

## **ALLENDALE**

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

**January 3, 2019**

**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, Robin Iversen, Maria Crean, Heidi Askin, Christopher Martin and Susan Toron. Also present was our sanitarian, Kristin Caperino.

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

The December 2018 Minutes were accepted with a motion to approve by Christopher Martin and seconded by Maria Crean.

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

Adult Health Clinic – 4 residents attended.  
Child Health Clinic – No children attended.  
Vital Statistics – 15 Deaths 3 Births 1 Marriage  
Receipts - \$5,530 in Retail Food Licenses, \$320.00 in Certified Copies, totaling \$5,850.00.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

-None received.

#### **HEALTH OFFICER/SANITARY REPORT**

-Emergency Occurrence in Mezza Luna. Fire in kitchen and building. Food was going to be discarded, however, due to insurance an invoice together with a list of foods had to be provided. After a complete list was submitted to the insurance company, food was discarded.

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

-The Oath of Office was given to Nadine Benoit and Heidi Askin who were reappointed to the Board of Health and have agreed to serve another three-year term.

-Rabies Protocol – A resident in Allendale was bitten by a dog and I immediately went to see the dog and quarantined it. It was alive and well. I talked to the owner of the

dog and asked if the dog had, in any way, been acting differently or out of the ordinary. He said it did not. He continued to explain that the dog was protecting them. Thereafter I talked to the person that was bitten and automatically sent him the rabies packet by email. Any post-exposure questions he may have had are to be directed to his physician. At the end of the ten-day confinement period I went to see the dog again and it was alive and well, so I released it from quarantine. I immediately sent the person bitten a copy of the release. The resident did have my cell phone number and email address. If at any point he had any questions or concerns he could have reached out to me. This is our protocol. Obviously if something happened to the animal, we would have contacted the resident immediately. If an animal is sent out for testing and it proves positive, as soon as we are notified and someone is at risk, we immediately contact them. The resident bitten went to the hospital and received a booster as he already had post exposure treatment. The owner of the pet received a summons for an unlicensed dog and a dog running at large.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The CDC website had a year in review: -

-The American's life expectancy has gotten lower, marginally, and are attributing that to suicides and overdoses of drugs.

-As far as global health –

Ebola is one of the big issues this year in Uganda;

A meeting was held to end Tuberculosis worldwide. We are very good at screening and testing for it here in the United States. However, in many other countries, this is still a big issue.

They are focusing on the Opioid crises and it is given a lot of attention, even in Allendale.

The Bergen County Health Department website –

Discussed Salmonella and E Coli for the past six months.

The Flu is surfacing at some of the facilities – i.e., nursing homes, etc. They are trying to contain it by refraining from switching the staff to control the spread of it.

## **MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC**

-No one came forward.

**A motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Martin and seconded by Susan Toron. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Manus, Secretary  
Allendale Board of Health