

Geauga Public Health
Special Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2023, 5:00 p.m.
12611 Ravenwood Dr., Chardon, Ohio

Call to Order

Mr. Richard Piraino, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 5:01 p.m.

A roll call found the following Board members present: Mr. Richard Piraino; Lynn Roman; and Carolyn Brakey, Esq. Ashley Jones, Pharm D, and Dr. Mark Rood were not present.

Staff members present: Adam Litke, Administrator; Dr. Jefferey Cameron, Health Commissioner; and Dan Lark, Interim Environmental Health Director.

Others present: There were four others present.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

New Business

a. Environmental Health Permitting and Inspection Processes

Mr. Piraino read a statement regarding the Semi-Public Sewage Treatment System program (also known as HB110). Geauga Public Health contracts with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) to perform inspections of commercial establishments disposing less than 25,000 gallons of sewage per day. Geauga Public Health charges a fee to the businesses to cover an annual certificate and an inspection by the health district.

During an internal review of services and contracts, it was found that fees were collected from businesses, but it appears inspections were completed sporadically for many years.

He went on to say that a law firm has been retained and is doing a complete audit of the program to determine the entire scope of businesses effected. Mr. Piraino stated that he expects to have the results of the audit within two weeks.

Mr. Piraino stated that the Board of Health intends to refund the fees to those affected. The report will be available on the Geauga Public Health website once completed.

The Administrator and Environmental Health Director will work together to develop a plan to assure that the service is conducted when a fee is charged by Geauga Public Health.

Public Comment Session

There were two people who requested to speak and were given 2 minutes to provide their comment.

Executive Session

Ms. Roman moved to enter into executive session at 5:18 p.m. to consider matters of employment, dismissal, discipline, and compensation of public employees. Mrs. Brakey seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mr. Piraino, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Mrs. Brakey, yes. Meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

Meetings

Annual HDAC meeting, March 15, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., at 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Ste. B333 & B334, Chardon, Ohio.

Regular Board of Health meeting, March 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at 12611 Ravenwood Dr., Ste. B303,

Chardon, Ohio.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Litke
Administrator

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