

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Geauga County Health District Office
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. J. David Benenati, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Mr. Richard Lang, Dr. Donald Bowers, Ms. Melanie Eppich, and Timothy Goergen.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Kathy Durchik, Disease Surveillance Specialist; Michael Tusick, R.S.; Dr. Brad Moritz, Medical Director; and Alta Kress, Secretary Supervisor.

Others present: There one other person present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Welcome Timothy Goergen

The Board of Health members welcomed Mr. Goergen to the Board. Mr. Goergen is a resident of Hambden Township and has had some experience dealing with the Ohio EPA.

IV. Election of President and Pro-Tempore

Mr. Lang moved to nominate Mr. Benenati as President. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved to nominate Mr. Lang as President Pro-Tempore. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

V. Sub-Committee Appointments

Mr. Lang moved to maintain the practice that all Board of Health members are part of all sub-committees. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

VI. Approval of Minutes and Notes for the Record

Mr. Lang moved to acknowledge the notes for the record for the February 14, 2008 Budget Workshop. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call

vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, abstain; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, abstain.

Mr. Lang moved that the minutes from the February 19, 2008 regular meeting be approved. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, abstain.

Dr. Bowers moved that the minutes from the March 17, 2008 regular meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, abstain; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, abstain.

VII. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Mr. Lang moved to approve the Current Expenses March 14, 2008 to April 9, 2008. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

VIII. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack stated that there was a small increase in the issuance of septic permits in March.

Mr. Weisdack stated the staff have been instructed to schedule their appointments in a manner that would help to save on gas.

IX. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Durchik reported that it is anticipated that we will receive \$109,544.00 for our PHI grant for next year. This is a 20% decrease.

The CFHS funding for next year will remain at \$82,889.00

A. WIC

March was National Nutrition Month. The dietitians did many different outreach activities and gave out smart eating handouts at various places.

The funding request for the next WIC grant cycle has been submitted. It included a substantial increase in requested funding to cover increases in medical coverage costs, postage and mileage reimbursements.

The infant car seat program is still very popular with the WIC parents. We currently have 2 staff already certified in car seat installation and will be getting 2 more staff members certified in the future.

B. Health Education

Peggy Herman held an Action for Healthy Kids Education Day. It was attended by teachers, school nurses and administrative staff from the schools. Attendance was excellent &

very well received. The focus of the event was improving the health status of school-aged children through better nutrition and increased activity.

No fines have been levied yet in Geauga County and we have had no repeat offenders for smoking compliance. There have been 55 complaints since last May.

X. Administrative Hearings

- A. Sara Penska, 12889 Caves Rd., Chester Twp.; James Koster, 14711 Sleepy Hollow Dr., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Stan Wagner, 11778 Driftwood Dr., Newbury Twp.; Mr & Mrs. Aden Miller, 17841 Madison Rd., Parkman Twp.; Helen Kolada, 7655 Sherman Rd., Chester Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Nicely, 15421 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson Twp.; Nathan Walden & Ann Novak, 18179 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Waight, 14695 Caves Rd., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Baron, 18665 White Oak Dr., Auburn Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Alan Ward, 19032 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; Richard Roby, 15780 Shedd Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Jacob, Ervin & Miriam Miller, 16180 Jug St., Burton Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ignasiak, 70 Paw Paw Lake Dr., S. Russell Village; Tamatha Behrens, 8510 Auburn Rd., Chardon Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dinardo, 13370 Green Dr., Chester Twp.; Amanda Dietrich & Dustin Hall, 16535 Hosmer Rd., Parkman Twp.; Michael Walsh, 10606 Old State Rd., Hambden Twp.

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

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned by: Sara Penska, 12889 Caves Rd., Chester Twp.; James Koster, 14711 Sleepy Hollow Dr., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Stan Wagner, 11778 Driftwood Dr., Newbury Twp.; Mr & Mrs. Aden Miller, 17841 Madison Rd., Parkman Twp.; Helen Kolada, 7655 Sherman Rd., Chester Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Nicely, 15421 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson Twp.; Nathan Walden & Ann Novak, 18179 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Waight, 14695 Caves Rd., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Baron, 18665 White Oak Dr., Auburn Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Alan Ward, 19032 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; Richard Roby, 15780 Shedd Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Jacob, Ervin & Miriam Miller, 16180 Jug St., Burton Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ignasiak, 70 Paw Paw Lake Dr., S. Russell Village; Tamatha Behrens, 8510 Auburn Rd., Chardon Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dinardo, 13370 Green Dr., Chester Twp.; Amanda Dietrich & Dustin Hall, 16535 Hosmer Rd., Parkman Twp.; Michael Walsh, 10606 Old State Rd., Hambden Twp. These cases are in regards to section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations that 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. Lang moved that a code violation exists at the properties owned by: Sara Penska, 12889 Caves Rd., Chester Twp.; James Koster, 14711 Sleepy Hollow Dr., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Stan Wagner, 11778 Driftwood Dr., Newbury Twp.; Mr & Mrs. Aden Miller, 17841 Madison Rd., Parkman Twp.; Helen Kolada, 7655 Sherman Rd., Chester Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Nicely, 15421 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson Twp.; Nathan Walden & Ann Novak, 18179 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Edward Waight, 14695 Caves Rd., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Baron, 18665 White Oak Dr., Auburn Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Alan Ward, 19032 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp.; Richard Roby, 15780 Shedd Rd., Middlefield

