

ALLENDALE

Minutes of the Board of Health

September 6, 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 President.

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

Also present was Alexander Vallejo from Boy Scout Troop 259.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The June Minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Robin Iversen and seconded by Maria Crean.

SECRETARY/REGISTRARS REPORT

Adult Health Clinic – June – No one attended.
July/August – No clinic was held.

Child Health Clinic – June/July/August – No children attended.

Vital Statistics – June – 8 Deaths, 1 Marriage, 8 Births
July – 6 Deaths, 0 Marriages, 2 Births
August – 3 Deaths, 2 Marriages, 4 Births

Receipts – **JUNE**- \$250.00 in Retail Food Licenses, \$120.00 in Certified Copies, \$200.00 in Miscellaneous, totalling \$570.00
JULY- \$140.00 in Marriage Licenses, \$50.00 in Certified Copies, \$100.00 in Miscellaneous, totalling \$290.00
AUGUST - \$56.00 in Marriage Licenses, \$40.00 in Certified Copies, \$150.00 in Miscellaneous, totalling \$246.00

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

-Health Statistic Report for June/July/August 2018. There were two Lymes Disease cases and one Salmonella.

-Investigated reported animal bite. Paperwork forwarded re potential rabies exposure.

-Two bat exposures were reported. Did follow-up paperwork and sent rabies information to residents. One resident had two consecutive bats enter at two different times and they did get rabies shots.

-Our sanitarian gave us notification that was received from Tyco. Evidently, the New Jersey Department of Health in Trenton no longer has a biologist testing bats at this time. I called Trenton to inquire about testing procedures. If specimens are submitted properly, paperwork filled out correctly, Tyco sends this to Teterboro and they, in turn, sends them to Trenton overnight. It is then expressed overnight to Kansas and is received the following morning. Normal procedure turnover time would be 24-48 hours. They notify the positive results first to the County and nursing notifies the person who had contact. Delays would be if the form was incorrectly filled out, improper packaging or a rotted specimen (one that was held for 2-3 days and then sent out for testing).

-Inspected food trucks at Allendale's National Night Out which was held at Crestwood Lake. All posted satisfactory.

-Inspected Camp Superstars BBQ at Northern Highlands High School. Posted satisfactory.

-Reinspected The Whitney pool and same was satisfactory.

-Performed Chapter 24 site inspection at The Atrium and Allendale Nursing Home and they posted satisfactory.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

-Nadine Benoit spoke about the Medical Marijuana Program in New Jersey and, earlier in the day, sent out an email to the Board and cc Mayor White. Mayor White emailed her back saying they are in the process of drafting an Ordinance in light of the legalization of Medical Marijuana and Recreational Marijuana in the State of New Jersey and asked her to forward it to the Board so that they may entertain any comments/suggestions that may be presented. This Ordinance will be finalized at the September 13th Public Safety meeting. Nadine asked that comments be directed to her and she, in turn, will compose a letter and forward it to Mayor White. President Benoit stated that, essentially, the town will not allow any type of Recreational Marijuana. If it is legalized in the State of New Jersey, local municipalities will have the option not to have it in their town. However, due to zoning, if someone wants to open a Medical Marijuana Dispensary, they will be allowed to do so on Boroline Road which is an industrial site. Our Board president stated that the program is

regulated by the State, prescriptions by physicians are mandatory, and a consultation is required. Marijuana is not just handed out. She also mentioned there are different types of marijuana for different illnesses. One of our Board members, Dr. Robin Iversen, shared the following with the Board:

Doctors don't prescribe marijuana. You have to be registered in compliance with State regulations to be able to use marijuana. When you are registered you have to fall under one of the fourteen medical condition , unless you are a Cancer patient.

1. Once you are deemed an appropriate candidate, you must meet the criteria and pay \$200.00 to register wherein you will receive a card which will admit you to a dispensary. These dispensaries are not run by physicians, or by botanists, but by businessmen.
2. It costs anywhere from thirteen to twenty million dollars to open up a dispensary.
3. In New Jersey, you have to grow it, process it and sell it all in one place. You cannot grow it in Allendale and sell it in Paramus. There are regulations on how it is grown, etc. Limitations in New Jersey are very strict.
4. Personnel are trained on site by the facility. It is a "cash only" business.
5. All the growing of the marijuana is done by hand. The plants grown start out in dixie cups and are transferred into bigger pot. They are then transferred to different rooms where they regulate the light, humidity, and temperature etc., all controlled. That is part of the reason why it is so expensive. They cannot use pesticides and can only use certain potting soil.

Once again, the pending Ordinance is for medicinal marijuana only, not recreational marijuana. President Benoit asked that the Board read the Ordinance and submit their comments by Monday so that they can be forwarded to Mayor Elizabeth White.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Public Health Updates

-Kellogg's Salmonella outbreak in Honey Smacks Cereal. 34 people were hospitalized, 130 cases in all 36 States.

-Caring for children with Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury-County Pediatrics offer their recommendations on TBI guidelines.

-Zika Virus still surfacing in many countries. Incidents with birth defects are high.

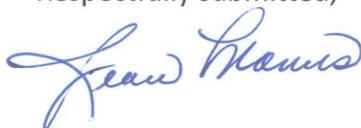
All information is on the Center For Disease Control & Prevention website – cdc.gov.

MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

-Alexander Vallejo from Boy Scout Troop 59 attended our meeting. He is working on his Merit Badge and wanted to listen in on a meeting to find out what the Board of Health does.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jean Manus, Secretary
Allendale Board of Health