The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020. Michael LaFever, Chairman; Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary; Carolyn Rogowski-Duarte, Member; and Andrea Crete, Health Agent were present. Minutes are being recorded by LCTV video and are being transcribed from the video. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. LaFever. **This meeting was held during the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak.**

Board members signed departmental bills.

Cheryl Messer-Lusty, Director of Nurses, met with the Board to give a nursing update. Ms. Messer discussed the procedures that are in place for inhouse pedicure appointments. A copy of these procedures is available from the Board of Health.
Ms. Messer informed the Board that the nurses are going around town and performing random COVID compliance checks in local businesses. The ABCC has been called on 5 local bars for noncompliance. Most of the complaints, that this department has received, involve the wearing of masks by both staff and patrons in local businesses. When a complaint is received, a nurse will perform an educational visit to update the business on compliance.

The town charges a fee of $15.00 for a TB test. Currently the Fire Department receives this test for free. This department loses approximately $400 per year by not charging the Fire Department. Ms. Messer would like to charge the Fire Department the cost of the medicine. A vial costs approximately $95 and includes about 10 doses. The Board of Health would bill the Fire Department for approximately $10 per dose, to be billed directly to the department and not to each individual. This would be similar to billing for CPR. The Fire Department currently pays for only the cost of the CPR card and not the instruction. Ms. Messer has spoken to the Deputy Chief and he approves of the billing. Ms. Messer will speak directly to Chief Pease and report back to the Board. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Board members would like to have Ms. Messer for about 10 minutes at the beginning of each meeting to answer any questions. Ms. Messer agreed.

Ms. Messer informed the Board that the medical needs forms, that were included in the census, are starting to be entered. There are currently 2 nurses entering the information. Office assistant Tim Fontaine will be asked to help enter the information.

Health Agent Report

Ms. Crete informed the Board of her inspections to date. Most high and medium risk establishments inspections have been completed. Low risk establishments are still to be done. Ms. Crete will be performing a second inspection of the high and medium risk in the fall.

Board members chose September 17, 2020 and September 29, 2020 for their next meetings.

Motion made by Ms. Rogowski to adjourn the meeting with Ms. DeSantis seconding the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne DeSantis
Secretary

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