Board of Health Ordinance.

An Ordinance of the Borough of Middleburgh for the better preservation of the Public Health and to prevent the spread of Communicable Diseases.

In virtue of the powers conferred by the Act of Assembly of April 3, 1851, P. L. 320, of the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Borough of Middleburgh, Snyder Co., Pa., and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same.

SECTION 1.—That whatever is dangerous to human life or health, whatever renders the air or food or water or other drink unwholesome, and whatever building, erection, or part of cellar [illegible] not provided with adequate means of ingress and egress or is not sufficiently supported, ventilated, sewered, drained, cleansed or lighted are declared to be nuisances, and to be abated; and every person having aided in creating or committing to the same, or who may support the existence of such, any of them, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance, and also be liable for the expense of the abatement [illegible] thereof.

SECTION 2.—No house refuse, offal, garbage, dead animals, decaying vegetable matter, or organic waste substance of any kind, shall be thrown on any street, roadway, gutter or public place within the limits of the Borough, and no putrid or decaying animal or vegetable matter shall be kept in any house, cellar or outbuilding [illegible] more than twenty-four (24) hours.

SECTION 3.—No person or persons without the consent of the Board of Health shall build or use any slaughter house within the limits of this Borough, and the keeping and slaughtering of all cattle, sheep and swine, and the preparation and keeping of all meat, fish, birds and other animal food, shall be in the manner best adapted to secure and continue their wholesomeness as food; and every butcher or other persons owning, leasing or occupying any place, room or building wherein any cattle, sheep or swine have been, or are killed and dressed, and every person being the owner, lessee or occupant of any [illegible] stable wherein any animals are kept, or of any market, public or private, shall cause such place, room or building, stable or market, to be thoroughly cleansed and purified, and all offal, blood, fat, garbage, refuse and unwholesome and offensive matter to be removed therefrom at least once in every twenty four (24) hours after the same shall be required for any of the purposes herein mentioned, and shall also at all times keep all woodwork, save floors and counters in any building, place or premises aforesaid thoroughly painted or whitewashed; and the floors of such building, place or premises shall be so constructed as to prevent blood or foul liquids or washings from settling in the earth beneath.

SECTION 4.—No blood pit, dung pit, offal pit or privy-well shall remain or be constructed within any slaughter-house. Any one offending against this rule shall be guilty of creating and maintaining a nuisance prejudicial to public health, and shall be required to remove the nuisance within ten (10) days from date of notice.

SECTION 5.—The owners, agents or occupiers of all slaughter-houses are required, during the summer season, to distribute twice in each week a sufficient quantity of Chloride of lime or other disinfectant about their premises, and also to remove the contents of any manure-pit or manure-pile on the premises, once in each week, the said premises and contents of manure-pits being hereby declared to be nuisances prejudicial to public health, unless subjected to frequent disinfection and cleaning as herein indicated. No pigs or hogs shall be kept in the same enclosure with a slaughter-house; nor shall they be feed, there or elsewhere, upon the offal or slaughtered animals.

SECTION 6.—The keeper or keepers of a livery or other stable shall keep his or their stable and stable-yard clean, and shall not permit, between the 15th day of May and the 1st day of November, more than three (3) loads of manure to accumulate in or near the same at any one time, except by express permission of the Board of Health.

SECTION 7.—No pig pen shall be built or maintained within the limits of this Borough without a permit from the Board of Health, or within one hundred (100) feet of any well or spring of water used for drinking purposes, or within thirty (30) feet of any inhabited house, or unless constructed in the following manner, viz: so that the floor or floors of the same shall be not less than two (2) feet from the ground, in order that the filth accumulating under the same may be easily removed; and such filth accumulating in, about and under the same shall be removed at least once a week and oftener if so ordered, and on the failure of any owner or occupier of such premises so to do then the same shall be done by the Borough at the expense of the owner or occupier of such premises.

