

ALLENDALE

Minutes of the Board of Health

October 1, 2015

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 Bruce Beck.

The following members were present. Nadine Benoit, Linda Morgan, Susan Toron, Robin Iversen, Maria Crean and Bruce Beck. Absent was Christopher Martin. Also present was our sanitarian, Lauren Meeker.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The September 2015 Minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Bruce Beck and seconded by Robin Iversen.

Michael Tozzoli from West Bergen Mental Health was our guest speaker and delivered an overview of their work. He shared the following –

“ West Bergen is a Community Health Center that has been in operation since 1963. We have two offices in Ridgewood, a Children’s Center in Ramsey and an office in Oakland as well. There are three group homes in Midland Park, one in Mahwah and Waldwick, and a few in Ridgewood. We are also in the process of constructing a larger Special Needs Housing project in Franklin Lakes. We are very focused in our community responses and Allendale has been a large focal point for us within the last two years. West Bergen has a sixty percent focus on children i.e. Asperger’s Syndrom, Autism, Children’s Depression, and Children’s Anxiety Disorders. We work in teams and no one is denied services because of inability to pay. We do, however, have sliding scales. One can pay as little as \$1.00 for your session or a full fee of \$100.00. We work in teams with the therapists, counsellors and we do the prescribing for medication as well. However, on your first visit you will not leave West Bergen with a prescription. We believe that medication is really adjunct to treatment. We report to a Board of Trustees and are a non-profit organization.”

“Allendale has a voluntary contract with West Bergen and, in return, residents get a sliding pay scale. All employees in Allendale have the right to an Employee’s Assistance Program which also includes Allendale volunteers. They have already done

four community responses in Allendale with local EMT's who have gone through very traumatic rescues and/or lack of rescues. We have out patient addiction services and work with the schools re substance abuse. In this regard, we would be more than willing to assist Allendale in terms of talking through a crisis, helping you obtain more information, or being part of the process that you set up. We would be happy to come to a meeting as well. Mayor White asked about our Outreach Programs and we do go out into the communities at different conferences and gatherings. West Bergen believes strongly in early intervention. Once you call there is a screening center and someone who receives the calls determines whether or not you are in danger at that moment. Then, through a series of screenings on the phone, they help evaluate whether you are speaking to the right provider. They do not do in patient detox and have outstanding referral sources. These services are available Monday through Friday 9:00 am-9:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 – 5:00 pm. They will soon open on Sunday as well. He felt that Allendale might want to consider a Crises Response Team in regard to mental health. Referral sources for West Bergen Mental Health are usually the school, pediatricians, church and word of mouth.”

SECRETARY/REGISTRAR REPORT

Adult Health Clinic – 2 residents attended.
Child Health Clinic – No children attended.
Vital Statistics – 0 Births - 6 Deaths 1 Marriage
Receipts - \$84.00 in Marriage Licenses, \$110.00 in certified copies,
\$10.00 in miscellaneous, totaling \$214.00.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Senior Flu Clinic – Thursday, November 5, 2015 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Free Rabies Clinic – Saturday November 7, 2015 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

HEALTH OFFICER/SANITARY REPORTS

-Toscana Pizza opened and passed inspection.

-We had a reported Dog Bite. The dog bite victim was the dog owner's father who resides in Ramsey. Ramsey does not contract with us so it went to Ramsey's health department. Therefore, it took a while for us to be notified. However, I didn't observe the dog initially, but I did do the observation and confinement release. The dog was fine and current on rabies.

-We received a very interesting and lengthy complaint about the Atrium. As far as we know, it was a disgruntled employee who was let go. He emailed the health department, the health officer at the County, proceeded to get the State involved

and OSHA as well. I did a full inspection based on his complaints and all were unfounded.

-Inspected Bernie's Bagels and Allendale Eats, both were satisfactory. We did, however, have a dumpster complaint with them that I followed up with multiple times. The complaint was partially due to the trash company because they put the dumpster down too close to the wall and the lid would not close properly. I also asked them to please have their trash picked up more frequently because there is no excuse for garbage piled high.

-Crestwood Lake has closed after another successful season.

-Have not heard anything further about the Craft Fair at the Presbyterian Church. I sent them follow up information and informed them that should they be cooking I would have to inspect their kitchen first. I would make sure they follow the same requirements as any food establishment. Since I haven't heard back from them I am assuming they will not be cooking and the food will be catered. In either case, I did tell them that they would have to get a temporary license.

