

ALLENDALE

Minutes of the Board of Health

January 5, 2012

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 p.m. by Robin Iversen, President.

The following members were present: Linda Morgan, Maria Crean, Nadine Benoit, Robin Iversen, Bruce Beck and Christopher Martin. Also present was Linda Quinn. Donna Fichera was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The December 2011 Minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Bruce Beck and seconded by Nadine Benoit.

SECRETARY/REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Adult Health Clinic - Two residents attended.

Child Health Clinic - No children attended.

Vital Statistics - 6 Deaths, 2 Births and 1 Marriage.

Receipts: \$56.00 in marriage licenses, \$3,790.00 in retail food licenses, \$10.00 in certified copies, totaling \$3,856.00.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

None.

HEALTH OFFICER/SANITARY REPORT

-Swab test was performed at the A&P. High results found on the table in the deli where sandwiches are made. Reviewed sanitizing procedures with employees/manager. Another unfavorable result was in the produce department where preparation is done for the salad bar. Once again they were advised that sanitizing must be done each time the produce is cut.

-Brookside School was satisfactory but had problems with their dishwasher and a new one has been ordered.

-Met with the new director of the Allendale Nursing Home and found him to be very cooperative. Had to recheck number of cases of the virus at nursing home. Allendale Ambulance and Police have been notified to make them aware of the situation. County nurses are tracking this and all cases were reported to the State.

-Nosher Rye was conditional. Two workers were cutting onions with no gloves on again. The dishwasher was inoperable and there was no hot water and no hand sanitizer. When I returned another day, they were making salad and the metal salad bowl was sitting in a trash receptical. Upon reinspection, the owner/manager was proactive and repaired the dishwasher and had the hot water heater replaced.

- A new septic system was installed at 14 Bajor Lane and was inspected by Marjorie Vanacore from the County. Installing a new septic system is very involved and includes observing test holes and step by step inspections.

-Masa Sushi was conditional. The same employee did not have gloves on and was handling lettuce and slicing tomatoes. I spoke to the manager and told him this was the third time this employee was observed not wearing gloves while handling food. He replied that they do not listen to him. Linda's response was then "fire them". The manager then stated that he was in the middle of changing his gloves to which Linda responded "if he was changing them he wouldn't be touching the food".

I also mentioned to the manager that the dining area looks very worn and there is chipped paint everywhere on the walls which should be addressed as well, even though it is aesthetic.

-The Board is requesting a report showing the amount of monies collected in summonses issued by the Allendale Board of Health in 2011.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

-Election of Officers – Donna Fichera who is in charge of the Election Committee has advised that Robin Iversen and Bruce Beck are running unopposed and both will gladly continue to serve in their present position.

A vote was taken and a motion made by Nadine Benoit and seconded by Bruce Beck and all voted in favor of Robin Iversen as President and Bruce Beck as Vice Present for another two year term.

-Maria Crean has agreed to serve another three year term on the Board of Health. The Oath of Office was given and signed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-We have some issues with Crestwood Lake. In the Fall the concrete at the Lake was sand blasted and painted. I was approached by a few people in town asking about the paint chips that are all over the area and I went over to see what they were talking about. There are blue chips of paint where the high dive is, the basketball court, everywhere, and these chips of paint should be tested.

I would like to have two volunteers liason with Office of Emergency Management and two volunteers as liaisons to Crestwood Lake. Additionally, I want to continue to have meetings during July and August so that we are available at all times. The Allendale Board of

Health as well as the Mayor and Council did not like the way the closing of the lake was handled after Hurricane Irene in September of 2011.

When there is a problem at the lake, Tom Viscardi, the lake director, should let us know right away.

I would also like Mayor Barra, Ari Bernstein and Amy Wilczynski to attend our next meeting.

Additionally, I would like to know who at the lake is educated and/or certified in environmental issues and OSHA concerns? I know the DPW monitors the lake but if no one is knowledgeable in this area, perhaps an outside environmental company should be found and placed on retainer for consultation when issues arise.

-Our sanitarian agreed that perhaps an outside environmental agency should be engaged to overlook the lake in the case of another unforeseen occurrence whereby a sanitary survey can be performed to determine what is going into the lake from the brooks and if the water is safe for the resident of Allendale and neighboring towns to go in.

After Hurricane Irene there wasn't a huge concern about the bacteria content in the water because that was tested. The concern was what flowed into the rain water from resident's underground oil tanks, basements, garages, gasoline and oil cans etc.

The question remains that in the event of flooding, should the lake remain open with the influx of water from outside sources. Another concern would be entrapment issues because the water became extremely murky.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

-No one came forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Martin and seconded by Maria Crean. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Manus, Secretary
Allendale Board of Health