

AGENDA
GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH
September 27, 2023

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Opening of Meeting

2.01 Pledge of Allegiance

2.02 Declaration of Quorum

2.03 Certification of Delivery of Official Notices of Meeting

3.0 Board of Health

3.01 Minutes, Regular Meeting August 23, 2023

4.0 Health District Staff Reports

4.01 Population Health Report

4.02 Environmental Health Report

4.03 Administrator's Report

4.04 Health Commissioner's Report

5.0 Committee Meetings

No Reports

6.0 Old Business

No Reports

7.0 New Business

7.01 Resolutions

- 7.01.01 Financial Reports, Resolution 23-09-07-01-01
- 7.01.02 Permission to Approve Appropriations for Increase/Decrease
- 7.01.03 Resolution 2023-18: Then and Now Purchase Order to DEX Imaging, Not to Exceed \$7,926.00
- 7.01.04 Resolution 2023-19: Then and Now Purchase Order to McDonald Hopkins LLC, Not to Exceed \$6,568.40
- 7.01.05 Resolution 2023-20: Then and Now Purchase Order to Donamarc Inc., Not to Exceed \$19,241.73
- 7.01.06 Resolution 2023-21: Then and Now Purchase Order to Biosolutions LLC, Not to Exceed \$500.00

7.02 Permission to Approve Settlement Agreement with Brian Vigh

7.03 Request For Legal Action Against Robyn and Joseph Hensch

7.04 Request For Legal Action Against Katherine and Ryan Cahalane

7.05 Request For Legal Action Against Erma and Owen Miller Jr.

7.06 Request For Legal Action Against Eli Miller Jr.

7.07 Memorandums of Understandings Regarding Ohio EPA NPDES Phase 2 Program

8.0 Citizens' Remarks

- Session to last 20 minutes unless Board moves to extend.
- 2 minutes per speaker to make comments and ask questions.
- The Board will answer questions after having an opportunity to investigate responses following the meeting. This is not a press conference where answers should be expected on the spot.
- Board responses will be recorded and publicly filed with meeting minutes.

9.0 Executive Session

10.0 Adjournment

1.0 Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, by President Carolyn Brakey. The meeting was held at the Geauga County Office Building located at 12611 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio.

2.0 Opening of Meeting

2.01 Declaration of Quorum

The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Carolyn Brakey, Esq.	Ashley Jones, Pharm D
Dr. Mark Hendrickson	Lynn Roman

Minutes were recorded by Gina Parker.

Also present from the Health District staff:

Ron H. Graham	Dan Lark	Adam Litke
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Others Present: Several members of the public were in attendance.

2.03 Certification of Delivery of Official Notices

Certification of delivery of the official notices of the regular meeting of the Board of Health was made by Adam Litke, Administrator.

3.0 Board of Health

3.01 Approval of Minutes

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Ashley Jones seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2023, Board of Health regular meeting; motion carried.

4.0 Health District Staff Reports

4.01 Population Health

4.01.01 Safe Communities

The Coalition Coordinator attended National Night Out on August 1st in Chardon Square. The coordinator set up an interactive display at the event and members of the community participated in traffic safety trivia, used the fatal vision goggles, and received traffic safety materials.

In collaboration with AAA, the Coalition Coordinator gave a presentation at Chardon Senior Center for their “Lunch and Learn” on August 15th. The coordinator and community partner discussed the basics of older driver safety, how to stay fit to drive, and the new distracted driving law with participants.

A coalition meeting was held on August 17th with representatives from Geauga County Engineer’s Office, ODOT District 12, Ohio State Highway Patrol, and Ohio Traffic Safety Office in attendance. Planning for upcoming events continues.

The Coalition Coordinator attended the Rockin’ with Resources event on August 24th, recognizing graduates of the Geauga County Common Pleas Drug Court’s New Leaf Program. At the event, Geauga County Safe Communities hosted the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” kickoff. After the graduation ceremony, Sergeant Jeremy Kindler from the OSHP spoke about the importance of driving sober. A resource fair succeeded the ceremony. The coalition coordinator set up an educational booth about safe driving, and community members participated in traffic safety trivia, used fatal vision goggles, and received traffic safety materials and information.

The Coalition Coordinator attended the Chardon Family Market on August 26th in Chardon Square. A vendor table was displayed at the market, and community members participated in traffic safety trivia, used fatal vision goggles, and received traffic safety materials and information.

4.01.02 Ohio Buckeyes Program (Car Seat Program)

The Health Educator became a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician on August 9, and is currently working with Rainbow Babies and Children’s Injury Prevention Center to re-establish the child safety seat program at GPH.

4.01.03

Other Population Health Activities

The Health Educator distributed 15 Project DAWN Naloxone kits to the community in August.

4.01.04

Get Vaccinated Ohio-Public Health Initiative (GVO)

Geauga does not qualify for the GVO Grant.

4.01.05

Vaccines for Children

- Staff assisted / participated in a total of seven clinics in August. Locations: DDC Clinic with two clinics, University Hospital with two clinics, and GPH holding three in house clinics for a total 85 children immunized and 158 vaccines given.
- Registered Nurse participated in the August Suicide Coalition meeting and provided communicable disease education to other county employees on August 24, 2023.
- Staff attended Rockin with the Resources event.

4.01.06

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

During August, Ms. Lydia Castner has continued working closely with Lake County PHEP staff to complete PHEP and Cities Readiness Initiative Grant deliverables for the new grant year. Ms. Castner has continued working with partners to make updates to Geauga Public Health's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), Medical Countermeasures (MCM) Plan and components, the Ohio Points of Dispensing (OPOD) platform documentation, and has been making progress on activities included in this year's MCM Action Plan. Ms. Castner has also worked with Lake County's exercise planning team in preparation for the statewide anthrax full scale exercise in October.

Preparedness and Epidemiology staff submitted the following grant deliverables during the month of August:

- PHEP Core Deliverable 2.1 - Continuity of Operations Facilitated Discussion
- PHEP Core Deliverable 3.1 - Resilience Assessment Planning Tool (RAPT) Tutorial
- PHEP Core Deliverable 3.2 - Whole Community RAPT Drill
- PHEP Core Deliverable 6.1 - Volunteer Management and Information Sharing Performance Measures
- PHEP Core Deliverable 7.1 - After Action Improvement Activity Plan
- PHEP Core Deliverable 8.1 - Statewide Integrated Preparedness Plan Workshop Attendance

- PHEP Core Deliverable 13.1 - Q1 Communications Workbook
- CRI Deliverable 4.1 - Q1 MCM Action Plan

As of August 31, all deliverables due through September have been submitted with the exception of attendance for a Statewide Epidemiology Quarterly Meeting scheduled for September 15th.

