

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Timothy Goergen, President Pro-Tempore, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Timothy Goergen, Mrs. Christina Livers, Dr. Janet O'Hara and Mr. David Gragg were present. Mr. J. David Benenati was not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner, Dan Mix, Personal Health Services Director, and Michael Tusick, Registered Sanitarian.

Others present: Todd Petersen

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Goergen asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Livers moved to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2012 regular Board of Health meeting. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, abstain.

Mrs. Livers moved to approve the minutes for the January 24, 2013 regular Board of Health meeting. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, abstain; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Dr. O'Hara moved to approve the minutes for the February 19, 2013 regular Board of Health meeting with a correction: Change the word "though" to "thought". Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, abstain; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mrs. Livers moved to approve the Current Expenses February 14, 2013 to March 13, 2013. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Update

Mr. Weisdack has heard that there were over 1400 comments submitted to ODH regarding the proposed sewage rules. Mr. Weisdack and the staff also submitted comments.

Mr. Weisdack and seven other health department staff met with Senator Cafaro recently to discuss the proposed sewage rules. Three county and four city health commissioners were also present. He provided a copy of the proposed rules to Senator Cafaro who indicated that she was not pleased with the ODH proposal. Senator Cafaro has stated she supports Mr. Weisdack and his colleagues regarding the proposed sewage rules.

Accreditation and Public Health Futures report were also discussed at the meeting. Senator Cafaro agreed that accreditation is not the way to go. She will do her best to get it removed from the budget bill. Mr.

Weisdack has recently heard that there is talk about removing it from the budget bill. Unfortunately, there is a possibility someone could put it in a stand-alone bill.

b. General Information

There will be a meeting April 18, 2013 of the Northeast Ohio Health Commissioners District. The Director of the Ohio Department of Health will also be attending. Mr. Weisdack will be providing information to the director and inquiring why Geauga County's information on sewage systems was not included in their studies.

Mr. Weisdack stated that he recently was informed that the Geauga County has been ranked #1 by the Robert Wood's foundation as the healthiest county in the state. Mrs. Livers stated she felt that the staff should get most of the credit. Mr. Weisdack agreed and stated the staff appreciates what the Board does for them.

The Board was provided with a draft copy of the 2012 Geauga County Health District Annual Report.

VI. Variance

a. Todd & Susan Petersen

Todd Petersen was present and sworn in by Mr. Goergen. Mr. Tusick was sworn in and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Todd & Susan Petersen for the property located at 11579 Lake Rd., Munson Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(C) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations, which states, "Each household sewage disposal system shall serve one dwelling on an individual lot and shall be properly maintained and operated by the owners. All the sewage from the dwelling shall discharge into the system." (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Mrs. Livers moved to accept the recommendation of the Environmental Health staff to approve the variance request for Todd & Susan Petersen located at 11579 Lake Rd., Munson Twp. The variance includes the proposal that the owners are going to install a new sewage system for each home. For the new six-bedroom home, the owners will install 2-1000 gallons septic tanks followed by a one-thousand gallon tank. After some discussion, Mrs. Livers withdrew the motion.

Mrs. Livers moved approve the variance request for Todd & Susan Petersen located at 11579 Lake Rd., Munson Twp. as presented by the Environmental Health staff. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

VII. Administrative Hearings

a. Haas Family Trust; Kevin Richards; Katherine Gibbons & David Steiner; Daniel & Linda Hershberger; and Mark & Barbara Hershberger

None of the above mentioned were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Haas Family Trust, 1541 Bell Rd., S. Russell Village; Kevin Richards, 15444 Crampton Dr., Newbury Twp.; Katherine Gibbons & Davis Steiner, 7335 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp.; Daniel & Linda Hershberger, 9550 Music St., Russell Twp.; and Mark & Barbara Hershberger, 19186 Nelson Rd., Parkman Twp.

These cases are in regards to section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations that states, "An evaluation of a residential sewage system must be completed prior to the transfer of ownership of any parcel with said system. The evaluation shall be conducted by a member of the Health District and if necessary corrective action(s) required shall be accomplished within the time period(s) directed." Discussion followed.

Mrs. Livers moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by Haas Family Trust, 1541 Bell Rd., S. Russell Village; Kevin Richards, 15444 Crampton Dr., Newbury Twp.; Katherine Gibbons & David Steiner, 7335 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp.; Daniel & Linda Hershberger, 9550 Music St., Russell Twp.; and Mark & Barbara Hershberger, 19186 Nelson Rd., Parkman Twp. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved that by Haas Family Trust, 1541 Bell Rd., S. Russell Village; Kevin Richards, 15444 Crampton Dr., Newbury Twp.; Katherine Gibbons & David Steiner, 7335 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp.; Daniel & Linda Hershberger, 9550 Music St., Russell Twp.; and Mark & Barbara Hershberger, 19186 Nelson Rd., Parkman Twp. be required to make application, pay for, schedule, and complete a For Sale of Property evaluation and/or obtain the necessary permits and install a new sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's office for legal action. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

VIII. Personal Health Services Update

For the fourth year, the University of Wisconsin and Robert Johnson Woods Foundation has published its County Health Rankings. Geauga has reclaimed the top position in the Health Outcomes rankings. The Board was provided information to review.

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Mix reported the staff completed the ODH SNS Assessment on March 11, 2013. They are confident we will receive a good score. Last year's score was 96.

The Board was asked to approve the 2013-2014 MRC contract with the National Association of County and City Health Officials in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. This is a decrease in funding from previous years. These funds are used to organize and train the volunteers who donate their time to prepare for and respond to emergencies in the community.

b. Nursing Services

The nursing staff provided two Amish Well Child Clinics, six children and adolescent immunization clinics and four Friday-Morning Adult clinics in January.

The staff has been preparing for significant changes in the immunization program that was impacted by the federal mandates in the Affordable Care Act that states no federal funds can be used to provide free services to any person who has health insurance. We are currently negotiating with two providers who can help us to credential our vaccine program so we can bill health insurance companies. We have completed credentialing with Medicaid and Medicare.

c. WIC

The WIC caseload for February was 833, which is a 1.8% decrease from January.

A report from House Budget Committee member Paul Ryan indicates no cuts to WIC funding. Medicaid and SNAP are taking large hits from their budgets.

IX. Old Business

a. Preliminary HDAC Budget Meeting

Mr. Weisdack presented the proposed 2014 budget at the Preliminary HDAC Budget meeting on February 21, 2013. The attendees were very happy with the proposed budget. Mr. Weisdack asked for support for the upcoming levy. They all indicated they would support a levy for the health district.

b. Resolution 3-2013 – Approval of the 2014 Geauga County Health District Budget

Mrs. Livers moved 3.13-a to adopt Resolution 3-2013 to accept the 2014 Geauga County Health District Budget. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

X. Executive Session

Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:12 pm to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes. The meeting reconvened at 8:20 pm. Mr. Goergen stated no action was needed relative to the legal issue and one personnel matter will be dealt with at the next executive session.

XI. New Business

Mrs. Livers moved 3.13-b to approve the 2013 Medical Reserve Corps contract with NACCHO. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 3.13-c to approve the MRC 2013 Budget in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 3.13-d to approve the first reading of the proposed Temporary Park-Camp Fee of \$75.00 per event. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

XII. Other Business

There was no other business.

XIII. Meetings

Annual HDAC Meeting, Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, April 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the atrium at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XIV. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Livers adjourned the meeting. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Weisdack, R.S., M.A., M.P.H.
Secretary of the Board

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