- Nirvana - will do a follow-up inspection as they are relatively new. Linda Quinn did their preopening inspection in March. There were a couple of things I want to recheck like their sanitizer concentrations and make sure they are where they should be, as they were a little off. There was somewhat of a language barrier, but on the whole they were good.

-Sky Zone opened and is a warehouse of trampolines and ball pits. They will sell prepackaged goods and will be doing birthday parties on the premises. They have handwash sinks in all the rooms, are equipped with the proper single service utensils, and their employees know to never not where gloves. I will go back and do an additional inspection to see if they have any vending machines which would require licensing.

- A veterinarian called with another animal incident. Evidently an Allendale resident has an indoor/outdoor cat who came home with wounds of an unknown origin. They updated his rabies shot, put him on antibiotics and he appeared to be okay. According to State standard a wound of unknown origin is no longer considered potentially rabies. The only thing required is a six month observation on the homeowner's end. However, I did advise the resident that, perhaps, she should keep the cat indoors but she said once he received the antibiotic he seemed back to normal.

-Inspected Northern Highlands and they were satisfactory.

-Starbucks will be staying in the A&P once Acme Markets takes over. The A&P will be closing on October 13th at 3:00 p.m. and will be reopening on the 16th. I will inspect them on the 15th during the period they are closed. I informed the building department so they can make sure that the plumbing, electric, and refrigeration, etc. is the building codes so someone from the building department will be coming with me. I did remind them that we must see the plans first for any type of renovation and to make sure they go through the health department and building department. The sushi department will also remain.

-A complaint was received about rodents on Canaan Place. I am not permitted to access the property but I understand that there is a landscaper who comes periodically and cuts the grass in the front but does not do the back of the property. There are downed trees, logs, and overgrown grass. Property maintenance will be doing an inspection over the weekend since he is able to access it. We will wait to see what he finds. Thereafter an abatement notice will be sent preferably to the son who resides in Wyckoff. The complainant is getting dead rats on her property and feels they are nesting in the overgrown brush.

-The Octoberfest will be inspected on Saturday which will include the food stands and petting zoo.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mayor White just returned from a meeting in Saddle River headed by Carol Stanko of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Carol gave a presentation on Deer Management which was opened to the public. Mayor White mentioned that at another time, Carol Stanko also gave a presentation to the Fyke Nature Association who came to Mayor/Council with their concerns about the Celery Farm and the decimation that is going on there.

Previously the Fyke Nature Association had two deer living at the Celery Farm and now there are 43. The Center is losing its ground animals as well as a big part of the foliage.

Allendale has a deer tick issue (Lyme's Disease), more car accidents, and has received many complaints about property decimation. This is a health issue since the deer are reproducing at six months rather than at a year and a half. The deer are matted, missing fur and going hungry while seeking a food source. This is not healthy for us or our environment. Mayor White feels that because of these issues we are beginning to see some movement on this. Saddle River has formed a group that includes their Board of Health, the Environmental Commission and members of the public. The Mayor mentioned that Saddle River does not permit hunting at all and will be making changes to their Ordinance. Allendale has a No Discharge Ordinance so guns are not permitted, however, bow hunting would be. Contraception has been considered, but this proves to be extremely costly at \$800.00 per deer. "

Mayor White said that a concerted effort must be made together with the County since most of the land is County owned.” Mayor White continued to say that we have many residents who are coming to us about the deer issue and it seems that it is something we need to talk about.

“I just wanted to present this to the Board and get some feedback, said the Mayor. She also mentioned that there is a NJDEP on-line statewide survey “Living with Deer in New Jersey” that is available to all and gets populated by towns. She indicated that in the packets given to the Board members tonight is a copy of the letter Saddle River is using to get their resident to go on line and take the survey. This information will be put in our Allendale Newsletter and on our website. It has also been suggested that we invite Carol Tyler from Tyco Animal Control to one of our Board of Health meetings. She is extremely helpful and knowledgeable and has been going to many towns to speak on Deer Management.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

-Nothing new to report.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

- No one came forward.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nadine Benoit and seconded by Robin Iversen. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Manus, Secretary
Allendale Board of Health