During the month of August, the Ohio Department of Health approved all above deliverables with the exception of PHEP Core 7.1, which is still being reviewed at the time of this report. PHEP Core deliverable 15.1, Volunteer Management Training, which was submitted in July was also approved in August.

Meetings/Events Attended:

- August 3: Ohio PHEP and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop
- August 15: Cleveland BioWatch Advisory Council Meeting
- August 21-22: Points of Dispensing Training held by Texas A&M Extension Service (TEEX) in Summit County
- August 28: BioWatch Communications Workgroup
- August 29: CDC POD Tabletop Exercise Simulation Game hosted by Cuyahoga County Board of Health
- August 29: ODH Medical Countermeasures Program Evaluation Seminar
- Various exercise planning meetings throughout the month in preparation for October statewide anthrax full scale exercise

Epidemiology

The Pertussis outbreak which began in April continued in August with three additional cases reported. This was sharp decline from months prior. Neighboring Ashtabula County has also seen a decline and was able to close their outbreak on August 31.

Ms. Priyanka Parikh noted a continued increase in both Lake and Geauga counties of foodborne illnesses including Giardiasis, Campylobacteriosis, and Salmonellosis and reported the trend to the Environmental Health group for follow-up. There have also been increasing cases of tickborne illnesses noted in August.

During the month of August, Ms. Parikh received and fielded various requests for information from residents about Pertussis, including information on vaccination, testing requirements, prophylactic treatment, and general symptoms. Ms. Parikh also provided information requested by school nurses asking for updated COVID-19 guidelines for schools. Requestors were provided with the most current CDC guidelines. Ms. Parikh also conducted an educational session regarding staph infection including mode of transmission, signs and symptoms, and preventive measures.

During August, two long term care facilities in Geauga County had COVID-19 outbreaks, including three staff and one resident. All long-term care facilities were provided with the most recent COVID-19 resources.

4.01.07**Communicable Diseases Reported by Month:** Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS)

Communicable Disease	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Campylobacteriosis	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	2
Chlamydia infection	5	12	9	6	10	4	8	4
COVID-19	286	227	204	105	87	41	38	105
CP-CRE	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Giardiasis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gonococcal infection	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	1
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B (including delta) - chronic	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1
Hepatitis C - chronic	1	1	0	4	3	0	3	2
Influenza-associated hospitalization	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Legionellosis	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Lyme Disease	1	0	0	1	1	5	8	2
Meningitis – aseptic/viral	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mumps	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pertussis	4	4	13	15	23	22	10	2
Salmonellosis	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	1
Shigellosis	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	3	1	4	1	3	1	1	0
Streptococcal - Group B - in newborn	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Syphilis - early	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Syphilis - primary	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Syphilis - secondary	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Syphilis - congenital	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Varicella	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

Carol Straniero provided the following highlights:

- *No report*

Discussion:

Carolyn Brakey asked for additional information as to why Geauga County does not qualify for the Get Vaccinated Ohio (GVO) grant. Adam Litke said that Geauga County is below the threshold for the state’s criteria of eligibility, so we cannot have the grant on our own and must be partnered with another agency as a subsidiary. The other grants we have are Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP), Safe Communities, and Workforce Development. Ron

Graham said that there are unspent dollars that will be returned to the state from the Safe Communities and GVO grants due to staff limitations. Adam Litke said that some of the dollars are site-related and if we can't get into those sites, such as physician offices, we cannot claim the funding.

Lynn Roman asked for an overview on the increase in COVID-19 cases. Adam Litke said we are seeing the increases, but we are not seeing the hospitalizations or deaths. Ron Graham said it will increase as people spend more time indoors.

Lynn Roman asked if GPH is administering the COVID booster. Adam Litke said we are not administering it right now. It will be a private vaccine moving forward and will be available through pharmacies such as Walgreens and CVS. We are currently focusing on the DDC and mobile clinics due to the need.

4.02

Environmental Health

4.02.01

Director's Report

The first round of homeowner notifications will be sent out mid-October for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) sampling. A homeowner informational meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2023, at 6pm. Attendance was low at the first round of meetings, so this is a second attempt to educate the residents. Several newspaper articles have been published by Geauga Courier Times.

4.02.02

Food Safety

Ohio Department of Health conducted a swimming pool survey with A. O'Brien and M. Kruggel with a field inspection on August 24, 2023. Staff also completed inspections at the Geauga County Fair.

4.02.03

Program Inspections

Environmental Health staff conducted the following program inspections during August:

Program	Inspections
Private Water Systems (wells)	34
Camps	1
Swimming Pools/Spas	11
*Food	85
Sewage Systems	26
For Sale of Property	1
HB 110 (Semi-Public) Systems	15
Plumbing	89
Schools	6
Nuisance Complaints	10

*Includes routine inspections, reinspections, mobiles, temporaries, plan reviews, pre-licensing inspections, and consultations.

Dan Lark provided the following highlights:

- *Provided an overview of the proposed food fee increases. The food fees are based on the actual time staff spends on inspections plus a percentage for administrative support. There will be a public hearing on October 18, 2023.*
- *There is also a proposed increase to the temporary campground fee.*
- *There will be a public meeting at the Administration Building on October 26, 2023, to answer questions after homeowners receive their Operation and Maintenance (O&M) letters.*
- *There are four items in New Business for Legal Action. They are old files with documentation of public health failures that weren't addressed in the past. Letters were sent to homeowners with no resolutions on record. Since there were no responses, the homeowners have been referred to the Board for legal action.*

Discussion:

Adam Litke said there will be three readings and new food fees will be effective in January.

Dr. Mark Hendrickson asked if there have been any instances in Geauga County of a food entity operating without a license. Dan Lark said there are a number each year that need to be tracked down to pay their licensing fees.

Dr. Mark Hendrickson asked if the camping fees also apply to the Geauga Park District. Dan Lark said they are only for temporary campgrounds and would not apply to the parks.

Lynn Roman believed that food fees had decreased in recent years. Dan Lark said most health departments reduced food fees a couple of years during COVID since not as much time was spent on that program.

4.03

Administrator's Report

4.03.01

Administrator

1. Parkman Wells – Phase II of the Parkman Wells replacement has started. Additional wells have also been identified and will be addressed through the Phase 2 contract after discussion with Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
2. Rent – Continued to have conversations with County Administrator and Deputy Administrator regarding potential rent amount.
3. Health District Advisory Council (HDAC) – Met with the HDAC in September 2023. HDAC was pleased with the general direction of the Health Department but did want to discuss the amount of rent that was expected of GPH.
4. Workload – Overall workload due to increase in work related to Operation & Maintenance, rental discussions, Parkman Wells, etc., has put incredible strain on the ability to complete tasks necessary for GPH.
5. Operation & Maintenance – Working with the County Treasurer and Auditor to allow the use of the Point & Pay system to accept credit cards as an online payment for the program.

