

## **ALLENDALE**

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

**January 11, 2018**

**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 Nadine Benoit.

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

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

The December 2017 Minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Bruce Beck and seconded by Maria Crean.

#### **SECRETARY/REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

Adult Health Clinic – Six residents attended.  
Child Health Clinic – No children attended the Child Health Clinic.  
Vital Statistics – 6 Deaths, 0 Marriages, 3 Births  
Receipts - \$6,625.00 in Retail Food, \$200.00 in Certified Copies, \$201.16 in Miscellaneous, totalling \$7,026.16.

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE** – Annual TB Testing Report for Brookside and Hillside Schools.

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

-45 DeMercurio Drive – emergency power outage, visited effected establishments, power was not lost for an extended period of time and shortly thereafter power was restored.

-Bernie's Bagels was also affected, however, full power came back on in less than thirty minutes.

Village Pizza – performed a site inspection and they were satisfactory.

Nirvana – posted conditional. Scheduled a reinspected.

Toscana Pizza – was inspected and were satisfactory.

Calvary Lutheran Church – Inspected kitchen area and were satisfactory.

Restaurant L – posted satisfactory.

Masa Sushi – Performed site inspection and was satisfactory.

Allendale Bar & Grill – inspected and was satisfactory.

Savini's – inspected and was satisfactory.

Mezza Luna – Performed a Chapter 24 and was conditional. They were storing food in chemical containers, shellfish tags not stored with original stock. Reinspected them a few days later and they were satisfactory.

117 Franklin Turnpike – Animal to human bite. Contacted dog owner and person bitten. Checked with vet re rabies update information. This is dog's second bite – forwarded information to Tyco. Dog was confined for ten days and released.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

The Oath of Office was given to Maria Crean who was reappointed as a Board member and has agreed to serve another three-year term.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

-Our Board of Health president, Nadine Benoit, gave us a brief public health overview of what is transpiring nationwide. She also wants to reconfirm that there will be Board of Health involvement with any health issues in town.

From the Center for Disease Control website, there was an outbreak of E. Coli from romaine lettuce. They feel it is no longer an issue as the shelf life of the lettuce is so short that most of it was discarded before it became a real problem.

-The CDC made investments to enhance laboratory and epidemiology expertise and grow public health innovations to fight antibiotic resistance across healthcare settings, food and communities. Funds are available and going into research and development.

-Sleep related deaths are on the rise according to the Academy of Pediatrics.  
Some of the guidelines to be followed are –

Placing babies on their back,  
Using a firm sleep surface,  
Keeping soft objects and loose bedding out of baby's sleep area,  
Share a room with baby but not the same bed.

-Traumatic Brain Injuries – particularly with high school sports. There is much focus on concussions and high schools are doing a great job with monitoring injuries and not putting players back on the fields. Attended a seminar where it was mentioned that in The Journal of Medical Association – Pediatrics – they are now able to test saliva to determine whether a child has suffered a concussion with 85% accuracy. Typical symptoms do not always reveal same.

-Narcan – If one public health emergency had to be selected in Allendale it would be the Opioid crises. Narcan is now available at CVS and people are keeping it in their homes. Discussed Narcan with the police to find out what the policy is if someone refuses to go to the hospital after using it. If Narcan is given by a family member and the individual is awake and seems fine, they do not have to go to the hospital because it was administered by a family member. However, if the EMS, Paramedics, or Police administer Narcan to an individual, they are obligated to transport that patient to the hospital and the patient cannot refuse to go at that point.

-The BOH would like to be active in the newly formed USRA Alliance.

-Allendale is a Stigma-Free Zone and we want to raise mental illness awareness and create a culture wherein residents who have this disease feel supported by their community, neighbors, and feel free to seek treatment.

Our president concluded by saying that the BOH wants to be a resource for the town of Allendale.

#### **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