Twp.; Jacob, Ervin & Miriam Miller, 16180 Jug St., Burton Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Mark Ignasiak, 70 Paw Paw Lake Dr., S. Russell Village; Tamatha Behrens, 8510 Auburn Rd., Chardon Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dinardo, 13370 Green Dr., Chester Twp.; Amanda Dietrich & Dustin Hall, 16535 Hosmer Rd., Parkman Twp.; Michael Walsh, 10606 Old State Rd., Hambden Twp. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that the owners be required to make application, pay for, schedule, and schedule a For Sale of Property Evaluation and/or 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. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

B. Mr. & Mrs. Martin Budd

Mr. & Mrs. Budd were not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Budd located at 10263 Auburn Rd., Chardon Twp. This case is in regards to section 3701-29-02 (D, F, and G) (3) (a & b) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations.

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

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

3701-29-02(G) (3) (a & b) 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 EPA. In the event there are no applicable standards established by the Director of OEPA, the following standards shall apply: (a) Biochemical oxygen demand shall not exceed twenty milligrams per liter; (b) shall not exceed shall not exceed forty milligrams per liter."

Discussion followed. The samples taken at the home averaged 114 mg/l for BOD and 46mg/l for suspended solids.

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Martin Budd located at 10263 Auburn Rd., Chardon Twp. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Lang moved that the owner be required to renew the sewage permit 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. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

C. Mr. & Mrs. Todd Moon

Todd Moon was present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Todd Moon located at 7640 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp. This case is in regards to section 3701-29-02 (D, F, and G) (3) (a & b) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations.

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

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

Mr. Moon indicated that he was having trouble coming up with the funding to replace the system. He stated he had gotten some estimates for the work, but was still getting the money together. He stated he understood that the system needs to be replaced.

Mr. Lang moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Todd Moon located at 7640 Mulberry Rd., Chester Twp. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved that the owners be required to complete the paperwork and obtain a sewage permit and install a new sewage disposal system within 60 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's Office for legal action. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

XI. Old Business

A. Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System Proposed Fee Increase (3rd & final reading)

Mr. Lang moved 4.08-1 to approve the third and final reading of the proposed increase of Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System fees as presented. These fees will become effective June 1, 2008. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

B. For Sale of Property Proposed Fee Increase (3rd and final reading)

Dr. Bowers moved 4.08-2 to approve the third and final reading of the proposed increase of For Sale of Property Evaluation fees as presented. These fees will become effective June 1, 2008. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call

vote. **Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.**

C. Certified Birth/Death Certificate Fee Increase (3rd and final reading)

Mr. Lang moved 4.08-3 to approve the third and final reading of the proposed increase of certified birth & death certificates to \$18.00 each. These fees will become effective June 1, 2008. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

D. Plumbing Proposed Fee Increase (2nd reading)

Ms. Eppich moved 4.08-4 to approve the second reading of the proposed plumbing fee increases as presented. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

E. Resolution 2-2008 for Levy

Mr. Lang moved 4.08-5 to adopt Resolution 2-2008 regarding the need for a levy. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

F. Levy Committee

Mr. Weisdack stated that he would like to have a levy workshop with the Board to discuss the goals and to identify potential prospects for a levy committee. He asked the Board to report to Mrs. Kress with the dates they are available in the next two weeks.

G. Budget & Health District Programs Review

Mr. Weisdack gave information to the Board on the programs and services of the Health District and whether there is a fee involved. He reminded the Board that he is looking at staff reductions in July with possibly more reductions in September. He asked the Board to review the programs and submit any comments to him.

XII. Executive Session

Mr. Lang moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. for the consideration of the employment of public employees. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes. Meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

XIII. New Business

Mr. Lang moved 4.08-7 to approve the reimbursements from the grants to the BOH for the first quarter 2008 as follows: WIC \$63,407.86; CFHS \$15,704.33; PHI \$52,075.56; and IAP \$9,474.03. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 4.08-8 to approve the CFHS GY2009 Budget as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 5.08-9 to certify and appropriate CFHS GY2009 funds in the amount of \$82,889.00. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Lang moved to approve the CFHS GY2008 Budget Revision as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved to approve the contract with UHMP Evans Middlefield Medical Center, which will provide physicians for the well child clinics for 2009. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Weisdack reported that he had a request from the Chester Police Department to inspect a local massage parlor for sanitary conditions. The Health District does not have regulations regarding these establishments.

The Board expressed concerns over legal liability. They asked Mr. Weisdack to contact the Chester Police to find out how many of these establishments there are and to the frequency of the inspections.

XIV. Other Business

There was no other business

XV. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, May 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

XVI. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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