4.03.02

Notes to Financial Statements

Accounts Payable by G/L Distribution Report. This is the day-to-day or current expenses report.

Notes on Chart 1

As of August 31, 2023, 66.67% of the year is complete. This percentage is a point of reference for what percentage of revenue and expense you might expect to see received/expensed at this point in the year.

The following are explanations for revenues and/or expenses that are significantly over budget or under budget from that reference point.

REVENUE:

1. License is showing over budget as the Food Licenses are being issued.
2. Other Revenue is showing over budget. The EPA wired a payment for the Parkman wells in the amount of \$150,330.00.

EXPENSES:

This being only the eighth month of the year there are no expenses that are significantly over or under budget.

Notes on Chart 2

Chart 2 is a comparison of the beginning cash balance of each fund to the current cash balance of each fund.

1. Food Service (6005) is showing an increase in cash balance. We are starting to process the 2023 Food Service Licenses. This is typical of previous years and Health Districts in general.
2. Immunization Action Plan (6025) is showing an increase in expenses. We have not received the offset revenue.

Notes on Chart 3

The bar graph compares the revenue and expenses by each month for all funds combined. In August we received a check for Environmental Assistance which raised revenue significantly.

CHART 1

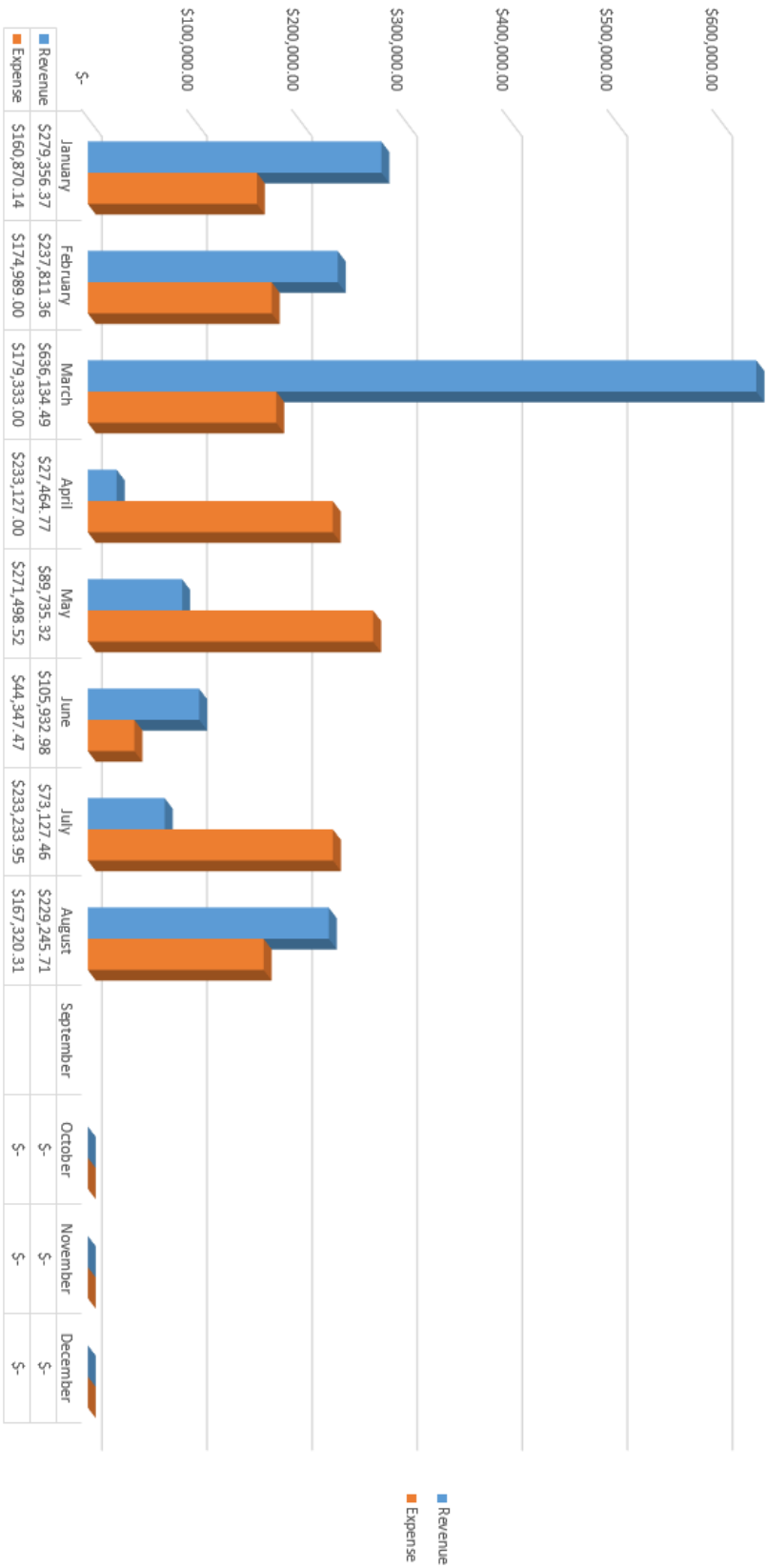
MONTH OF : AUGUST

Revenue Type	Revised Budget	YTD Revenue	% of Budget Received
Property and Other Taxes	\$ 564,222.00	\$ 296,244.92	52.51%
State Reimbursement-Real Estate	\$ 75,486.00	\$ 37,139.42	49.20%
State Revenues	\$ 711,064.00	\$ 236,577.75	33.27%
Local Government Tax	\$ -	\$ -	
Permits	\$ 725,000.00	\$ 213,737.10	29.48%
Inspection Fees	\$ 507,000.00	\$ 103,458.00	20.41%
Fees	\$ 236,500.00	\$ 193,506.92	81.82%
Licenses	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 177,700.37	88.85%
Fines	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,502.00	350.20%
Fees Infectious Waste Fees	\$ 750.00	\$ -	0.00%
Fees Solid Waste Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,400.00	29.33%
Foundation Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	
Water Testing Fee	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 8,295.00	63.81%
Federal Grants	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 31,923.48	21.72%
Local Match	\$ -	\$ -	
Reimbursements	\$ -	\$ -	
Other Revenue	\$ 760,670.00	\$ 283,677.57	37.29%
Other Revenue Other Receipts	\$ -	\$ 8,115.00	0.00%
Other Revenue Other Revenue	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 80,435.93	554.73%
Other Revenue Real Estate Fee Refund	\$ -	\$ 95.00	
Transfers In	\$ 329,500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Revenue	\$ 4,300,692.00	\$ 1,678,808.46	39.04%
		Percentage of year Completed	66.67%
Expense Type	Revised Budget	YTD Expense	% of Budget Used
Salaries	\$ 666,494.00	\$ 446,365.43	66.97%
OPERS	\$ 103,761.00	\$ 59,956.87	57.78%
Medicare	\$ 21,615.00	\$ 6,391.91	29.57%
Workers Compensation	\$ 37,273.00	\$ -	0.00%
Hospitalization	\$ 162,566.00	\$ 83,448.94	51.33%
Unemployment	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 22,792.48	91.17%
Contract Services	\$ 3,672,539.17	\$ 508,918.58	13.86%
Travel	\$ 46,644.60	\$ 11,913.46	25.54%
Vehicle Expense	\$ -	\$ -	
Legal Fees	\$ 12,770.55	\$ 588.66	4.61%
Advertising	\$ 4,571.00	\$ 1,015.34	22.21%
State Remittance	\$ 65,473.00	\$ 33,764.00	51.57%
State Remittance Ohio Permit Fee	\$ 19,830.00	\$ 8,004.00	40.36%
State Remittance Ohio Water Test Fee	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Materials and Supplies	\$ 30,656.98	\$ 5,324.49	17.37%
Materials and Supplies Supplies	\$ 21,069.78	\$ 10,065.54	47.77%
Materials and Supplies Vaccine Supply	\$ 18,047.03	\$ 1,960.80	10.86%
Equipment	\$ 42,898.43	\$ 18,727.76	43.66%
Equipment Equipment	\$ 11,303.00	\$ 509.72	4.51%
Equipment Equipment Maintenance	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 52.62	1.70%
Other	\$ 327,293.02	\$ 144,811.86	44.25%