SECTION 8.—No privy vault, cesspool or reservoir into which a privy, water-closet, cesspool, stable or sink is drained, unless it is water-tight, shall be constructed, dug or permitted to remain within one hundred (100) feet of any well, spring or other source of water used for drinking or culinary purposes. Earth privies and earth closets, with no vault, or no depression below the surface of the ground, shall be excepted from this regulation, but sufficient dry earth or coal ashes must be used daily to absorb all the fluid part of the deposit, and the contents must be completely removed at least once every two (2) months.

SECTION 9.—All privy vaults, cesspools or reservoirs as above named, shall be cleaned out at least once a year, between the 1st of December and the 1st of April; and during the summer season they shall be thoroughly disinfected by adding to their contents, once each week, a sufficient quantity of dry slaked lime or other disinfectant.

SECTION 10.—No water shall be allowed to become stagnant within the limits of this Borough, and where drainage is not sufficient to carry off the natural collection of water, such drainage must be made sufficient by the owner or owners of the land through which said natural or artificial courses extend; and on the failure of any owner or owners of such land so to do, then the same shall be done by the Borough at the expense of the owner or owners of such land.

SECTION 11.—The house drain and other pipes for the conveyance of sewerage shall be laid with uniform grade and with a fall of not less than one (1) inch in four (4) feet, except in those cases where the Board of Health may permit otherwise.

SECTION 12.—All drains now built shall be reconstructed, whenever, in the opinion of the Board of Health it may be necessary.

SECTION 13.—The following named diseases are declared to be communicable and dangerous to the public health, viz: small-pox (variola, variloid,) cholera (Asiatic or epidemic), scarlet fever, scarlatina, scarlet rash, measles, diphtheria (diphtheria croup, diphtheritic sore throat), typhoid fever, typhus fever, yellow fever, spotted fever, (cerebro spinal meningitis,) relapsing fever, epidemic dysentery, hydrophobia (rabies, glanders (farcy) and leprosy, and shall be understood to be included in the following regulations, unless certain of them only are specified. And whenever the Board of Health shall have knowledge of the existence of any of the above named communicable diseases, the said Board of Health shall have power to mark the house or houses, wherein said diseases exist by posting placards with the name of the disease in prominent letters thereon in a conspicuous place, either on the front or side, or both, if deemed necessary, of said house as a caution notice to the inmate. No person shall go into or out of any premises wherein a notice of contagious or communicable disease is or shall be posted, or carry, into or out of them any material whereby any of the contagion might be conveyed, except by permission, in writing, of the Board of Health.

SECTION 14.—Whenever any householder knows that any person within his family or household has communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, he shall immediately report the same to the Board of Health, giving the street or location of the house.

SECTION 15.—Whenever any physician finds that any person whom he may be called on to visit has a communicable disease dangerous to the public health, he or she shall immediately report the same to the Board of Health, giving the street or location of the house, on the receipt of which report the secretary shall immediately notify the teacher or principal of every school in the borough requesting said teachers or principals to dispense with the attendance of all pupils residing in the family in which such disease exists. No physician who may, in good faith, in obedience to this ordinance, report a case as one of communicable disease which subsequently proves not to be such, shall be liable to a suit for damages for such error in reporting.

SECTION 16.—There shall be no public or church funeral of any person who has died of Asiatic cholera, small-pox, typhus fever, diphtheria, yellow fever, scarlet fever or measels, and the family of the deceased shall in all such cases limit the attendance to as few as possible to prevent the exposure of other persons to contagion or infection; and the person authorizing the public notice of death of such person, shall have the name of the disease which caused the death appear in such public notice.

SECTION 17.—No person shall let any house, or room in a house, in which a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, has recently existed, until the room or house and premises therewith connected have been disinfected to the satisfaction of the Board of Health; and for the purpose of this section, the keeper of a hotel, inn or other house for the reception of lodgers, shall be deemed to let or hire part of a house to any person admitted as a guest into such hotel, inn or house; and no person shall lease, let, rent or hire any house within the limits of this Borough to any person or family known or suspected of having recently removed from an infected district without a permit from the Board of Health.

