

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2007, 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 7:02 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Mrs. Nan Burr and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Dr. Donald Bowers arrived at 7:12 p.m. during the Environmental Health update. Mr. Richard Lang was not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Peggy Scherer, Personal Health Services Director; Michael Tusick, R.S.; and Alta Kress, Secretary Supervisor.

Others present: There were no others present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Eppich moved that the minutes from the November 15, 2007 regular meeting be approved. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved that the minutes from the December 4, 2007 special meeting be approved. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Ms. Eppich moved to approve the Current Expenses November 9, 2007 to December 11, 2007. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack reported that number of permits issued has declined. Inspections of State mandated programs are being done.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

The nurses have administered approximately 1950 doses flu vaccine. Flu vaccine will still be offered at the regular Friday clinics.

The student nurse rotation from Kent State recently ended. Overall, it went well. Mrs. Scherer and Linda Knell spoke with the Dean of Kent State. Mrs. Scherer stated that they would be changing the Fall program.

The contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and sub-grantees for the Cities Readiness Initiative has changed. The changes will make the sub-grantees more accountable with regular reporting.

Recently, there was a recall of the HIB vaccine. The vaccine in question is not the kind we use. So far, there have been no reported reactions to the recalled vaccine that had been administered.

A. WIC

WIC will be entering into a contract with University of Akron. This contract will allow student dietitians to attend WIC clinics.

The current caseload is currently over 800. Mrs. Scherer stated that additional funding would be pursued in 2008.

B. Health Education

Mrs. Scherer reported that so far there have been 35 complaints for the Smoke Free Ohio law. She stated that letters have been mailed out to the violators, but no fines have been needed.

VII. Administrative Hearings

A. Elaine Revis

Elaine Revis was not 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 property owned by Elaine Revis located at 11674 Lyman Rd., Chester Twp. This case is in regards to section 3701-29-02(G)(3) (a & b) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations that 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 (five-day)- The arithmetic mean of two or more effluent samples taken at intervals of not less than twenty-four hours shall not exceed twenty milligrams per liter.

(b) Suspended solids- The arithmetic mean of two or more effluent samples taken at intervals of not less than twenty-four hours shall not exceed forty milligrams per liter."

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Elaine Revis at 11674 Lyman Rd., Chester Township. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion

carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved that the owner be required to complete the necessary paperwork for a lot evaluation and obtain all permits within 60 days of receipt of Board order. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. Marvin Miller; Kathleen Cuthbertson; Thomas Udovic; James & Paulette Batt; David Young; Celene Remely; James Baker; Peggy Henderson; Timothy Sidders; Andrew Mullet; Joshua Urban; Emma Miller; Mark Heidenreich; Richard Sacchi; William Poore; Darrell Nuzum; and Vincenzo Turcoliveri

None of the individuals listed above were present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the following properties:

Marvin Miller, 17750 Burton Windsor Rd., Huntsburg; Kathleen Cuthbertson, 11180 Caves Rd., Chester; Thomas Udovic, 10176 Chardon Rd., Chardon; James & Paulette Batt, 12259 Caves Rd., Chester; David Young, 18021 Cinnamon Tr., Auburn; Celene Remely, 7141 Dewey Rd, Thompson; James Baker, 14630 Erwin Dr., Burton; Peggy Henderson, 13340 Foxmoor Tr., Chester; Timothy Sidders, 10972 Helmut Dr., Chardon; Andrew Mullet, 16246 Jug St., Burton; Joshua Urban, 10692 Kile Rd., Hambden; Emma Miller, 16815 Kinsman Rd., Middlefield; Mark Heidenreich, 8443 Kirkwood Dr., Chester; Richard Sacchi, 16350 Messenger Rd., Auburn; William Poore, 8440 Murphy Rd., Montville; Darrell Nuzum, 15581 Trask Rd., Thompson; Vincenzo Turcoliveri, 14368 Sperry Rd., Newbury.

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.

Mrs. Burr moved that a code violation exists at the following properties: Marvin Miller, 17750 Burton Windsor Rd., Huntsburg; Kathleen Cuthbertson, 11180 Caves Rd., Chester; Thomas Udovic, 10176 Chardon Rd., Chardon; James & Paulette Batt, 12259 Caves Rd., Chester; David Young, 18021 Cinnamon Tr., Auburn; Celene Remely, 7141 Dewey Rd, Thompson; James Baker, 14630 Erwin Dr., Burton; Peggy Henderson, 13340 Foxmoor Tr., Chester; Timothy Sidders, 10972 Helmut Dr., Chardon; Andrew Mullet, 16246 Jug St., Burton; Joshua Urban, 10692 Kile Rd., Hambden; Emma Miller, 16815 Kinsman Rd., Middlefield; Mark Heidenreich, 8443 Kirkwood Dr., Chester; Richard Sacchi, 16350 Messenger Rd., Auburn; William Poore, 8440 Murphy Rd., Montville; Darrell Nuzum, 15581 Trask Rd., Thompson; Vincenzo Turcoliveri, 14368 Sperry Rd., Newbury. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved that the owners be required to contact the Geauga County Health District and pay for and schedule a For Sale of Property evaluation within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Due to the weather conditions and type of sewage systems, all

evaluations must be completed by May 15, 2008. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's Office for legal action. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

VIII. Old Business

A. CD Copy Proposed Fee (3rd and Final Reading)

Mrs. Burr moved 12.17.07-1 to approve the 3rd and final reading of the proposed fee for a CD copy of records at \$1.00 each effective January 1, 2008. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. County Camp Proposed Fee (3rd and Final Reading)

Ms. Eppich moved 12.17.07-2 to approve the 3rd and final reading of the proposed fee increase for County Camps from \$95.00 to \$135.00 each effective December 31, 2007. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

C. Manufactured Home Park Proposed Fee (3rd and Final Reading)

Mrs. Burr moved 12.17.07-3 to approve the 3rd and final reading of the proposed fee increase for Manufactured Home Parks from \$97.00 + \$1.00 for each site over 50 to \$200.00 + \$1.50 for each site over 50 effective December 31, 2007. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

D. HSTS Proposed Rule Changes (2nd Reading)

Mrs. Burr moved 12.17.07-4 to approve the second reading of the additions to the Geauga County Health District Sewage Treatment System Regulations as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

D. DHD Update

Mrs. Kress reported that the DHD program has been sent to the developers. The Program manager has indicated that it should be ready for testing within the next week or two.

IX. Executive Session

Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss the Health Commissioner's 2007 evaluation and pending litigation. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

X. New Business

Mrs. Burr moved 12.17.07-5 to approve the contract between the University of Akron and WIC to allow students to attend WIC clinics, pending prosecutor's approval. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.17.07-6 to approve the contract with Cuyahoga County BOH for Geauga County's participation in the Cities' Readiness Initiative for the 2008 grant year, pending prosecutor's approval. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 12.17.07-7 to certify and appropriate CRI funds in the amount of \$25,384.00. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

XI. Other Business

A. What is Public Health?

Mr. Weisdack passed out a copy of handout outlining the services of Geauga County for the Board's review. He suggested that a Strategic Planning Committee meeting be held in the near future to discuss the levy and other financial issues.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 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

a