

## **ALLENDALE**

### **Minutes of the Board of Health**

**February 1, 2018**

**ROLL CALL:** A regular meeting of the Allendale Board of Health was held in the Municipal Building on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Nadine Benoit.

The following members were present. Nadine Beniot, Linda Morgan, Susan Toron, Robin Iversen, Maria Crean, Bruce Beck and Christopher Martin. Also present was Kristin Caperino, our sanitarian.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The January 2018 Minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Bruce Beck and seconded by Maria Crean.

#### **SECRETARY/REGISTRAR'S REPORT:**

Adult Health Clinic – No Adult Health Clinic was held.

Child Health Clinic – No children attended the Well Baby Clinic.

Vital Statistics – 2 Births 3 Deaths and 0 Marriages.

Receipts - \$1,935.00 in Retail Food, \$130.00 in Certified Copies, totaling \$2,065.00.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

-None was received.

#### **HEALTH OFFICER/SANITARY REPORTS**

-Investigated a dog bite thereafter released the dog from confinement.

-The County hired a new sanitarian. Together we inspected the Acme Supermarket together and while performing the inspection, we found some outdated dairy items such as yogurt. However, they posted satisfactory.

-A bat incident occurred on Woodland Avenue. Evidently the bat was on the porch and, according to the resident, they were certain there was no human contact as it did not enter their living area. They felt it was not necessary to have it tested. However, the County followed up and information on Rabies was given to them.

-Inspected Dairy Queen and performed a Chapter 24, Risk 2, for Dairy Queen and they were satisfactory.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

-Susan Toron took her Oath of Office and has agreed to serve another three-year term. We thanked Susan Toron and Marie Crean for their service.

-Robin Iversen asked if there was any increase in absenteeism in Allendale schools due to the flu. Thus far, no notification was received from the County. However, I will be checking with the school nurses.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

-The Flu is widespread in Bergen County. Hackensack Hospital alone has forty patients in the emergency room awaiting beds. All flu updates are available on the CDC website, the Bergen County website, as well as the Hackensack Hospital website. Please direct people to these websites as they are good resources.

-Mention was made about everyone receiving the NJLINCS Health Alerts. A registration form will be sent to all Board of Health members to register and ensure their receiving them.

-We met with Mayor Elizabeth White and Steve Sasso to get an idea of what they feel the Board of Health should be involved in, and the direction we will be taking. Our meeting was program focused. We discussed a Town Hall meeting to be held with the NJ Dept of Environmental Protection and a deer biologist from the Division of Fish & Game who will present information on wildlife management. This is scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. We also attended the Upper Saddle River Allendale Coalition Meeting (USRA Alliance) on the Opioid crisis. They talked about a program that will be coming up on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Michael Kelly will be moderating a panel discussion on the Opioid crisis at No. Highlands H.S. at 7:00 p.m. The panel will consist of a physician psychiatrist, and nurse practitioner. Also discussed was the Borough newsletter. If there are any topics you would like included in the newsletter, and have any suggestions, same would be appreciated. Two topics that are being considered are Lyme Disease and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Mayor White talked about the Celery Farm and that there is no new growth whatsoever. She mentioned if nothing is done soon, it will eventually turn into an empty field.

-A few days later, Mayor Elizabeth White stopped by during our Board of Health meeting and discussed the NJDEP Program on Wildlife. She mentioned that it is an informational presentation, basically, an educational session. A wildlife biologist walked

through the Celery Farm and said that it is becoming decimated. There is no new growth whatsoever, no nesting birds, no new trees, no plants, no flowers. She also mentioned that The Fyke Nature Association commissioned a study regarding the Celery Farm and are urging us to proceed with a plan to save it.

-Should anyone have any ideas for library programs, such as Exercise, Pain Management, Poly-Pharmacy, etc., that our residents may be interested in, please mention them to Patty Durso.

#### **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

-No one came forward.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Robin Iversen and seconded by Linda Morgan. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Manus, Secretary  
Allendale Board of Health