Other County RE Tax Expenses	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,943.19	44.94%
Other Health Emergency	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Other Other Expenses	\$ 111,751.52	\$ 20,869.74	18.68%
Other State RE Tax Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%
Other VS Remit to State	\$ 164,396.86	\$ 73,814.00	44.90%
Refunds	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 480.00	2.89%
Repair Services	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Transfers Out	\$ 204,500.00	\$ -	0.00%
Total Expense	\$ 5,802,153.94	\$ 1,464,719.39	25.24%
		Percentage of year Completed	66.67%
Revenue Less Expense	\$ (1,501,461.94)	\$ 214,089.07	
Beginning Cash Balance		\$ 4,250,354.64	
Total Cash on Hand		\$ 4,464,443.71	
Cash on Hand Per Cash Position Report		\$ 4,464,443.71	

CHART 2

MONTH OF : AUGUST

Fund Number	Fund name	Beginning Cash Balance	YTD Revenue Per Budget Performance	YTD Expense Per Budget Performance	Ending Cash Balance	YTD Cash Per Cash Position Report	Difference	Percentage Increase/Decrease
6002	Board of Health	\$ 1,613,468.68	\$ 683,500.13	\$ 607,897.85	\$ 1,689,070.96	\$ 1,689,070.96	\$ -	4.69%
6004	Trailer Park	\$ 11,394.69	\$ 4,427.00	\$ 230.44	\$ 15,591.25	\$ 15,591.25	\$ -	36.83%
6005	Food Service	\$ 168,560.28	\$ 184,252.37	\$ 55,275.86	\$ 297,536.79	\$ 297,536.79	\$ -	76.52%
6008	Infectious Waste/ Solid Waste	\$ 109,690.56	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 8,646.63	\$ 105,443.93	\$ 105,443.93	\$ -	-3.87%
6011	Private Water Systems	\$ 194,176.35	\$ 205,023.00	\$ 218,056.39	\$ 181,142.96	\$ 181,142.96	\$ -	-6.71%
6018	Swimming Pools	\$ 26,209.09	\$ 11,723.75	\$ 3,800.44	\$ 34,132.40	\$ 34,132.40	\$ -	30.23%
6019	Not Used	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
6021	Public Health Infrastructure	\$ 429,621.78	\$ 25,179.00	\$ 43,634.62	\$ 411,166.16	\$ 411,166.16	\$ -	-4.30%
6023	Sewage Treatment Systems	\$ 912,166.28	\$ 329,318.75	\$ 204,852.32	\$ 1,036,632.71	\$ 1,036,632.71	\$ -	13.65%
6024	Not Used	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
6025	Immunization Action Plan	\$ 36,092.56	\$ 30,235.00	\$ 36,944.17	\$ 29,383.39	\$ 29,383.39	\$ -	-18.59%
6026	Women, Infants, and Children	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
6027	Child & Family Health Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
6030	Emergency Response Fund	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	-
6036	Environmental Health Assistance	\$ 71,131.37	\$ 110,847.70	\$ 109,775.00	\$ 72,204.07	\$ 72,204.07	\$ -	1.51%
6037	For Sale of Property	\$ 292,189.74	\$ 16,875.00	\$ 84,663.77	\$ 224,400.97	\$ 224,400.97	\$ -	-23.20%
6038	Not Used	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
6039	Alcohol, Tobacco & Other Drugs	\$ 52,017.32	\$ 17,250.00	\$ 16,387.66	\$ 52,879.66	\$ 52,879.66	\$ -	1.66%
6040	Injury Prevention	\$ 54,388.25	\$ 33,061.19	\$ 18,997.82	\$ 68,451.62	\$ 68,451.62	\$ -	25.86%
6041	Workforce Development	\$ 44,230.50	\$ 20,896.65	\$ 21,513.73	\$ 43,613.42	\$ 43,613.42	\$ -	-1.40%
6042	Population Health Fund	\$ 210,017.19	\$ 1,818.92	\$ 34,042.69	\$ 177,793.42	\$ 177,793.42	\$ -	-15.34%
Total		\$ 4,250,354.64	\$ 1,678,808.46	\$ 1,464,719.39	\$ 4,464,443.71	\$ 4,464,443.71	\$ -	-
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Adam Litke provided the following highlights:

- *Gave a presentation to Job and Family Services regarding the updates at GPH.*
- *Attended the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners (AOHC) conference with Ron Graham.*
- *Discussed the benefits of having a credit card for GPH purchases.*
- *Discussed the unexpected workload from items such as the Parkman Wells project, rent negotiations, House Bill 110, etc., which has cost significant time. Additional staff could be beneficial for completing tasks.*

Discussion:

Carolyn Brakey asked for an update on the Parkman Wells. Adam Litke said 6 or 7 new wells were added, which extended Phase 2 to the end of this month. The extension was approved by the Ohio EPA. Fourteen or fifteen wells have been completed. There may be a total of 21 homes when finished.

