

**ALLENDALE**

**Minutes of the Board of Health**

**February 4, 2010**

**ROLL CALL:** Board of Health members present were Robin Iversen, Donna Fichera, Linda Morgan, Nadine Benoit, Maria Crean, Christopher Martin and Bruce Beck. Also present was Linda Quinn, our sanitarian.

Twelve students from Ramapo College attended our meeting. They were pre-nursing students and had to observe a Board of Health meeting.

Allendale Board members, and our sanitarian introduced themselves and provided them with some background information.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Correction to the January 7, 2010 Board Minutes. Donna Fichera's name was inadvertently omitted in the Roll Call.

The January 2010 Minutes were then accepted with a motion to approve by Nadine Benoit and seconded by Bruce Beck.

**SECRETARY/REGISTRAR'S REPORT:**

**Child Health Clinic** - No children attended.

**Adult Health Clinic** - One resident attended.

**Vital Statistics** - No Births  
No Deaths  
No Marriages

**Receipts** - \$2,735.00 collected in retail food licenses, \$50.00 in certified copies, Totaling \$2,785.00.

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

-Renewal Notice from the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association

-Bergen West Mental Health Brochure/Report

**HEALTH OFFICER/SANITARY REPORTS**

Linda Quinn explained to the students that every town has a health inspector. It is mandatory by the State because of Minimum Standards whereby towns are required to have a health inspector, health officer, and a public health nurse. I am in Allendale one full day a week

whereas other towns may have inspectors in their towns every day of the week. Of course it depends on the needs of the town, how many food establishments that require inspections, how many swimming facilities, i.e. man-made lakes, swimming pools, rabies control (which is every kind of animal bite), public health nuisance complaints that may be called in, etc. Every town is different based on the population and their needs. Usually more complaints are received during the summer. Inspections of food establishments and nursing homes are the majority of the job. We inspect the school, nursery schools, restaurants, grocery stores, supermarkets, etc. We do a monthly report and go over it at our meetings whereby the board members are kept up-to-date and can review the month's occurrences.

Currently we are having an issue with the Allendale Hotel which is really a rooming house. Evidently, there are certain rooms infested with bed bugs. The people who occupy this residence are Section Eights who might have mental issues, substance abuse, etc. In these instances the government pays their rent and the rent is relatively low. The County sends people to these rooming houses, some of which come from homeless shelters. Therefore, wherever they go, and if they have an issue, they bring that with them. An exterminator is treating the hotel regularly and the one infested room is condemned. John Wittekind has to do the final inspection to reopen the room.

Bedbugs are an infestation. They don't kill you or make you sick. They are just a nuisance and make you miserable so it is not considered a public health crisis or a reportable disease.

-Allendale Eats had a food sample that was high in bacteria. What they did was prepare the product when it was still warm and not chilled. It has been resampled and was prepared correctly.

-Asian Cuisine reported conditional. Repeat violations have been an ongoing problem and they will be going to Court in March once again. However, a higher fine will be asked for because they have been to Court before for the same issues.

-Loco Mexican has been sold and is now known as Loco Zeytoun.

-A new Café is opening by Village Pizza called Darla's Porch.

-Savini's Restaurant, Rite Aid, West 96, and Loco Zeytoun finally came in for their retail food licenses and were given late fees.

-The Whitney townhouses are now going to have a pool. We are awaiting plans for the clubhouse and the pool from the construction department.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

-A sixth grader at Brookside School has a confirmed case of Pinworms.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

-Robin Iversen suggested that licensing Allendale dogs and cats should be done simultaneously at our free rabies clinic and that the clinic should be changed from November to January.

**MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

-No one came forward.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Maria Crean and seconded by Bruce Beck. This meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jm/-

Jean Manus, Secretary  
Allendale Board of Health