

ALLENDALE

Minutes of the Board of Health

February 7, 2008

ROLL CALL: Board of Health members present were Nadine Benoit, Linda Morgan, Maria Crean, Donna Yaccarino, and Bruce Beck. Absent were Christopher Martin and Robin Iversen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The January 2008 minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Bruce Beck and seconded by Maria Crean.

SECRETARY/REGISTRAR REPORT:

Adult Health Clinic: 6 residents attended.
Child Health Clinic: No children attended.

Vital Statistics: 4 Deaths, 0 Marriages, 1 Birth

Receipts: \$1,680.00 was collected in Retail Food Licenses, and \$60.00 in Certified Copies, totalling \$1,740.00.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Booklet on "Improving Population Health", published by Millbank Memorial Fund.

HEALTH OFFICER/SANITARY REPORTS

-Hillside School – Head Lice – The Board of Health has not received any reports of head lice. In addition to the elementary schools, all the nursery schools in Allendale received the necessary information provided by the County.

-Bee Keeping – Several neighboring towns were called and no one had any information on bee keeping and/or ordinances or knew of any beekeepers .

Nadine informed us that we have the recommendations/criteria for bee keeping from the New Jersey Environmental Division for anyone interested in doing so. This information was sent to Fred Litt because since this would entail checking out the property, looking at the setbacks etc., and the Board of Health is not in a position to assign this to John Wittekind who is the zoning officer. Therefore, Fred Litt has all the

necessary information to pass on to the Land Use Committee consisting of Ari Bernstein, Vince Barra and Fred Litt. They are the ones who will decide whether or not beekeeping will be permitted in Allendale and exactly who will be responsible for establishing guidelines and follow-up, such as inspections etc. A potential beekeeper would have to know the criteria involved and what the responsibilities are. Right now this is in Fred's hands and we will wait and see what develops. If this is approved, the town ordinance would have to be changed as well.

-301 W. Crescent Avenue is the house that was built before their sanitary sewer/septic problem was resolved. The original house was a one bedroom with a very old septic system. A three bedroom home was built in its place and must come up to code. The owner proceeded to build it with the building departments approval, however, the construction official did not have anything in writing as to the septic system. Marjorie Vanacore, the County inspector, told the Mr. Wittekind several times that before a house is built the septic system must be approved. This did not happen because the building inspector insisted that Martin Masters was going to connect to the sewer system through the house behind his. However, that individual's daughter was not agreeable and there was no permission given or approvals. Another option was that it would be pumped up to Mrytle Avenue and go into the sewer system but the County refused. Evidently there is not even a working septic system, only a cesspool, and that is not on the Masters' property but on property belonging to Crestwood Mews. Marjorie Vanacore felt that the best place to put a septic on that property would have been in the front yard.

-Inspected McDonald's again and summonses were issued because the manager continues to hang his coat over the hamburger buns. Also, there was no hand soap at the wash sink and this too was a repeat violation.

-Dairy Queen posted conditional with numerous violations. Chile with meat in it was sitting in a pot in the store, unheated and/or unrefrigerated. He was told to discard it. He also has sewer bugs by the sinks and was told that someone has to come in to take care of this issue. Additionally, there is black mold on the wall that must be replaced. He was also found defrosting the frozen yogurt mix incorrectly on the ground, outside the refrigerator; the hot dogs were kept at 96 degrees and should be at 140 degrees. He is also spraying pesticides in the store to get rid of the bugs which is prohibitive. He has been told the correct way to do things over and over again and continues to do the opposite. Summonses were issued.

-Restaurant L was inspected and posted satisfactory. The tent in the back has standing heaters and my concern is that this could be a fire hazard. Jean notified John Wittekind who, in turn, emailed Ernie Cassidy for follow-up.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

-Elaine Rizzo called asking how much flu/pneumo vaccine we want to order for our Clinic. If the Clinic was earlier in the year, we would order more vaccine and since it is later, we will be ordering less. It was unanimously decided that 15 Vials (ten doses each vial) of Flu and 1 vial (five doses) of Pneumo be ordered.

-The head lice issue seems to be under control. Dr. Caprio did a very good job educating everyone. She got the word out to all the sports teams as well and they are really keeping track of what is going on. Linda Quinn went to all the nursery schools and distributed literature on head lice that the County provided.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-No new issues other than the ones covered above.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

-No one came forward.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Manus, Secretary
Allendale Board of Health