4.04

Health Commissioner's Report

4.04.01

Ohio News

Ohio's public employers will pay nearly \$8 million less in premiums next year to the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation thanks to a rate cut that will go into effect January 1, 2024. This 3.9% rate reduction was made possible by declining injury claims and relatively low medical inflation costs by Ohio's counties, cities, public schools, and other public taxing districts.

As the Ohio Redistricting Commission looks to meet on September 13 in preparation of approving new state legislative districts, Secretary of State Frank LaRose sent a letter to other members of the commission saying that, due to the timeline of statutory requirements of election administration, new maps would need to be approved by Friday, September 22.

Gov. DeWine announced the awarding of \$90 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds aimed at strengthening mental health and addiction crisis services statewide. A total of 37 regional projects will receive funding. [More Info](#)

4.04.02

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Vaccine makers Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax are updating their COVID-19 vaccines to target the XBB.1.5 Omicron subvariant, which the Food the Drug Administration (FDA) selected

because it was the dominant strain in the U.S. Since then, a new subvariant, EG.5, has become the dominant strain in the U.S. and a new viral lineage, BA.2.86, is drawing concern worldwide. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) vaccine advisory committee will meet on September 12 to make [recommendations](#) for the next round of COVID-19 vaccines, signaling a decision by FDA in early September. Those recommendations would also be tied to payment and insurance coverage of the vaccines. If CDC endorses FDA's decision, the fall rollout of new shots could happen in mid-September.

4.04.03

Over-The-Counter Narcan Rollout Begins

In preparation for a rollout this month, Emergent [began](#) shipping over-the-counter Narcan to major retailers including Rite Aid, Walgreens, and Walmart. The suggested retail price for the naloxone nasal spray, which can reverse the effects of opioids like heroin and fentanyl, is \$44.99 for a two-dose carton. Emergent will sell Narcan to first responders and community organizations through federal grants and state and local programs for \$41 per two-dose box. FDA approved the sale of Narcan without a prescription in March, a first for any form of naloxone, and approved a second nonprescription nasal spray option by Harm Reduction Therapeutics in July. NACCHO supports access to naloxone through its [policy statement](#) on the opioid epidemic.

4.04.04

Grief and Public Health

In 2021 the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) funded a workforce development project through the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners to help Public Health staff better understand what grief is, how it impacts our lives and how to work through it.

One of the first components of the project was to provide a series of live webinar presentations for Public Health staff. Over 1000 Ohio Public Health staff participated in those webinars.

ODH will be sharing that same webinar (updated) on **September 29 from 9:00 - 10:30, October 3 from 11:30 - 1:00, October 5 from 12:00 - 1:30 and October 11 from 9:30 - 11:00.**

To register for one of these sessions, local health department employees can email Lois Hall at lhall.eachmatters@gmail.com. Include your name, email address, phone number and health department name. You will receive a confirmation with the zoom link on the day before your chosen session.

In addition, the ODH project is also able to pay for any Ohio Public Health department employee to actually take the 8 week Grief Recovery Method program or to go through the program in a 7 session one-on-one. Also let Lois know if you're interested in this option at lhall.eachmatters@gmail.com.

4.04.05

Update on Health Commissioner's Designee Bonding Requirement

At the August Public Affairs meeting, discussion took place about how local health districts (LHDs) were managing the statutory requirement in [ORC 3709.31](#), which states in part:

"A designee of a health commissioner of a general or city health district may sign vouchers only if he has given bond to the board of health in the amount of one million dollars with a company authorized to conduct a surety business in this state as a surety to be held by the board and conditioned on the faithful performance of his duties. The expense or premium of the bond shall be paid by the board and charged to the health fund."

It was reported that \$1 million bonds are very expensive to secure, and this amount far exceeds the bonding requirement of many other comparable local governmental officials, including county engineer, township trustee, local library and airport authority fiscal officers.

If your LHD is covered by the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), the health commissioner is covered but the designee is not, as follows:

PEP does include Crime/Employee Dishonesty coverage automatically in the amount of \$10,000. PEP can offer higher limits upon request, up to a maximum of \$500,000. This covers all employees and representatives of the HD, however it excludes any individual that is required to be individually bonded.

Since the passing of HB291 and HB444, PEP can now offer Faithful Performance of Duty coverage in lieu of bonds. If a resolution is passed which authorizes the HD to go in that direction, PEP can specifically name those individuals within the policy for Faithful Performance of Duty coverage. This satisfies the bond requirement. However, the maximum limit offered by PEP for this coverage is \$250,000.

4.04.06

MMWR 9/8/2023 Synopsis

In May-July, 2023, Florida and Texas saw 8 cases of locally-acquired, mosquito-transmitted malaria, which has not been reported in the U.S. since 2003. As of August 4, no additional cases have been detected, and surveillance, control, and education activities are continuing in the region. Though the risk remains very low, clinicians should consider a potential malaria diagnosis in patients with unexplained fever.

According to a healthcare provider knowledge and attitudes survey conducted from September 28 to October 10, 2022, by the Healthcare and Public Perceptions of Immunizations Survey Collaborative, among 751 respondents, 283 (38%) disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement "the current adult pneumococcal vaccine recommendations are easy to follow and about half answered questions about those recommendations incorrectly. Approximately 67% agreed or strongly agreed with the policy option under consideration at the time to expand the

recommendations for the new 20-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV20) to adults who had only received the previously recommended 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV13). (This expanded recommendation was subsequently implemented.)

From 2017 to 2021, (in large part due to Covid-19 implications) coverage with a first dose of measles vaccine in the WHO African region decreased from 70% to 68%, and the number of countries with $\geq 95\%$ coverage decreased from 6 (13%) to 2 (4%). The number of countries meeting measles surveillance performance indicators declined from 26 (62%) to 9 (22%). Measles incidence increased from 69.2 per 1 million population in 2017 to 81.9 in 2021. Estimated annual measles cases increased 22% and deaths increased 8%. Though the number of countries providing a second vaccine dose increased from 27 (57%) to 38 (81%), and second-dose coverage increased from 25% to 41%, intensified surveillance and vaccine coverage efforts are clearly needed to achieve a renewed regional goal of measles elimination in at least 80% of countries by 2030.

