

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Goergen, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:04 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Timothy Goergen, President, Mrs. Christina Livers, Pro-Tempore, and Mr. David Gragg were present. Dr. Janet O'Hara arrived at 7:06 p.m. after the Current Expenses/Financial Report. 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: Michael Polz.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, July 17, 2014 to August 14, 2014. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the minutes for the June 16, 2014 Board of Health meeting. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, abstain; Mrs. Livers, yes; Dr. O'Hara, yes; and Mr. Gragg, yes.

V. Administrative Hearings

a. Michael Polz

Michael Polz was present and sworn in by Mr. Goergen. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience. Mr. Weisdack was also sworn in by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Michael Polz, 16355 Stone Ridge Rd., Bainbridge Twp. This case is based on the following sections of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations:

3701-29-02 (D) states: "No household sewage disposal system or part thereof shall create a nuisance."

3701-29-02 (F) states: "No person shall discharge, or permit to cause to be discharge, treated or untreated sewage, the drainage or contents of a sewage tank, or other putrescible or offensive waste onto the surface of the ground, into any street, road, alley, open excavation, or underground drain"

3701-29-02(G) (3) states: "Sewage effluent quality as measured at the point of discharge in the system shall comply with current effluent standards established by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

In the event there are no applicable standards established by the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection agency, the following standards shall apply:

(c) Fecal coliform- Water samples exceeding 5,000 fecal coliform counts per 100 milliliters in two or more samples shall be considered creating public health nuisance.

(4) When test results indicate that the standards set forth in regulation 3701-29-02 (G) (3) are not being met or nuisances are being created, additional treatment devices may be required by the Board of Health.

This case also pertains to Section 3718.011 of the Ohio Revised Code-Conditions under which a sewage treatment system causes a public health nuisance:

3718.011 (A) For purposes of this chapter, a sewage treatment system is causing a public health nuisance if any of the following situations occurs and, after notice by a board of health to the applicable property owner, timely repairs are not made to that system to eliminate the situation:

(A)(3) An inspection conducted by, or under the supervision of the environmental protection agency or a sanitarian registered under Chapter 4736 of the Revised Code documents that there is ponding of liquid or bleeding of liquid onto the surface of the ground or into surface water and the liquid has a distinct sewage order, a black or gray coloration, or the presence of organic matter and any of the following:

(A)(3)(b) The presence of fecal coliform at a level that is equal to or greater than five thousand colonies per one hundred milliliters of liquid as determined in two or more samples of the liquid when five or fewer samples are collected or in more than twenty percent of the samples when more than five samples of the liquid were collected.

Mr. Tusick stated that this case is based on the fact that a For Sale of Property evaluation was conducted at this home and was found to be failing. The owner was ordered to install a new sewage system but has not done so. Discussion followed.

Mr. Weisdack stated that he met Mr. Polz recently to discuss the situation. During the meeting, Mr. Polz indicated he did not have the funds to replace the system. At that time, Mr. Weisdack referred Mr. Polz to Community Development to see if they could provide assistance for the funding. He also instructed Mr. Polz to put together a proposal to present to the Board.

Mr. Polz distributed his proposal to the Board. He stated he knows the system needs to be replaced. He put a timeline together to try to get it done within a reasonable timeframe. The Board reviewed the timeline with Mr. Polz. Mr. Weisdack read Mr. Polz's timeline for the record:

1. Continue to contact Community Development to determine if the program will be reinstated and pursue financial assistance if that becomes the case.
2. By 9/1/14 to have a soil professional contacted and a soil analysis scheduled to be performed.
3. By 10/1/14 to have the soil analysis completed and the soil report submitted.
4. By 10/15/14 to have submitted the necessary paperwork and lot evaluation scheduled.
5. By 11/1/14 to have contacted sewage installers to receive bids on replacement.
6. By 11/15/14 to submit a signed contract with a registered sewage installer.
7. By 12/1/14 to obtain an installation permit.
8. By 6/1/15 to have approved sewage system installed.

Mrs. Livers moved to approve and accept the proposal submitted for septic system replacement by Michael Polz, 16355 Stone Ridge Rd., Bainbridge Twp. as presented. 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.

Mrs. Livers instructed Mr. Polz that if he experiences any problems meeting this timeline to contact Mr. Weisdack immediately. Mr. Polz indicated he would do so.

- b. Melvin & Erma Burkholder, Girishwar Sharma, Glen & Helen Simon, Keith Paterson, James & Dawn Rozelle, Kendra Rink, Janna Mutum

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

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by Melvin & Erma Burkholder, 16438 Burton Windsor Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Girishwar Sharma, 9960 Campton Ridge Dr., Chardon Twp., Glen & Helen Simon, 15488 Dale Rd., Russell Twp., Keith Patterson, 11230 Elk Run Dr., Munson Twp., James & Dawn Rozelle, 15155 Hill Dr., Russell Twp., Kendra Rink, 18081 Tilden Rd., Troy Twp., Janna Mutum, 14680 Winfield Park Dr., Newbury Twp.

Section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations 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.

Mr. Gragg moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by Melvin & Erma Burkholder, 16438 Burton Windsor Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Girishwar Sharma, 9960 Campton Ridge Dr., Chardon Twp., Glen & Helen Simon, 15488 Dale Rd., Russell Twp., Keith Patterson, 11230 Elk Run Dr., Munson Twp., James & Dawn Rozelle, 15155 Hill Dr., Russell Twp., Kendra Rink, 18081 Tilden Rd., Troy Twp., Janna Mutum, 14680 Winfield Park Dr., Newbury Twp. 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 that Melvin & Erma Burkholder, 16438 Burton Windsor Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Girishwar Sharma, 9960 Campton Ridge Dr., Chardon Twp., Glen & Helen Simon, 15488 Dale Rd., Russell Twp., Keith Patterson, 11230 Elk Run Dr., Munson Twp., James & Dawn Rozelle, 15155 Hill Dr., Russell Twp., Kendra Rink, 18081 Tilden Rd., Troy Twp., Janna Mutum, 14680 Winfield Park Dr., Newbury 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.

