

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN – JUNE 21, 2021**

The Board of Health of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin met in regular session on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dennis Hibray at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Jonathon Hansen, John Quigley, Dennis Hibray, Teresa Gulyas, Dr. Steve Stroman and Dr. Michael McHenry. Also present were Deborah Armbruster, Kristin Johnson and Kelly Burke. Citizen attendees were Shirley Brown, Ellen Miron, Amy Rank, Lorie J. Marschie, Tyler Holtzheimer and Dana Holtzheimer.

3. Introduction of newly assigned Board members, Jonathon Hansen and John Quigley

Jonathon Hansen represents District 2 on the City Council. He also serves on the Historic Preservation Commission and the Board of Public Works. He is a Mortgage Processor, working from home.

John Quigley was elected as an Alderman in April 2021. He represents the 4th District. John is a teacher in the Green Bay Public Schools. He also serves on the Personnel and Finance Committee.

4. Public Comment Period

No public comments were made.

5. Hearing on the City of De Pere Determination of Dangerous Animal Order – 645 S. Huron St. issued by De Pere Health Director, Deborah Armbruster on 06/03/2021

The order alleges that on May 29, 2021 the dog owned by Lorie Marschie, 645 S. Huron St. without provocation inflicted bodily harm on a domestic pet on public or private property.

Deborah Armbruster explained she and Chief Beiderwieden reviewed the police report and the city ordinance and made the determination that this was a dangerous animal.

The order was issued for the following:

The animal, without provocation inflicted substantial bodily harm on a person, domestic pet or animal on public or private property.

The animal chases or approaches a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack without provocation on public or private property.

This incident included 2 bites by the same dog.

Amy Rank explained the incident in which her dog was attacked while crossing the street. After the initial attack, Amy took her dog into her garage, when the dog owned by Lorie Marshie attacked her dog a second time.

Lorie Marschie explained that her two dogs were in the yard, not fenced in, and went into the street where the attack occurred. After the attack, Lorie was able to constrain both her dogs, but one dog jerked which caused her to let go of one dog, which then went and attacked a second time. Lorie's husband broke up the second attack.

After hearing both accounts of the attack, the meeting went into closed session.

Dennis Hibray made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by John Quigley. The motion passed. Dennis Hibray made a motion to deny the appeal in this case. The motion was seconded by Jonathon Hansen. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed. The animal was ordered to be removed from the city within 48 hours of receiving written notification.

6. Hearing on the City of De Pere Determination of Dangerous Animal Order – 324 N Sixth St. issued by De Pere Health Director, Deborah Armbruster on 06/03/2021

The Order alleges that on May 31, 2021, the dog owned by Tyler Holtzheimer, 324 N 6th Street, De Pere, while off the owners property, killed a domestic pet without provocation, without provocation inflicted substantial bodily harm on a domestic pet while on public or private property, and chased or approached a person in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack without provocation on public or private property.

Tyler Holtzheimer spoke regarding the incident. He pointed out that after their dog (Lyle) had the victim's dog in his mouth, Lyle did not retaliate to any person who hit him or kicked him while trying to free the other dog. Tyler took Lyle for a behavioral consultation. They had an evaluation with a trainer at In Touch Dog training, who indicated that Lyle has high prey drive which can be corrected through training. Tyler described the home and yard modifications they will be taking to assure there will be no further incidents like this.

Shirley Brown, the owner of the deceased dog, described the incident in which 2 dogs hopped a fence and the larger dog attacked her 6 pound dog while they were on a walk. One dog had her dog in its mouth and the second dog bit Shirley on her arm, drawing blood. Neighbor's came and beat the attacking dog, trying to free the victim's dog, but the attacking dog (Lyle) would not let the victim's dog go.

After hearing the description of the incident from both parties, The Holtzheimer's stepped out to allow Shirley to make a private statement.

Dr. Michael McHenry made a motion to go into closed session. Teresa Gulyas seconded the motion.