Surveillance data collected by the California Department of Public Health from May 2022 to May 2023 revealed that the odds of a person with mpox being hospitalized after 1 dose of JYNNEOS compared to an unvaccinated patient was 0.27, and after 2 doses was 0.20. Among those with an HIV infection, odds of hospitalization after 1 dose was 0.28 compared to unvaccinated; and no mpox-associated hospitalizations were identified among people infected with HIV who had received 2 JYNNEOS vaccine doses.

From August to October 2022, per social media survey results, 27 hikers along the Pacific Crest Trail in Washington became ill with gastrointestinal illness. Norovirus was the suspected cause of illness, despite no detection from environmental sampling of suspected sources including 2 latrines, a rest stop cabin, and a stream with drinking water. Alcohol-based sanitizers, commonly used in hiking due to lack of available handwashing facilities, are not effective against norovirus.

4.04.07

MMWR 9/1/2023 Synopsis

Data from the 2020 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and 2021 National Vital Statistics System revealed that in 2020, 14 million older adults (28.9% of women and 26.1% of men) reported falling during the previous year. In 2021, 38,742 died as a result of unintentional falls, with this death rate higher among men (91.4 per 100,000 population) than among women (68.3). Healthcare provider should routinely screen older adults for fall risk and discuss prevention.

From November 1 to December 14, 2022, CDC partnered with local health departments to characterize possible exposures among adult mpox patients who did not report recent male-to-male sexual contact. Among 52 patients, 14 (27%) had a known exposure to a person with mpox. Among the remaining 38 with NO known exposure to someone with mpox, 45% reported sexual and close intimate contact, 37% reported close face-to-face contact, 29% attended large social gatherings, and 26% were in jobs involving close skin-to-skin contact.

July 2019 to December 2021 data from more than 29 states from CDC's State Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System revealed that the quarterly percentage of overdose deaths with evidence of counterfeit pill use increased from 2% to 4.7% overall, and from 4.7% to 14.7% in western jurisdictions. Fentanyl was the only drug involved in 41.4% of deaths with evidence of counterfeit pill use and 19.5% of deaths without evidence. Compared to those without evidence, overdose deaths with evidence of counterfeit pill use involved younger people under the age of 35 (57.1% vs 28.1%), more Hispanics (18.7% vs 9.4%), and more often people with a history of prescription drug misuse (27% vs 9.4%). Smoking was the most common noningestion route (39.5%).

An outbreak of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis in 4 households in Kansas from November 2021 to 2022 involved 13 people with active disease and 9 with latent infections. 7 adults were born outside the U.S. in a country that had an outbreak with the same genotype during 2007-2009, while the 6 children were all U.S.-born. To help get this outbreak controlled, a European medicine called Delamanid was authorized for compassionate use by the FDA after review by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Institutional Review Board.

Maternal deaths increased in the U.S. from 2018 to 2021 with documented racial disparities. CDC analyzed data from the Porter Novelli View Moms survey administered during April 24–30, 2023, and found that 20% of mothers overall reported mistreatment while receiving maternity care; while 30% of Black, Hispanic, and multiracial moms and 30% of those with public or no insurance reported mistreatment. 29% overall reported discrimination; while 40% of Black, Hispanic, and multiracial moms reported discrimination. 45% overall reported holding back from asking questions or discussing concerns with their provider. Respectful maternity care is necessary to ensure proper healthcare utilization and reduction of pregnancy-related deaths.

In December 2022, southeast Texas experienced an outbreak of 50 cases of norovirus illness from 6 counties, traced back to consumption of raw oysters harvested from a single Harvest Area in Galveston Bay, TX. The harvesting area was closed for 21 days until sampling achieved bacteriological water quality standards, and all oysters harvested during the determined period were recalled. Oyster tag tracing and epidemiological investigations ultimately led to 322 cases in 8 states associated with this outbreak.

*This report included a notation of a correction of proportionate statistic numbers included in a prior report about "Appliances Used by Consumers to Prepare Frozen Stuffed Chicken Products - United States, May–July 2022."

Per the National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Multiple Cause of Death File, the 2021 U.S. rate of deaths involving exposure to excessive heat was 0.4 per 100,000 population. 1600 total deaths were reported, with 9 states accounting for over 75% of them. Arizona had the highest rate of 5.2 per 100,000 with 426 deaths, followed by Nevada (4.6), Oregon (2.4), Washington (1.9), and Louisiana (0.7).

Per the National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System Mortality Data, from 2011 to 2021, 468 deaths resulted from being bitten or struck by a dog. Annual deaths ranged from 31 in 2016 to 81 in 2021. From 2018 to 2021, deaths increased from 15 to 37 for males and from 20 to 44 for females.

4.04.08

MMWR 8/25/2023 Synopsis

2021 CDC surveillance data indicated 3,035 cases of U.S. arboviral disease, caused by West Nile (2,911), La Crosse (40), Jamestown Canyon (32), Powassan (24), St. Louis encephalitis (17), and others. 69% of West Nile Virus disease cases were neuroinvasive, accounting for a rate of 0.61 per 100,000 population, the highest since 2012. Over 50% of all nationwide West Nile cases were reported from 3 counties in Arizona.

The 2022 National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) annual survey evaluated the prevalence and characteristics of sepsis (life threatening organ dysfunction from infection) programs in acute care hospitals. 73% of hospitals reported having a committee that monitors and reviews sepsis care (ranging from 53% among small hospitals to 95% among large hospitals.) 55% reported dedicated time for committee leaders to manage programs, as well as involvement with antibiotic stewardship programs. CDC has developed “Sepsis Core Elements” to provide a guide for creating, structuring, and resourcing comprehensive sepsis programs, so that hospitals can provide optimal sepsis care.

A CDC analysis of data from the 2022 National Immunization Survey–Teen for 16,043 adolescents aged 13–17 revealed that pertussis, meningococcus, and HPV vaccination coverage levels did not differ from 2021 levels (coverage trending downward over the last couple of years from previous levels), but that HPV coverage decreased 3.3% among those insured by Medicaid. For the first time since 2013, HPV vaccination initiation did not increase. Pandemic disruptions may have led to recent declines in routine vaccination coverage among adolescents, and families and providers need to focus on ensuring all are up to date with recommended vaccinations.

On August 3, 2023, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended (based on safety and efficacy data since October 2021) nirsevimab (a long-acting monoclonal antibody for passive immunization to prevent RSV-associated lower respiratory tract infection among infants and young children) for all infants aged <8 months who are born during or entering their first RSV season and for infants and children aged 8–19 months who are at increased risk for severe RSV disease and are entering their second RSV season.

