

Geauga County General Health District  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
July 18, 2016, 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 Mrs. Catherine Whitright.

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

Others present: There were no others present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

**Mrs. Whitright moved to approve the minutes for the June 20, 2016 Board of Health meeting with one correction. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

IV. Current Expenses/Financial Report

**Mr. Gragg moved to approve the Current Expenses and Financial Reports, June 17, 2016 to July 14, 2016. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

V. Administrative Hearings

a. David Berryhill, Jon & Heather Bilicic, Stephanie & Mark Elliott, Level Headed Construction, Chesane Meakin, Joseph Cardaman, William & Sadie Detweiler, Mark McGrievy, Martin & Edna Kurtz, Benjamin & Franie Hostetler, Dennis Livingston, Joseph & Alma Mast, Elmer Yoder, and D M Baxter, LLC

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 This is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by David Berryhill, 12487 Auburn Rd., Munson Twp., Jon & Heather Bilicic, 9385 Brakeman Rd., Hambden Twp., Stephanie & Mark Elliott, 9773 Broadway Dr., Auburn Twp., Level Headed Construction, 12907 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Chesane Meakin, 14645 Dora Dr., Newbury Twp., Joseph Cardaman, 17053 Hart Rd., Montville Twp., William & Sadie Detweiler, 18045 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Mark McGrievy, 9550 Music St., Russell Twp., Martin & Edna Kurtz, 14451 Nash Rd., Troy Twp., Benjamin & Franie Hostetler, 17915 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Dennis Livingston, 17940 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Joseph & Alma Mast, 17676 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Elmer Yoder, 17850 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp., and D M Baxter, LLC, 14746 Zenith Dr., Newbury Twp.

Section 3701-29-25(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations states, "An evaluation of a residential sewage system must be completed at time of 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 at the properties owned by David Berryhill, 12487 Auburn Rd., Munson Twp., Jon & Heather Bilicic, 9385 Brakeman Rd., Hambden Twp., Stephanie & Mark Elliott, 9773 Broadway Dr., Auburn Twp., Level Headed Construction, 12907 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Chesane Meakin, 14645 Dora Dr., Newbury Twp., Joseph Cardaman, 17053 Hart Rd., Montville Twp., William & Sadie Detweiler, 18045**

Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Mark McGrievy, 9550 Music St., Russell Twp., Martin & Edna Kurtz, 14451 Nash Rd., Troy Twp., Benjamin & Franie Hostetler, 17915 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Dennis Livingston, 17940 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Joseph & Alma Mast, 17676 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Elmer Yoder, 17850 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp., and D M Baxter, LLC, 14746 Zenith Dr., Newbury Twp. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

Mrs. Livers moved that David Berryhill, 12487 Auburn Rd., Munson Twp., Jon & Heather Bilicic, 9385 Brakeman Rd., Hambden Twp., Stephanie & Mark Elliott, 9773 Broadway Dr., Auburn Twp., Level Headed Construction, 12907 Caves Rd., Chester Twp., Chesane Meakin, 14645 Dora Dr., Newbury Twp., Joseph Cardaman, 17053 Hart Rd., Montville Twp., William & Sadie Detweiler, 18045 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp., Mark McGrievy, 9550 Music St., Russell Twp., Martin & Edna Kurtz, 14451 Nash Rd., Troy Twp., Benjamin & Franie Hostetler, 17915 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Dennis Livingston, 17940 Owen Rd., Parkman Twp., Joseph & Alma Mast, 17676 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp., Elmer Yoder, 17850 Pioneer Rd., Huntsburg Twp., and D M Baxter, LLC, 14746 Zenith 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. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Update

Mr. Weisdack has spoken with the Health Commissioner from Trumbull County who is attempting to schedule a meeting with their legislator to talk about accreditation. The purpose of the meeting is to encourage the legislator to put together a letter to present to other legislators in opposition of accreditation.

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the number and type of sewage permits issued to date vs. permits issued in 2016. The majority of these permits issued are for replacement systems. Mr. Weisdack feels that this is due to the Administrative Hearing process. People seem to be complying more often. The Water Pollution Control Loan Fund and the grant through ODA are being offered to people who qualify.

b. General Information

Mr. Weisdack previously met with Dennis Wolcott to discuss the area of remediation. At that time, Mr. Weisdack designated the area for cleanup. During a recent site visit, Mr. Weisdack checked on the progress of the cleanup. At that time, approximately half of the area had been cleaned up. Mr. Weisdack will continue to monitor Mr. Wolcott's progress.

The Board was asked to set aside time to receive training for credit hours for accreditation. Mr. Mix will submit a list of topics to the Board to review and decide for training. The plan is to provide training in October, prior to the regular Board meeting.

It seems that changes being made at the State are not being communicated to the parties involved. Recently, Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick found that to be the case with their Sanitarian Registration renewal. This appears to be happening on a regular basis.

There have been three documented cases of raccoon rabies. Two cases were found in Trumbull County and one in Mahoning County.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

a. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Mix stated that the staff has spent much of their time planning the final preparations for the Republican National Convention.

