

**BENZIE-LEELANAU DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Monday, November 28, 2022 7:00 p.m.
Leelanau County Government Center-Upper Level Community Meeting Room
8527 E. Government Center
Suttons Bay, MI 49682**

Chairperson Dr. Barbara Conley called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Members Present:

Gary Sauer - Benzie County Board of Commissioners
Ty Wessell – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners
Dr. Barbara Conley – Leelanau County Member at Large
Rhonda Nye – Benzie County Board of Commissioners – at Benzie Resource Center
Patricia Soutas-Little – Leelanau County Board of Commissioners

Members Absent: None

Members Excused: Dr. Mark Kuiper – Benzie County Member at Large

Staff Present:

Dodie Putney – Director of Administrative Services – at Benzie Resource Center
Eric Johnston – Director of Environmental Health
Dan Thorell – Interim Health Officer

Staff Excused: None

Guests Present: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Summary of Proposed Amendments to the District Sanitary Code – Eric Johnston

A slide show presentation was presented to the public. Please refer to it for details.

Public Comment – Sanitary Code

- Dean Manikas, Whitney Roberts, Lois Bahle, Larry Mauby, Maureen Penfold, Gwenne Allgaier, and Susan Wheadon all expressed their support for the revised Sanitary Code.
- Nancy Poppa, Robert LaPorte, and John Poppa were in support of the revised Sanitary Code. They would like to have some additional language or amendments added to it to require a twenty to twenty-five year inspection of all septic in the area if the property has not transferred ownership. They would also like to see language that would require more frequent inspections for short term rental properties. Mr. Poppa had also dispersed a handout to the Board of Health Members during the meeting.
- Frank Clements had submitted a letter prior to the meeting, he read his letter at the meeting. He would like to see additional language that pertained to businesses within the villages. He did not feel that these were properly addressed in the revised ordinance.
- Jim Lautner and Steve Mikowski were not in support of the revised sanitary code. They believed it would be an extra burden for residents who were transferring property among family members either by trusts, wills or adding additional individuals to the deeds. Leelanau County has never had

an ordinance such as this and it does not seem like any residents have become ill from not having one.

Public Comment – General - None

Board Comments – Conley thanked everyone in the audience for taking time out of the schedules to come and present their questions and comments. The Board of Health will take all comments and questions into consideration when this item is discussed at the November 30, 2022 regularly scheduled Board of Health meeting.

Adjourned at 7:42p.m.

Barbara Conley M.D.

Dr. Barbara Conley, Chair

Shelley Jablon

Shelley Jablon, Recording Secretary