The regular meeting of the Board of Health was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Michael LaFever, Chairman; Adrienne DeSantis, Secretary; Kelly Lamas, 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 5:30 p.m. by Mr. LaFever.

Board members read the minutes of September 14, 2021, September 28, 2021, October 8, 2021, October 12, 2021 and October 15, 2021. Minutes were signed Ms. DeSantis.

Board members signed departmental bills.

The meeting was joined by Angela Kramer, by phone.

Ms. Kramer provided the Board with COVID updates. The Town is headed in a better direction. Ms. Kramer provided the following breakdown of cases:

- 9/26/21 – 10/2/21 = 56 cases
- 10/3/21 – 10/9/21 = 34 cases
- 10/10/21 – 10/16/21 = 36 cases
- 10/17/21 – 10/23/21 = 30 cases
- 10/24/21 – 10/26/21 = 2 cases

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So far for the month of October there have been a total of 120 cases. Out of the 120 cases, 43 were vaccinated. Ms. Kramer has seen an increase from outside sports and activities. There has also been an increase in cases involving younger children. Ms. Lamas states that currently the Town has a 62% vaccination rate and a 3.66% positivity rate.

Ms. Kramer spoke of the Town flu clinic that was held on October 21, 2021. The nurses gave 29 flu shots during this clinic.

There is a Narcan training being held in collaboration with Ludlow Cares on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Ms. Lamas asked if things are still being posted to the Facebook page. Ms. Kramer said yes.

Ms. Kramer is hoping to offer a question & answer section in the Register. The hope is to work with local pediatricians on this column.

Board members discussed uses for ARPA money that the Town will receive. The Town is currently just seeking ideas from different departments. Ms. DeSantis would like to see some of the money used to help businesses and people that were affected financially from COVID. Ms. Lamas would to see some focus on COVID mitigation, public communication, volunteer programs, and possible sanitizing stations within local establishments. There was talk of the Board of Health becoming a Narcan distribution center. Some other ideas were training and staff development.

Ms. Crete spoke of the finalized Mask Ordinance Policy. There were a few minor wording changes to be made. The Ordinance was approved by the Board at the meeting of October 15, 2021. The policy will be utilized if there is ever a need to enforce a Mask Mandate throughout the Town.

Motion made by Ms. Lamas to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. with Ms. DeSantis seconding the motion. All in favor 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne DeSantis
Secretary

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