

## **ALLENDALE**

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

**January 4, 2008**

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

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

The December 2007 minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Maria Crean and seconded by Robin Iversen.

#### **SECRETARY/REGISTRAR REPORT:**

Adult Health Clinic: 4 residents attended.  
Child Health Clinic: No children attended.

Vital Statistics: 5 deaths, 0 births, 2 marriages

Receipts: \$4,255 was collected for Retail Food Licenses, \$10.00 in Certified Copies and \$84.00 in Marriage Licenses, \$20.00 in miscellaneous, totalling \$4,369.00.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

Two thank you notes addressed to Board members.

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

-Upon inspection McDonald's was found conditional. There were cleaning violations and trash in the back and they seem to have a very indifferent attitude about it. A summons was already issued because the manager keeps his coat hanging over and touching the hamburger buns. Another summons was issued for the same violation and perhaps this time it will be high enough whereby he won't repeat it.

-Gold Star Award was given to Brookside School, Northern Highlands H.S. and Pastafino Restaurant. A ceremony was held at the County and they were presented with a plaque. This award is

given to food establishments/school cafeterias who have outstanding records.

-A complaint was received by some board members that some students at Hillside School had head lice. This involved, primarily, the first and third grade. Evidently, a third grader's parent called about her concerns and said she felt the school was not taking the problem seriously. That same day I talked to Linda Morgan about this when she stopped by the office and she made some good suggestions. I also contacted the County nurses who said they would get involved and help educate the public and materials were provided by them for distribution to the schools. Evidently this particular parent mentioned that they weren't bagging their jackets and when they were waiting to be checked by the school nurse they were in close contact with each other, while sitting on the couch outside the nurse's office. We felt that with the upcoming holiday recess things would quiet down and it seems that it has.

The Allendale Board of Health has addressed the problem and provided the necessary assistance. However, the County public health nurse feels that it is a Board of Education issue. At the moment, it was decided that the schools were properly addressing the problem of head lice, with the help of the Bergen County Health Department who has distributed all the necessary material to help alleviate this problem.

-Loco Mexican Cafe is in the process of obtaining a new dishwasher.

-A call was received from the NJ Department of Agriculture, a Tim Schuler, State Apiarist, who is also the head of The New Jersey Beekeepers Association. He will be sending us the necessary Guidelines for keeping bees in populated areas.

The New Jersey Beekeepers Association also said that anyone keeping bees should be registered with the N.J. Department of Agriculture so that they can be inspected. He also mentioned that water **MUST** be provided for them or they will seek another means of finding it - such as a neighbor's pool, etc.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

-Regarding my conversation with Fred Litt, a question arose as to whether or not the Board wants to have a separate application for residents to raise bees. We currently have a bee ordinance and are toying with the idea of taking the bee section out of the ordinance and coming up with an application procedure to raise bees and

decide what the content of this would be. John Wittekind would also have to be included to provide information concerning necessary setbacks, property size, zoning, etc. Additionally, the question arises as to who will be monitoring the beekeeper to see that State requirements are met. Supposedly the bees do not attack, and do so only if provoked. Linda Quinn stated that nearly all the towns do not have any application or ordinances for keeping bees and felt that that if this resident does keep bees, we should exclude bees from our Ordinance. She felt that if a problem did arise she would then go there and ask them to do whatever necessary to resolve the issue.

After speaking to a New Jersey beekeeper our Board of Health president was told that beekeepers have been stung by their bees. Should a neighboring property change hands and should the new owners have an allergy to them, would we have the right to go in and ask them to get rid of them. I have no problem with this but we need a more formal process. Another consideration would be how we protect ourselves from the beekeeper in town who is not responsible and does not comply with State rules and regulations. Another point was raised by a board member asking if a beekeeper needs a special clause in their insurance policy covering such exposure.

-The Oath of Office was given to Linda Morgan, Christopher Martin, and Robin Iversen who were reappointed as Board members and have agree to serve another three-year term.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

-We have addressed the issues at hand.

## **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

-No one came forward.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Robin Iversen and seconded by Maria Crean. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Manus, Secretary  
Allendale Board of Health