CDC used National Syndromic Surveillance Program data from April 30 to August 4, 2023, to assess numbers and percentages of asthma-associated emergency department (ED) visits on days with Canadian wildfire smoke (defined by those triggering an “Unhealthy for sensitive groups” air quality alert), compared with days without wildfire smoke. Asthma-associated ED visits were overall 17% higher than expected during the 19 days with wildfire smoke, with larger increases in regions with higher numbers of continuous wildfire smoke days and among people aged 5-7 and 18-64 years.

During June 1-14, 2023, daily particulate matter air concentrations (caused by Canadian wildfire smoke) ranged from 590% to 1,229% increases above 10-year baselines. Asthma-associated ED visits increased 81.9% overall compared with mean numbers prior, with highest percentage increases seen among people aged 10-29 (197.6%).

Per National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality Data, during 2020-2021 the unintentional drowning death rate was 1.1 deaths per 100,000 population among kids 0-17 years (1.5 for males and 0.7 for females.) Rates were highest among kids aged 1-4 years (3.8 for males and 2.1 for females.)

This report was accompanied by a Recommendations and Report: “Prevention and Control of Seasonal Influenza with Vaccines: Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices — United States, 2023–24 Influenza Season”.

- Routine annual flu vaccine is recommended for everyone 6 months and older without contraindications.
- All vaccines available this season are expected to be quadrivalent.
- One dose, ideally in September or October is recommended for most. Certain kids 6 months to 8 years need 2 doses.
- Egg allergies alone no longer involve any specific considerations or recommendations beyond the routine.
- The comprehensive report involving background info and justifications and complete vaccine composition, timing, dosage, and other recommendations for specific populations, etc., can be found on the CDC website at:
https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/72/rr/rr7202a1.htm?s_cid=rr7202a1_w

Ron H. Graham provided the following highlights:

- *Have applied for an extension for Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Accreditation until December.*
- *Need to discuss GPH's future with the Local Public Health Services Collaborative.*
- *Discussions are being held with University Hospitals regarding the Community Health Assessment.*
- *At the Health District Advisory Committee meeting, discussed creating a newsletter, possibly quarterly, to help the community understand the details, actions, and successes at GPH.*

Discussion:

Ashley Jones asked if Project DAWN is still being offered, even with the over-the-counter NARCAN that's available. Ron Graham said the program will still be available as long as we have funding for it.

Ashley Jones asked for clarification on the "Update on Health Commissioner's Designee Bonding Requirement" (Health Commissioner's Report 4.04.05). Ron Graham said that the information has been provided to Legal for interpretation.

Lynn Roman asked for more information regarding Grief in Public Health. Ron Graham said the state was concerned about not having a debriefing program in place for health departments following COVID. Some services are available through insurance, but the state wanted to make sure it is available to everyone.

5.0

Committee Reports

No Committee reports.

6.0

Old Business

6.01

Geauga Public Health Rent

The Board discussed the current space and rent at the Administrative Building. Adam Litke provided various options that could decrease the amount of rent. Concerns include enough room for large gatherings/meetings, a hybrid work model, areas that could be given up, variable costs, what would the cost be if we were to lose everything in the meds room due to a power outage.

7.0

New Business

7.01

7.01.01

Financial Reports, Resolution 23-09-07-01-01

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to approve the Financial Reports for payment of bills, as listed in the recapitulation sheets attached to these minutes. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

Discussion:

Adam Litke said the account balance is high because Geauga Public Health has not been billed for Lake County yet.

Carolyn Brakey asked what Conduent Healthy Communities Corporation was. Adam Litke said that Conduent was used for the Health Needs Assessment.

Lynn Roman asked for clarification on the negative figures and zero dollars. Adam Litke said that the report is formatted with the cash equity this month. All of those items are located throughout the report.

7.01.02

Permission to Approve Appropriations for Increase/Decrease

Ashley Jones moved and Dr. Mark Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve supplemental Appropriations for Increase/Decrease as presented. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

7.01.03

Resolution 2023-18: Then and Now Purchase Order to DEX Imaging, Not to Exceed \$7,926.00

Ashley Jones moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-18 to authorize the payment of a Then & Now Purchase Order to DEX Imaging, total not to exceed \$7,926.00. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

7.01.04

Resolution 2023-19: Then and Now Purchase Order to McDonald Hopkins LLC, Not to Exceed \$6,568.40

Lynn Roman moved and Dr. Mark Hendrickson seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-19 to authorize the payment of a Then & Now Purchase Order to McDonald Hopkins LLC, total not to exceed \$6,568.40. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

7.01.05

Resolution 2023-20: Then and Now Purchase Order to Donamarc Inc., Not to Exceed \$19,241.73

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-20 to authorize the payment of a Then & Now Purchase Order to Donamarc Inc., total not to exceed \$19,241.73. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, yes; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

7.01.06

Resolution 2023-21: Then and Now Purchase Order to Biosolutions LLC, Not to Exceed \$500.00

Dr. Mark Hendrickson moved and Lynn Roman seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-21 to authorize the payment of a Then & Now Purchase Order to Biosolutions LLC, total not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

7.02

Permission to Approve Settlement Agreement with Brian Vigh

Lynn Roman moved and Dr. Mark Hendrickson seconded a motion to approve a settlement agreement with Brian Vigh for repairs to septic system. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

7.03

Request For Legal Action Against Robyn and Joseph Hensch

Lynn Roman moved and Carolyn Brakey seconded a motion to refer Robyn and Joseph Hensch to the Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

AGAINST

LOCATION

Robyn and Joseph Hensch

11205 Hampton Ridge Dr.
Chardon, OH

Violations: Failure to abate public health nuisance and replace failing septic system. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29-06 (E)(1) & (3)

OAC 3701-29-06(E)(1)

A Sewage Treatment System shall be maintained in good working condition.

OAC 3701-29-06(E)(3)

No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall create a public health nuisance, as defined in section [3718.011](#) of the Revised Code, or safety hazard. No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall cause an exceedance of water quality standards for surface water or drinking water.

Investigation

Summary: *October 16, 2018 – GPH received a Point-of-Sale Request for the property at 11205 Hampton Ridge Dr., Chardon, OH.*

August 2, 2019 – Eric Robb completed the Point-of-Sale (POS) evaluation that began in October of 2018 and determined that the HSTS was failing and causing a nuisance condition. Dye observed surfacing in yard and pond.

August 6, 2019 – Eric Robb mailed POS result letter to property owners Robyn and Joseph Hencsh. Notice of Violation (NOV) gave 60-day notice to begin the process to abate nuisance and install new Home Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS).

May 27, 2020 – Robyn and Joseph Hencsh paid for and submitted Lot Evaluation for HSTS replacement.

