

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
December 15, 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 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. Timothy Goergen, President, Mrs. Christina Livers, Pro-Tempore, Mr. David Gragg and Dr. Denis Rubal were present. Mr. J. David Benenati was not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; and Dan Mix, Personal Health Services Director.

Others present: Ryan Radonich.

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 November 17, 2014 Board of Health meeting. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes and Dr. Rubal, abstain.

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, November 14, 2014 to December 11, 2014. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, abstain.

V. Variance

a. Ryan Radonich

Ryan Radonich was present and sworn in by Mr. Goergen. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in by Mr. Goergen and stated his experience.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is a variance request by Ryan Radonich for the property located at 13761 Chillicothe Rd., Russell 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 owner. 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 approve the variance request by Ryan Radonich for the property at 13761 Chillicothe Rd., Russell Twp. with the requirement that the system be installed within 90 days of receipt of Board action. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

VI. Administrative Hearings

a. Tracy & Connie Luoma

This case was tabled from the October 2014 meeting. Mr. Weisdack explained that all issues with the property have been resolved. **Mr. Gragg moved that with regards to the case involving the property owned by Tracy & Connie Luoma located at 8006 Plank Rd., Thompson Twp., that the Board take no action. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, abstain.**

- b. John & Stephanie Sutter, DBR Properties, John & Stephanie Sutter, Brown Machine, and 8801 Kinsman Rd., LLC

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

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by John & Stephanie Sutter, 10655 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp., DBR Properties, 7049 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp., John & Stephanie Sutter, 10311 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp., Brown Machine, 18884 Auburn Rd., Auburn Twp., 8801 Kinsman Rd. LLC, 8801 Kinsman Rd., Russell Twp. These cases are in regards to the following sections of Article V, of the Geauga County Health District Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System Regulations, which states:

Section 52.05.02: "APPLICATION – Any person, firm, association, or corporation who, subsequent to the first day of September of that year, has intent of operating a semi-public sewage disposal system must obtain an inspection certificate from the Geauga County Health Department."

Section 52.05.04: "CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE – Certificate renewal forms will be mailed the last week of July. Owners of the property are responsible for returning the completed form and proper payment to the Geauga County Health Department by the filing deadline of September 1 of that year. All applications post marked later than the September 1 date shall be regarded as late and be subject to a 25% late fee. The fee schedule shall be adopted by the Geauga County Board of Health."

Mrs. Livers moved that a code violation exists on the properties owned by John & Stephanie Sutter, 10655 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp., DBR Properties, 7049 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp., John & Stephanie Sutter, 10311 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp., Brown Machine, 18884 Auburn Rd., Auburn Twp., 8801 Kinsman Rd. LLC, 8801 Kinsman Rd., Russell Twp. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved that John & Stephanie Sutter, 10655 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp., DBR Properties, 7049 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp., John & Stephanie Sutter, 10311 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp., Brown Machine, 18884 Auburn Rd., Auburn Twp., 8801 Kinsman Rd. LLC, 8801 Kinsman Rd., Russell Twp. be required to make application, pay for the yearly certificate along with any associated late fees 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; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

VII. Environmental Health Program Update

- a. Sewage Rules Update

Mr. Weisdack stated that there are several resolutions for the Board to adopt as part of the new rules. Some policies need to be revisited as well.

The prosecutor's office has given instructions on what needs to be published. We do not have to publish the entire rules as previously thought.

- b. General Information

Mr. Weisdack has started getting requests to attend meetings to discuss the sewage rules. He will be attending a meeting being held by the Geauga County Tea Party meeting on January 15, 2015 at the West Woods Center in Russell Twp. They will be providing Mr. Weisdack with a list of questions that will be asked. There will be several other people as speakers also. Mrs. Livers stated that she wanted to attend as well.

VIII. Personal Health Services Update

- a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Mix stated that Ebola is back to planning stages. Resources are being reviewed which can be used to stockpile PPE for use by emergency personnel in the immediate future for treatment of Ebola. EMS has been informed they need to look at future supplies as well.

We have received a new shipment of Potassium Iodide (KI) tablets. A press release will be going out after the first of the year instructing interested residents within the 10 mile evacuation planning zone (EPZ) of how to obtain a supply for household members.

b. Disease Surveillance

Mr. Mix stated ODH is reporting a higher rate of flu right now as compared to the same time last year. Hospitalizations across the state are up. In Geauga County, the cases of flu have not increased yet and there have not been any hospital cases at this time.

