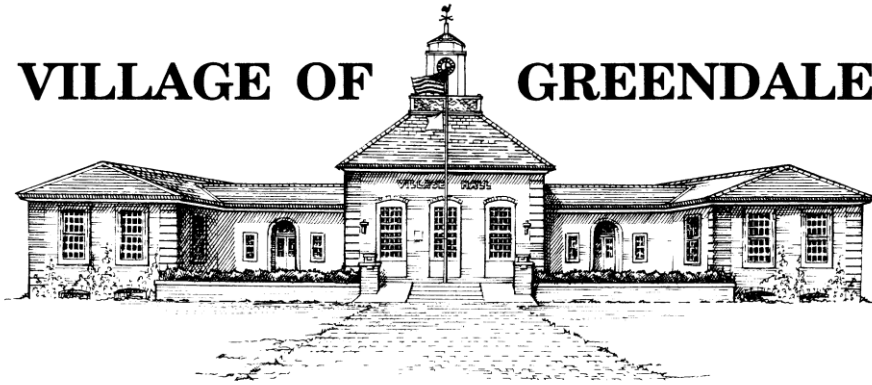
- 10. TABLED BUSINESS REVIEW:** A. Haas gave some updates on the pot belly pig situation. A. Haas reported that she mailed a certified letter to the resident. The letter included information that having a pig in Greendale is in violation of Ordinance 9.08(4). Unfortunately, the resident declined the letter and so A. Haas will follow up with the next step in the process. R. Barbian



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made a motion to remove this item from the table. P. Kroll seconded the motion. During the discussion, BOH members agreed that the BOH took all appropriate steps to assist resident with her request. BOH call to vote on this motion: all BOH members voted to not review the request for this ordinance waiver and to remove the item off the agenda.

11. **COMPLETED BUSINESS REVIEW:** The Greendale School District began piloting the Test to Stay pilot program last week. Greendale's Test-to-Stay program provides free, onsite testing to students who are identified as a school-based close contact to a positive case of COVID-19. If a student is identified as a close contact, families have the option to have the affected person tested for COVID-19 every other day during the first 7-days of the quarantine period. If the close-contact student tests negative and is asymptomatic for COVID-19, he/she is able to return to school. They continue to retest during the 7-day period and can continue to report to school if they continue to test negative and remain symptom free. Last week, fifteen students were eligible to participate and 13 chose to remain in school and test every other day. Of those 13, none of them became symptomatic or tested positive last week and so they were able to attend school all week. S. Johnson reported that Martin Luther High School and St. Alphonsus School were provided with information on how to enroll in the WI Department of Health's school testing program.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** R. Barbian motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by T. Slota.
Ayes: M. Green, K. Krueger, R. Barbian, T. Slota, P. Kroll, J. Runnells, A. Haas
Nays: None
Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm. Next meeting: January 18, 2022, 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