Dennis Hibray made a motion to go back into open session. Jonathon Hansen seconded the motion.

Dennis Hibray made a motion to deny the appeal in this case. John Quigley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously. The animal must be removed from the city within 48 hours of receiving written notification.

7. Approval of March 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Jonathon Hansen made a motion to approve the March 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Teresa Gulyas seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

8. Communicable Disease Report

Deborah Armbruster asked if anyone had questions about the Communicable Disease report included in the meeting packet. No one had any questions.

9. Update on the Agent program

Deborah Armbruster reported that Trista Groth passed her Standardization. Debbie explained that the Health Department was without an agent for a period of time and had to work with Menasha Health Department to have their sanitarian help us out. Debbie reported that we will still have an equipment contract with Menasha and we plan to update our Memorandum of Understanding with Menasha stating that De Pere and Menasha will help each other out with the Agent Program as needed. This is not a monetary agreement.

10. Update on COVID-19 response

Deborah Armbruster reported that the Health Department is planning to stop doing daily COVID reports. There is not much to report on anymore. We will start back up again if there is a surge in cases. Debbie reported that the Health Department has served approximate 250 adolescents at our school based clinics. We are doing 2nd doses this week as well as walk-ins for first doses. We are thinking about doing a back to school promotion for COVID and other vaccinations. The State is continuing to encourage public health to offer a variety of pop-up clinics. The Health Department will be going to the Farmers Market this week. Next week we will be giving vaccinations at our first Beer Garden. We are doing a pop-up clinic at St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Sunday. We have talked to the Brown County Fair about doing a clinic there, but no determination on this has been made. We will also offer vaccine at the Fire Dept. open house in September.

Johnson&Johnson extended their expiration dates, so we will have enough of it for our clinics. There have been some issues with myocarditis, pericarditis and blood clots. This is being noted, but is not preventing the administration of the vaccine. We have a great supply of Moderna. Pfizer is the only vaccine approved for ages 12 and up. The area providers are now giving vaccine in their clinics instead of at community sites. The delta variant is now starting in Wisconsin. We have 38 cases.

The state is now encouraging us to go back to our normal programming. The Health Department has limited term employees on staff to help with vaccine clinics.

Dr. Stroman added that now we have approval to give the COVID vaccine along with other vaccines. Pfizer has applied for their vaccine to be regular use instead of emergency use.

11. Discuss need for change in Board of Health Meeting Times

Debbie Armbruster explained that we are being encouraged to have our Board of Health meetings in the Council chamber so that they may be video recorded. Therefore, the Board needs to pick new meeting dates. We need to meet at least once every 3 months (4 times a year). After discussion, the Board decided on the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:15 pm – 7:15 pm, 4 times per year, March, May, September, and November, with special meetings as necessary. The Board will discuss a co-chair as a future agenda item.

12. 2021 Review of Policies & Procedures by Dr. Stroman, Medical Advisor

Dr. Stroman has reviewed the Health Departments Policies and Procedures

13. Discontinuation of blood pressure clinics

Deborah Armbruster reported that our clients at the blood pressure clinics are always the same few people who are all under a physician's care. Therefore, the blood pressure clinics are not necessary and we will discontinue them.

14. Presentation of 2020 Annual Report

Feedback from the Board of Health was that the annual report was very well written, impressive, and informative.

15. Alcohol and drug legislation presented by Teresa Gulyas

Teresa reported that the delivery to homes did not pass, but the "Cocktails To Go" did pass legislation. There are some changes being talked about regarding texting and driving. Medical and recreational marijuana will not come to the floor as it was taken out by the Republican legislators.

16. Future Agenda Items

Dennis Hibray may not be available on September 13. Teresa Gulyas volunteered to be the acting chair for that meeting.

17. Adjournment

Teresa Gulyas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Michael McHenry seconded the motion. Upon vote, the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Burke
Health Department Administrative Assistant