Pertussis has become nonexistent. We are still under an agreement with Geauga Hospital to test Amish families with no insurance at no cost.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of November, the nursing staff provided two Amish Well Child Clinics, 6 children and adolescent immunization clinics, three Friday Morning Adult clinics, and four Senior Center clinics. Included were physician visits for 37 seniors at the Department on Aging, 24 children at the well child clinics, 422 vaccinations given to 147 children, 31 adult immunizations, 89 flu shots, 5 TB tests and 73 blood pressure screenings. The nurses also provided 21 vision screenings that resulted in providing glasses for 15 children. There were two newborn and two BCMH home visits. Twenty-two communicable disease investigations were conducted in November.

The Board was asked to acknowledge the hiring of Darla Andrews, RN, BSN, MEd as the nursing director. Ms. Andrews has community health education experience, which will be an asset to the Geauga County Health District.

d. WIC

The WIC caseload for November was 727. This is an 11% decrease since October.

The Farmers Market program has concluded for the 2014 season. Geauga WIC distributed \$8,640.00 in coupons, which were used by families to purchase local fruits and vegetables at Geauga County farmers markets.

e. Administration

There was no information for this topic.

f. Accreditation

Mr. Mix stated that the Partnership for a Healthy GEAUGA has met two times since November to prepare the Community Health Improvement Plan. There has been an average of 30 to 36 people from more than 40 agencies attending the meetings. Three priority areas have been identified and will be the focus of the improvement plan. They include: increase access and awareness of mental health issues; increase access to healthcare; and increase awareness and treatment options for substance abuse.

The group completed the actions steps for the plan. The Community Health Improvement Plan will be published and announced at the January 2015 meeting of the partnership group.

Mr. Mix discussed the action plan with the Board. This includes increasing public transportation, increasing community education on health insurance and increasing patient success at home.

Mr. Mix reported that we received a \$5,000.00 grant from OPHP to prepare our performance management system in 2015, an accreditation requirement.

IX. Old Business

Mr. Weisdack held discussion regarding one of the policies that was approved at the November 2014 meeting. After discussion, **Mrs. Livers moved to rescind motion 11.14-e.9, which did not allow service providers to collect effluent samples. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.**

Mrs. Livers moved 12.14-a.1 to allow service providers to collect effluent samples per section 3701-29-19 (E) (1). Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 12.14-a.2 to establish a vertical separation distance to the seasonal water table of six inches required in-situ soil with infiltrative/distance (minimum-six inches) as per section 3701-29-15(G). Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 12.14-a.3 to establish a vertical separation distance of greater than zero but less than one inch for pretreated effluent that has a treatment level of less than 1,000 fecal coliform units per 100ml as per section 3701-29-15(H). Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved to table 12.14-a.4 which would require electrical inspections be done per section 3701-29-12 (N). Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes. This issue was also tabled at the November 2014 meeting.

Mr. Weisdack stated that all resolutions and regulations had been reviewed and approved by the prosecutor's office. The regulations for Inclement Weather and For Sale of Property were the same as in our old rules.

Mr. Gragg moved 12.14-b adopt Resolution 5-2104 establishing the local rule for Inclement Weather Occupancy Permits, effective January 4, 2015. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 12.14-c to adopt Resolution 6-2014 establishing the local rule for the For Sale of Property Regulation, effective January 4, 2015. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 12.14-d to adopt Resolution 7-2014 establishing the local Land Application Rules, effective January 4, 2015. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 12.14-e to adopt Resolution 8-2014, establishing new fees for the home sewage treatment system program, effective January 4, 2015 as presented. Fees were based on cost analysis' using ODH's calculations. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 12.14-f to adopt Resolution 9-2014, which implements the Ohio Department of Health Home Sewage Treatment System Program and Geauga County Board of Health general requirements, effective January 4, 2015. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

X. New Business

Mr. Gragg moved 12.14-g to approve the contract renewal with the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management not to exceed \$15,000.00. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved 12.14-h to accept the recommendation of the health commissioner to appoint Herb Shubick to the Sewage Appeals Board. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. The Board of Health wanted to have the record reflect that they support Mr. Shubick's appointment 100%. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

Mr. Gragg moved 12.14-i to acknowledge the hiring of Darla Andrews effective January 5, 2015 as Nursing Director at \$24.50 per hour to start and \$.50 per hour increase after successful completion of 120-day probation period. Mrs. Livers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Dr. Rubal, yes.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business.

XII. Meetings

Regular Board of Health Meeting, January 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room at 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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