July 2023 – No permit to install replacement HSTS on property and is still malfunctioning causing a public health nuisance.

August 1, 2023 – Dan Lark sent homeowner another letter both regular and Certified to appear for an office hearing on August 29th or staff will ask Board of Health to refer matter to Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action. No one showed for office hearing.

September 8, 2023 – Dan Lark sent homeowner another letter notifying property owner the case is being referred to Board of Health asking to refer matter to Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action.

Action

Requested: Referral of property owners Robyn and Joseph Hencsh to the Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action.

7.04

Request For Legal Action Against Katherine and Ryan Cahalane

Lynn Roman moved and Carolyn Brakey seconded a motion to refer Katherine and Ryan Cahalane to the Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

AGAINST

LOCATION

Katherine and Ryan Cahalane

8920 Fairmount Rd.
Novelty, OH

Violations: Failure to abate public health nuisance and replace failing septic system. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29-06 (E)(1) & (3)

OAC 3701-29-06(E)(1)

A Sewage Treatment System shall be maintained in good working condition.

OAC 3701-29-06(E)(3)

No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall create a public health nuisance, as defined in section [3718.011](#) of the Revised Code, or safety hazard. No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall cause an exceedance of water quality standards for surface water or drinking water.

Investigation

Summary: *September 14, 2020 – GPH received a Point-of-Sale Request for the property at 8920 Fairmount Rd., Novelty, OH.*

November 19-24, 2020 – Zach Myers conducted the Point-of-Sale (POS) evaluation and determined that the Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) was failing and causing a nuisance condition. Samples taken of the discharging HSTS exceeded nuisance standards.

December 2, 2020 – Zach Myers mailed Notice of Violation (NOV) letter to property owners Katherine and Ryan Cahalane. NOV gave 60-day notice to begin the process to abate nuisance and install new Home Sewage Treatment System.

August 1, 2023 – Dan Lark sent homeowner another letter both regular & Certified to appear for an office hearing on August 29th or staff will ask Board of Health to refer matter to Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action. No one showed for office hearing.

September 8, 2023 – Dan Lark sent homeowner another letter notifying property owner the case is being referred to Board of Health asking to refer matter to Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action.

Action

Requested: Referral of property owners Katherine and Ryan Cahalane to the Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action.

7.05

Request For Legal Action Against Erma and Owen Miller Jr.

Lynn Roman moved and Carolyn Brakey seconded a motion to refer Erma and Owen Miller Jr. to the Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

AGAINST

LOCATION

Erma and Owen Miller Jr.

17670 Reeves Rd.
Middlefield, OH

Violations: Failure to abate public health nuisance and replace failing septic system. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29-06 (E)(1) & (3)

OAC 3701-29-06(E)(1)

A Sewage Treatment System shall be maintained in good working condition.

OAC 3701-29-06(E)(3)

No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall create a public health nuisance, as defined in section [3718.011](#) of the Revised Code, or safety hazard. No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall cause an exceedance of water quality standards for surface water or drinking water.

Investigation

Summary: *March 18, 2021* – GPH received a Point of Sale Request for the property at 17670 Reeves Rd., Middlefield.

April 9-12, 2021 – Zach Myers conducted the Point of Sale evaluation and determined that the Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) was failing and causing a nuisance condition. Dye was observed surfacing in yard.

April 14, 2021 – Zach Myers mailed Notice of Violation (NOV) letter to property owner Erma and Owen Miller Jr. NOV gave notice to begin the process to abate nuisance and install new Home Sewage Treatment System.

August 1, 2023 – Dan Lark sent homeowner another letter both regular & Certified to appear for an office hearing on August 29th or staff will ask board of Health to refer matter to Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action. No one showed for office hearing.

September 8, 2023 – Dan Lark sent homeowner another letter notifying property owner the case is being referred to Board of Health asking to refer matter to Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action.

Action

Requested: Referral of property owners Erma and Owen Miller Jr. to the Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action.

7.06

Request For Legal Action Against Eli Miller Jr.

Lynn Roman moved and Carolyn Brakey seconded a motion to refer Eli Miller Jr. to the Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Ms. Brakey, yes; Ms. Jones, abstain; Ms. Roman, yes; and Dr. Hendrickson, yes.

AGAINST

LOCATION

Eli Miller Jr.

14219 Nash Rd.
Burton, OH

Violations: Failure to abate public health nuisance and replace failing septic system. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29-06 (E)(1)&(3)

OAC 3701-29-06(E)(1)

A Sewage Treatment System shall be maintained in good working condition.

OAC 3701-29-06(E)(3)

No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall create a public health nuisance, as defined in section [3718.011](#) of the Revised Code, or safety hazard. No STS or GWRS or part thereof shall cause an exceedance of water quality standards for surface water or drinking water.

Investigation

Summary: *April 7, 2022* – GPH received a complaint regarding sewage odors and sewage surfacing at 14219 Nash Rd., Burton, and running onto neighbor’s adjacent property.

June 27, 2022 – Mark Citriglia investigated complaint and determined that the Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) was failing and causing a nuisance condition.

July 21, 2022 – Mark Citriglia mailed Notice of Violation (NOV) letter to property owner Eli Miller Jr. NOV gave homeowner 30 days to begin the process to abate nuisance and install new Home Sewage Treatment System.

August 25, 2022 – Mark Citriglia mailed 2nd Notice of Violation (NOV) letter both regular and certified letter to property owner Eli Miller Jr. after speaking with property owner and said owner stating he would hire a HSTS contractor to replace system. NOV gave homeowner until October 31, 2022, to abate nuisance and install new Home Sewage Treatment System.

July 2023 – David Tennant, the complainant, stated sewage system at neighbor’s (Eli Miller Jr.) is still failing and draining on his property.

August 1, 2023 – Dan Lark sent homeowner another letter both regular & Certified to appear for an office hearing on August 29th or staff will ask Board of Health to refer matter to Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action. No one showed for office hearing. Sewage still discharging to neighbor’s property.

Action

Requested: Referral of property owner Eli Miller Jr. to the Geauga County Prosecutor for legal action.

7.07

Memorandums of Understandings Regarding Ohio EPA NPDES Phase 2 Program

Dan Lark stated the Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs) are for Phase 2 of the stormwater plans and how stormwater issues are resolved. GPH provides a yearly report of complaints made for failing septic systems or any sampling conducted of septic systems. The MOUs are for Russell Township, Chester Township, and Bainbridge Township.

8.0

Citizens' Remarks

Adam Litke outlined the process and policies for providing public comment. Those who would like to comment but not attend the meeting are invited to email info@geaugacountyhealth.org and their comments will be forwarded to the Board.

There were no citizens' remarks.

9.0

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

10.0

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary

President