

ALPINE BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2020 - 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 7:00 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 Open Public Meetings Law, and the Governor's Emergency Declaration the notice of this regular meeting of the Alpine Board of Health held Tuesday, September 8, 2020 has met the requirements of the law by being published in The Record, posted continuously on the bulletin board of the lobby of the Borough Hall 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 by telephone have been posted in the Borough website as part of the posted Meeting Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Present: Dr. Dalavagas, Dr. Laifer, Ms. Snow, Mr. Inguaggiato, Sr. (Alt. I)
Dr. Fasano arrived at 7:03 , **Absent:** Dr. Penn, Also attending, Marjorie Vanacore, REHS,
Nancy Wehmann, Board Secretary

MINUTES 5/12/2020: Upon motion by Dr. Laifer, seconded by Dr. Dalavagas to approve the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: Dr. Laifer, Dr. Dalavagas, Ms. Snow, Mr. Inguaggiato, Sr. (Alt. I)

REPORT OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Distributed to members. A copy is on file. Mrs. Wehmann provided the following summary for the reporting period 5/1/2020-8/31/2020:

Authorized Agent (Perry Frenzel, Engineer): 7 test holes inspections, 9 septic plan reviews, 6 septic system permits issued; 13 septic systems in progress, 2 septic repair permits, 2 single family sewer connections to Demarest pending but have requisite approvals; 1 single family sewer connection Closter per prior interlocal agreement pending receipt of application, 24 septic systems substantially complete pending final inspections. Two completed and 1 CO (Certificate of Occupancy) issued. 3 AWPTD (Advanced Wastewater Pretreatment Devices) licenses (inspections up to date) 1 active, 2 idle pending home renovations. 4 of the septic plan reviews include AWPTD and those licenses are pending approval for permits and installation, 22 other reviews: 8 RTSIR (Realty Transfer Septic Inspection Reports), 6 CCO (Continuing Certificate of Occupancy) for Resale, 7 CNC (Certificate of Non-Compliance) for Resale, Reviewed 1 Building Permit for Renovation without expansion.

Bergen County Health Department: Animal control reports on file, reportable disease reports on file. Regular reports and briefings from Health Officer Hansel Asmar and County Executive's office regarding COVID19 Pandemic.

Public education displays and website postings focused on updating the public on the 2019 novel coronavirus and mosquito and tick bite prevention. A new web page was created on the Borough site for Alpine is Stigma-Free by the municipal Clerk with information provided by Gina Toddings who has volunteered to be Alpine's liaison.

Regional Environmental Health Specialist: Multiple sanitary inspections per the report [10 SAN-Food Surveillance, 4 SAN Portable Water, 2 SAN Public Recreational Bathing (Alpine Swim Club did not open this season due to COVID-19) 7 SAN-Youth Camps]. Health Office Hansel Asmar and REHS inspectors Elizabeth Czekanski and Linda Quinn have been available for questions throughout the pandemic. Linda is retiring and we introduce successor, Marjorie Vanacore, Senior Regional Supervisor.

Ms. Vanacore noted inspections are up to date. The Board was briefed on a complaint received regarding numerous chickens on a site. No permit application was received as required by ordinance. Ms. Vanacore is investigating with the Zoning Officer and will consult with the USDA.

Public Health Services Agreement with Bergen County has been renewed for 2021 by the Mayor and Council. Recognizing the strains of COVID-19 the County will not be raising rates. This agreement provides for the following services: Health officer, regional environmental health specialist, animal control, municipal humane law enforcement officer.

COVID 19 21 cases reported by the end of April, 2 in May, 1 each June and July, 5 in August and 1 to date in September. Sadly, we report 1 death that occurred early on in the pandemic. Discussion followed on reporting, testing and contact tracing.

BUSINESS/COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Tomasko was invited to address the Board. The Mayor provided some background on the site that is the subject of the chicken investigation. The owner previously applied for a farm assessment to lower his property taxes which was denied. There was little or no farm activity at the time of that review. In the past month or so activity on the property has noticeably increased and compliance investigations initiated based on a noise complaint. A brief discussion followed.

Mayor Tomasko noted this year's tax rate is slightly lower; an increasing challenge in the current economic environment relative to the pandemic.

Mayor Tomasko noted the Police Chief had put out a press release and advised the governing body has adopted a Special Event ordinance to curtail large for-profit mansion parties were attendees are bussed in. These are very disruptive and flies in the face of the Governor's Executive Orders limiting public gatherings during the pandemic. A brief discussion followed.

Upon request the Mayor provided an update on the Alpine Three application currently before the Planning Board.

ADJOURNMENT: at 7:30 PM upon motion by Dr. Laifer, seconded by Mr. Inguaggiato and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wehmann, Board Secretary