Mr. Weisdack and Jay Becker recently participated in the Perry Nuclear Power Plant training at the Department of Emergency Services.

b. Disease Surveillance

The disease count for June was 35. Two-thirds of those cases were chlamydia.

c. Nursing Services

During the month of June, the nursing staff provided 2 Amish Well Child Clinics, 6 children and adolescent immunization clinics, 4 Friday Morning Adult clinics, and 4 Senior Center clinics. Included were visits for 26 children at the well child clinics, 401 vaccinations given to 119 children, 131 BP checks, 22 adult immunizations and 4 TB tests. The nurses also provided vision screenings that resulted in referrals for glasses for 18 children. They also conducted 3 maternal/newborn visits and 2 BCMH home visits.

The Board was asked to continue operation of the Amish Well Child clinic as a local program since the funding through CFHS was discontinued. This program would cost approximately \$33,550 and would cover October 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. The costs incurred would be for contract services for a physician and three nurses and personnel costs for the outreach coordinator, supplies and other expenses.

The Amish Well Child clinic has demonstrated itself as an important program for children birth-to-2 years. For Amish children in the well child program, the average on time and up-to-date vaccination rate is 92%. This program has had a positive health outcome for these children.

d. WIC

Lake County WIC has hired a WIC director. The WIC staff, Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Mix will meet with the new director on August 2, 2016.

e. Administration

The Board was asked to approve the FY2017 Maternal Child Health Service grant budget (MCH), October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, not to exceed \$56,655.00. This grant replaces the CFHS grant.

CFHS grand funding will no longer be available for the Amish Well Child Clinic. These funds cannot be used for funding the community health assessment (CHA) either. The grant has been renamed to Maternal and Child Health (MCH) which is the same name used by the federal block grant. Mr. Mix stated that a proposal and budget are being prepared to use the funding for several activities including: ensuring the social-emotional health and/or addiction needs of children, adolescents, and/or pregnant and post-partum women are met; conducting a comprehensive Nutrition/Physical Activity Community Needs Assessment to identify the nutrition/physical activity needs and gaps within the community; implementing local infrastructure changes to reduce infant sleep-related deaths; and conducting a Transportation Needs Assessment focusing on the maternal and child health priority populations.

The Board was asked to approve a contract with OEPA to fund mosquito surveillance and prevention activities in Geauga County. The activities performed include surveillance of mosquito pools, distribution of educational material to residents to reduce mosquitos and the removal of scrap tires at more than a dozen sites which contain anywhere from 500 to 2,000 scrap tires.

In addition, the Board was asked to approve a budget to conduct the activities at approximately \$29,523.00. The program will run through the Infectious and Solid Waste program. The Board was asked to approve a request for the Auditor to create a revenue line item in order to account for the funds separately from the Solid Waste District funds.

f. Accreditation

Mr. Mix attended a meeting of the Accreditation Learning Community recently. ODH has committed funds to assist the local health districts to become accredited by 2020. In addition to funding opportunities, they will provide technical assistance and qualified ODH staff members. The first funding opportunity is \$25,000.00 to assist with preparing the Community Health Assessment (CHA) or Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Mr. Mix stated that he would be applying for the money to assist with the CHA this year. Similar opportunities for funding will be available next year as well.

Mr. Mix stated the contract with the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio (HCNO) to conduct the CHA data collection, analysis and report has been reduced to \$65,000.00. The Board was asked to approve an appropriation request of \$65,000.00 from Board of Health, Other Expenses to fund the contract. He stated that several partner agencies have committed funding for the CHA. Our document will be delivered in April 2017.

VIII. Old Business

There was no old business.

IX. New Business

**Mrs. Livers moved 7.16-a to approve the Maternal Child Health Service (MCH) FY2017 budget, October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 not to exceed \$56,655.00. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

**Mr. Gragg moved 7.16-b to approve the funding of the Amish Well Child Clinics, October 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 from the Board of Health fund, not to exceed \$33,550.00. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

**Mrs. Whitright moved 7.16-c to approve the contract with OEPA Mosquito Surveillance and Prevention Contract, August 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

**Mrs. Livers moved 7.16-d to approve the OEPA Mosquito Surveillance and Prevention budget not to exceed \$29,523.00. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

**Mr. Gragg moved 7.16-e to approve requesting for a Board of Health Supplemental Appropriation of the Geauga County Auditor, which will increase the Board of Health Other Expense fund by \$65,000.00. Mrs. Whitright seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

**Mrs. Whitright moved 7.16-f to approve requesting the Geauga County Auditor to add a revenue line item to the Infectious and Solid Waste fund for Other Revenue. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Meetings

**Regular Board of Health Meeting, Monday, August 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon, Ohio.**

XII. Adjourn

**As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Livers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Mr. Gragg seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Goergen, yes; Mrs. Livers, yes; Mr. Gragg, yes; and Mrs. Whitright, yes.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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