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

- a. Sewage Rules Update

The JCARR meeting has been set for September 3, 2014. Several people have indicated they would go to give testimony, including Judge Tim Grendell. Nothing has been received from ODH as discussed during the meeting with Representative Matt Lynch that was held in June. Mr. Goergen asked if perhaps Rep. Lynch should send a letter reminding ODH of the agreement. Mr. Weisdack indicated he would inquire.

- b. General Information

We recently have had three different state surveys. We received notification that the Swimming Pool Program done in March 2014 was found in compliance. We also had a Food Service Operation survey done by ODH. Mr. Weisdack will be meeting with the evaluator to go over the results. The Department of Agriculture was also here to do a survey of the Retail Food Establishment program. He also stated he did not find any problems. We will get official reports from each one, once they are completed.

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the number and types of sewage permits issued to date. Most of the permits were issued for replacement systems. The For Sale of Property program takes a lot of the staff's time. Mr. Weisdack has been helping when he can.

As part of the accreditation process, Mr. Weisdack reported he has been meeting with different groups of staff members regarding social media, salaries and emerging health issues. Beginning in September, Mr. Weisdack will be having monthly staff meetings. A different health district division will do a 10-15 minute presentation at each staff meeting. These meetings will allow all staff to know what everyone else in the health district does.

Mr. Goergen asked if it would be possible for each one to make a ten-minute presentation to the Board each month. Mr. Weisdack stated that could be arranged and he would put it on the agenda. Mrs. Livers stated that it would give them a chance to meet the Board as well.

We received the five Jeeps that were ordered. Mr. Weisdack will be inspecting the vehicles weekly for cleanliness.

We have had many inquiries about hogweed. One of the local news stations contacted Mr. Weisdack to do an interview, but the reporter never showed.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

The FY2014 PHEP grant has been completed and all the reports filed. For the FY2015 grant year, there will be a new SNS evaluation method. Mr. Mix stated that he is not sure how that will affect us. We received a 100% score this year.

b. Disease Surveillance

Mr. Mix reported that the July 2014 caseload continues to be high, but Pertussis cases have fallen. There was a small Shigella outbreak in a family household that was contained.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of July, the nursing staff provided two Amish Well Child Clinics, 6 children and adolescent immunization clinics, four Friday Morning Adult clinics and 4 Senior Center clinics. Included were physician visits for twenty-seven seniors at the Department on Aging, 34 children at the well child clinics, 722 vaccinations given to 208 children, thirty-three adult immunizations, 17 TB tests and 71 blood pressure screenings. The nurses also provided 33 vision screenings that resulted in providing glasses for 24 children. There were four newborn and two BCMH home visits. Thirty-four communicable disease investigations were conducted in July.

The staff participated in the UH Geauga Medical Centers' Health Fair.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload for July was 748. This is a 1% increase since June. The Chagrin Falls clinic will be closed due to lack of attendance.

WIC held their Breastfeeding Awareness Month walk on August 8, 2014 at the Eagle Splash Park in Middlefield Village. There were 35 participants, which included 13 mothers and 22 children as well as staff and guests. The walk was led by Sheriff Dan McClelland and Midge. Events included an essay contest. The WIC staff thanks all of the donors: Zeppe's Pizza, McDonalds, Lake County Captains, Middlefield Dairy Queen, Peebles, Rosepointe Cottage Tea Room, Tai Pan, White House Chocolates, Buckeye Chocolates, John's Photography, Domino's Pizza and Mary Yoder's Amish Kitchen.

Mr. Goergen read a Proclamation in support of World Breastfeeding Week. **Mrs. Livers moved that the Geauga County Board of Health support the Proclamation as presented. 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.**

e. Administration

Nothing was discussed for Administration.

f. Accreditation

Mr. Mix stated that beginning September 4, 2014, the health district will be meeting with other local partners comprising the Partnership for a Healthy Geauga to conduct a strategic planning process that will result in the creation of the Geauga County's first Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The first meeting will be held September 4, 2014 with subsequent meetings being held September 25, 2014, October 9, 2014, October 23, 2014, November 6, 2014 and November 20, 2014. The meetings are being held at the Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services office. There should be a final report generated by the end of the year. These meetings are being conducted by the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio. Mr. Mix stated that there has been a lot of interest in this process from outside sources.

VIII. Old Business

a. Strategic Priorities

The committee met again to have the first review and check the progress. Progress is being made. The next meeting will be held the first week of October. In the meantime, the small committees that Mr. Weisdack had mentioned will continue to meet.

IX. New Business

Mr. Weisdack recently met with the Geauga County Administrator. The County Commissioners are considering building a new facility near the hospital that would house the Building Dept., Auto Title, Veterans Services as well as the Geauga County Health District. Mr. Weisdack told the Administrator he would inform the Board of what is being discussed.

The Board expressed concern that there would be enough space provided for the health district. Mrs. Livers asked Mr. Weisdack to send a letter stating that he has made the Board aware and they are looking forward to receiving a survey as to physical space needs so they can provide an outline of space needs for any future projects.

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, September 15, 2014, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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