

## ALPINE BOARD OF HEALTH

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 - Alpine Borough Hall At 7:00 P.M.

(This meeting was taped in its entirety).

**CALL TO ORDER/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT:** Secretary Wehmann called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and Dr. Laifer read the following Public Announcement in compliance with the N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.: *In accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law and the Governors emergency declarations, the notice of this Regular and Reorganization Meeting held Tuesday, February 9, 2021 has met the requirements of the law by being published as part of the annual meeting notice in The Record, posted on the bulletin board of the lobby in the Borough Hall and on the Borough's website and a copy filed in the office of the Borough Clerk. In addition, due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic, instructions to the public on how to access this meeting have been posted in the Borough lobby and on the Borough website as part of the posted meeting agenda.*

**OATHS OF OFFICE:** Mayor Tomasko administered oath of office to **Mary Ellen Snow** for a four-year term as Member of the Alpine Board of Health expiring December 31, 2024.

**ROLL CALL: Present:** Dr. Dalavagas, Dr. Fasano, Dr. Laifer, Ms. Snow, Mr. Inguaggiato, Sr.(Alt. I)

### APPOINTMENTS:

**Chairperson: Dr. Laifer** upon motion by Ms. Snow, seconded by Mr. Inguaggiato, Sr. and approved by all.

**Vice Chairperson: Dr. Dalavagas** upon motion by Ms. Snow, seconded by Dr. Laifer and approved by all.

**Secretary: Nancy Wehmann:** upon motion by Dr. Laifer, seconded by Ms. Snow and approved by all.

**Authorized Agent: Perry Frenzel, P.E.** upon motion by Dr. Laifer, seconded by Ms. Snow and approved by all.

*(Pursuant NJAC 7:9A-2.1 Standards for Individual Subsurface Sewage Disposal Systems)*

**Registrar of Vital Statistics: Nancy Wehmann:** upon motion by Dr. Laifer, seconded by Mr. Inguaggiato, Sr. and approved by all. Municipal Clerk Stephanie Wehmann is Deputy Registrar.

**MINUTES 12/8/2020:** Approved upon motion by Dr. Laifer, seconded by Mr. Inguaggiato, Sr. and by all those eligible to vote.

**REPORT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT:** Distributed to members. A copy is on file. Mrs. Wehmann provided the following summary for the reporting period 12/1/2020-1/31/2021:

Authorized Agent (Engineer): 4 test holes inspections, 1 septic system permit issued (replacement no expansion 3 trees removed); 8 septic systems in progress, 1 septic repair under review, 23 septic systems substantially complete pending final inspections (not including 3 satisfactorily completed, AWPTD 7 systems: 2 active occupied; 2 inactive pending renovations; 3 newly installed CO pending renovations and/or licensure; 13 other reviews 3 CNC, 5 CCO, 3 SIRS, 1 Demo Permit, 1 Zoning Board app

Other reports: BCDHS Immunization audits Alpine School & Jack In The Box Preschool 100% compliance; Communicable disease investigations 31 December and 21 January for COVID, Lyme.

Annual license renewals issued: 8 septic installers, 2 restaurants, 1 pool, 1 limited convenience store, dog and cat licensing ongoing (February late fee waived due to delays with vet appointments due to COVID);

Public education displays focused on COVID, flu, County Community Networking Organization and Cancer Support Groups, Alpine's Stigma – Free ambassador Gina Toddings represented Alpine at a Statewide Stigma Free Meeting.

REHS: Introduction of **Joseph Gautier**, Bergen County Principal Regional Environmental Health Specialist from Bergen County Department of Health assigned to Alpine. He has been with the County for 19+ years, oversees two of the four districts and also the Food Handler and Manager Program. REHS reports for December and January distributed. County environmental initiated DEP inspection resulting in DEP issuing a Warning Notice to a Closter Dock Road property owner regarding proximity of poultry coop to wetland features/riparian zone. The lessee of this property has also been cited by BC REHS for multiple violations of the poultry ordinance including failure to obtain the requisite license and number of chickens on site currently pending before Alpine Municipal Court returnable 2/11/2021 which session will be held virtually.

**BUSINESS:**

2021 Budget The Board of Health proposed budget is unchanged from last year.

Noted for record: Contracts approved by Mayor and Council at their Reorganization meeting January 2021:

One-year contract with Hillsdale for the Child Health Conference – no fee increases

Other contracts remain in effect:

2020-2021 Two-year contract with Bergen County for Bloodborne Pathogen Training Program

2016-2020 Five-year contract extended for 2021 with no increase: Bergen County for Public Health Infrastructure / Health Officer Services, Registered Environmental Health Services, Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Services and Animal Control Program Services. We are grateful for all the services and support Bergen County has provided during the pandemic.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** PowerPoint slides are available from today's Zoom meeting of the Bergen County League of Municipalities where Dr. Bindu Balani, MD, Hackensack Meridian Infectious Disease provided a presentation on COVID-19 and the vaccines. This presentation focused on medical aspects. There will be another virtual call hosted by NJSDOH this Thursday to discuss COVID-19 vaccine and supply in Bergen County. Dr. Laifer requested Secretary Wehmann forward information on both to Board members. Dr. Laifer thanked Mayor Tomasko for all he does who likewise thanked all the Board members for their service.

**ADJOURNMENT:** at 7:20 PM upon motion by Dr. Laifer seconded by Mr. Inguaggiato, Sr. and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Wehmann, Board Secretary