



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Virtual Meeting

August 24, 2020
6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is closed to in-person, public attendance. The meeting is being held virtually, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones.**

**To participate in the virtual meetings, please follow these instructions: <https://bit.ly/2FId9wf>
Individuals who wish to comment or ask a question on an item on the Agenda may either participate virtually or send an email to the Village at jmccalister@vah.com. Please limit emails to 200 words or less. To be shared at the meeting, the email must be received by 3:00 p.m. on 8/24/2020.**

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 12/9/19

IV. REPORTS

- A. COVID-19 Health & Human Services Update

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Adult-Use Cannabis

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Future Topics for Consideration

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Persons with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services, such as an American Sign Language interpreter or written materials in accessible formats, should contact David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator, at 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005, (847)368-5793 (Voice), (847)368-5980 (Fax) or drobb@vah.com.



**Board of Health
8/24/2020**

Item: notice

Department: Village Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Type

No Attachments Available



**Board of Health
8/24/2020**

Item: Minutes from 12/9/19

Department: hhs

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
12/09/19 BOH Minutes	Minutes



**Village of Arlington Heights
Board of Health
Health & Human Services Conference Room
Minutes from December 9, 2019**

I. Call to Order

Acting Chair Meservey called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present:

Jerome Meservey, MD

Sean Barnett, MD

Thomas Harris, DDS

Karen VanLandeghem

Absent:

Chair Timothy Laurie, MD

Also Present:

James McCalister, Director of Health & Human Services

Mary Sterrenberg, RN

Melissa Cayer, Resident

Vito J. Parise, Resident

Mia Parise, Resident and student at St. Viator High School

III. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DR. BARNETT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 MEETING AS CORRECTED, SECONDED BY MS. VANLANDEGHEM AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. Reports

Mr. McCalister provided a hand out regarding the business plan projects for the upcoming year, 2020. There are a total of eight projects, including a review of the single-family solid waste contract, which we are in the fourth year of a five-year contract. Dr. Meservey commented that residents were concerned about the damage to the streets, yet 8% of residents are getting twice a week garbage collection. Dr. Meservey asked what other communities do. Mr. McCalister stated most communities are only once a week garbage collection.

Mr. McCalister explained the second project is to create digital daycare and pool inspection forms with the third-party contractor we are using.

Ms. Sterrenberg shared that Lindsay Dohse, Community Health Nurse, completed her vision and hearing certification. Dr. Meservey asked if any children failed the screenings and Ms. Sterrenberg stated four children were referred for hearing and 13 were referred for vision. Dr. Meservey asked what the \$120 cost for this project is, and Ms. Sterrenberg stated the fee is for the two day class, one day practicum, and exam.

Mr. McCalister said another project is to add more counseling subsidy partnerships to the program. New partnerships currently include Bright Side Clinic, Edge Counseling, Jan Gulinl, Lutheran Social Services, and Madgrial Consulting. Additionally, Nicole Espinoza, Social Services Coordinator, will attend the next Board of Health meeting to provide an update regarding the Care program. Ms. Espinoza is working on another project to ensure that all staff receive training in mental health first aid as she is a Certified Mental Health First Aid Trainer.

Mr. McCalister stated the Age Friendly Community Certification is a project that we are currently in the survey phase. The survey is open for one month and to date 889 surveys have been completed. Mr. McCalister also stated that the last two projects are updating the Senior Center facility and completing the Senior Center accreditation.

Mr. McCalister stated the Arlington Cares fundraiser was held in December and they raised \$17,000 for the Emergency Assistance Fund. Information regarding the teen shoveling program was also provided to the Board. He said currently, there are 150-160 seniors or persons with disabilities enrolled in the program, and only 8-9 teens signed up to shovel.

Mr. McCalister said the Americans Health Ranking Annual Report was issued and Vermont was designated as the healthiest state. The lowest ranked states were Oklahoma, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Mr. McCalister reported that Illinois came in the middle and ranked at 26.

V. Old Business

Adult-Use Cannabis

Ms. VanLandeghem reported that the second meeting regarding cannabis was standing room only and the meeting had more residents in attendance than the first meeting. She stated most residents were in favor of opting-out of allowing recreational cannabis to be sold in Arlington Heights. The opt-in arguments were focused on people being able to get recreational cannabis anywhere anyway, so why not just allow the sale in Arlington Heights. She stated the common arguments were the concern that cannabis will become easier access for youth and that Arlington Heights is a family community.

Dr. Meservey stated there are costs for Police, Fire and Social Service resources and that the residents that spoke were concerned about the impact to youth in the community. He said the Village Board was prepared and gathered information to

make an informed decision. Trustees talked to residents to find out why Arlington Heights should or should not permit the sale of recreational marijuana. Dr. Meservey also noted that a presentation was shown regarding what other communities were doing. He said this allowed the audience to see which communities opted in or out of the sale of recreational marijuana.

Ms. VanLandeghem asked that in the near future after the law changes, the Board of Health should review any impact on the community whether it be from law enforcement, Fire or Social Services.

Mr. McCalister stated that they can invite Police to the second quarterly meeting in 2020 to review any impact seen in the community after the sale of recreational cannabis becomes legal.

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

A. Future Topics for Consideration

Dr. Meservey stated gun control is something we need to keep thinking about in Arlington Heights.

Dr. Meservey asked resident/student Mia Parise regarding the discussion of cannabis, what is talked about in school? Ms. Parise stated high school students illegally use cannabis, and it is smart not to have dispensaries in Arlington Heights. She said kids can get cannabis anywhere, but if sold in Arlington Heights, more kids would be getting cannabis in a greater amount. At school, they are discussing ways to test for cannabis use, like how a breathalyzer is used for testing alcohol levels.

Resident Mr. Parise, stated he works in the trucking industry. He said the sale of recreational cannabis is a concern because there is already a shortage of truck drivers and cannabis contributes to that decline as you cannot use cannabis while driving a truck.

VIII. Adjournment

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY ACTING CHAIR MESERVEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 PM, SECONDED BY DR. HARRIS AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health & Human Services Conference Room.