SECTION 18.—Members of any household in which small-pox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles exist, shall abstain from attending places of public amusement, worship or education, and as far as possible, from visiting other private houses.

SECTION 19.—The clothing, bed clothing and bedding of persons who have been sick with any communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, and the rooms which they have occupied during such sickness together with their furniture, shall be disinfected under the direction of the Board of Health.

SECTION 20.—No animals affected with a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, shall be brought or kept within the limits of this Borough except by permission of the Board of Health, and the bodies of animals dead of such disease or killed on account thereof shall not be buried within five hundred (500) feet of any road, nor disposed of otherwise than as the said Board, or its health officers shall direct.

SECTION 21.—No milk which has been watered, adulterated, reduced or changed in any respect from its natural condition by the addition of any foreign substance, shall be brought into, held, kept or offered for sale at any place in this Borough.

SECTION 22.—No meat, fish, birds, fowls, fruit, vegetables, milk, and nothing for human food, not being then healthy, fresh, sound, wholesome, fit and safe for such use, nor any animal or fish that died by disease, and no carcass of any calf, pig or lamb, taken at the time of its death was less than four (4) weeks old, and no meat therefrom, shall be brought within the limits of this Borough or offered or held for sale as food anywhere in said Borough.

SECTION 23.—It shall be the duty of the occupant of every house within the limits of this Borough in the month of May, in each and every year, to cause the cellars thereof of all dirt, vegetable and other impure matter calculated to cause disease, and to cause them to be thoroughly whitewashed with fresh lime.

SECTION 24.—It shall be the duty of every adult and every parent, guardian or master of every minor, residing within the limits of this Borough who has not had small-pox, or been vaccinated so as to have taken cow-pox regularly, to be, if an adult, vaccinated, or, in the case of a minor, to cause such minor to be vaccinated, within two (2) months from the date of the passage of this ordinance; and whenever in the opinion of the Board of Health, small-pox threatens, immediate vaccination is to be enforced.

SECTION 25.—No parent, guardian or master, in whose house or family there shall have been a communicable disease, dangerous to the public health, shall permit any child residing in said house or family to attend any public, private or sunday school, after the cessation of said disease, within a period of ten (10) days after the house shall have been thoroughly disinfected and cleansed. And it shall be the duty of the school board to have this section printed on cards, mentioning the names of diseases declared communicable and dangerous to the public health in this ordinance, and posted in every school room of this Borough.

SECTION 26.—Every undertaker or other person undertaking preparations for the burial of a body dead from a communicable disease as hereinbefore enumerated, shall adopt such precautions as the Board of Health may prescribe to prevent the spread of such disease. No dead body shall be exhumed and removed between the months of May and October inclusive, and no body dead from small-pox shall ever be exhumed and removed.

SECTION 27.—Every person violating any of the sections of this ordinance, shall be liable for every such offence, upon conviction before any Burgess, Justice or Magistrate, to a fine of not less than three ($3) dollars or more than fifty ($50) dollars at the discretion of the convicting Burgess, Justice or Magistrate, besides costs, which the convicting Burgess, Justice or Magistrate may inflict if he see fit.

SECTION 28.—All police officers, constables and watchmen are enjoined, and all citizens are respectfully desired to give information to the Board of Health of any violation of these ordinances, so that the sanitary laws providing for the cleanliness and health of the Borough may be fully executed, and all offenders promptly punished.

SECTION 29.—All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. By order of the Board of Health.

CHAS. W. HERMANS, President.

Attest—G. E. HASSINGER, Secty.

Passed by Town Council at a special meeting, May 27, 1894.

H. R. RIEGEL, President.

Attest—C. STETTLER, Secty.

Approved May 28, 1894.

J. F. STETTLER, Burgess.

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