

Geauga County General Health District  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2006, 7:00 p.m.  
Geauga County Health District Office  
470 Center Street, Bldg. 8, Chardon, OH 44024

I. Call to Order

Mr. Richard Lang, President, called the monthly meeting of the Geauga County Board of Health to order at 7:01 p.m., and stated the meeting was being held to conduct the regular business of the Board.

Board members present: Mr. Richard Lang, Mr. J. David Benenati, and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Mrs. Nan Burr arrived at 7:05 pm after approval of Current Expenses. Dr. Donald Bowers arrived at 7:30 pm during Variance B.

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

Others present: Thirteen others were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

**Mr. Benenati moved that the minutes from the January 17, 2006 meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mr. Benenati moved to acknowledge the Notes for the Record from the February 16, 2006 Budget meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

IV. Financial Report/Current Expenses

The Board members reviewed the January financial report for all funds. **Mr. Benenati moved to approve the Current Expenses January 9, 2006 to February 14, 2006. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

V. Variances

A. Tim Henderson/Gordon Vogt

Tim Henderson and Gordon Vogt were present and sworn in Mr. Lang. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Lang and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Tim Henderson in behalf of Gordon Vogt for the existing property located at 9612 Madison Rd., Montville Twp. The

request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

**Mrs. Burr moved to approve the variance with the change to the use of a UV light with alarm in place of the chlorinator/retention tank/dechlorinator. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

B. Auburn Bainbridge Exc./Peter Brent

Lewis Tomsic Sr. was present and sworn in Mr. Lang. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Lang.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Auburn Bainbridge Exc. in behalf of Peter Brent for the existing property located at 14587 Chestnut Dr., Newbury Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

**Mrs. Burr moved to approve the variance with the change to the use of a UV light with alarm in place of the chlorinator/retention tank/dechlorinator. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, abstain; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

C. Fincham Soil Service/Paul Barcikowski

Jim Fincham was present and sworn in Mr. Lang. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Lang.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Fincham Soil Service in behalf of Paul Barcikowski for the existing property located at 18745 Mumford Rd., Troy Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

**Mrs. Burr moved to approve the variance with the change to the use of a UV light with alarm in place of the chlorinator/retention tank/dechlorinator. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

D. Fincham Soil Service/Daniel Yatsko

Jim Fincham and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again by Mr. Lang. Daniel Yatsko was sworn in.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Fincham Soil Service in behalf of Daniel Yatsko for the vacant property located at 12140 Old State Rd., Claridon Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

**Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance with the change to the use of a UV light with alarm in place of the chlorinator/retention tank/dechlorinator. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

E. John Trebets

John Trebets, Pam Trebets and Kathy Bender of Lessman, Bender & Associates were present and sworn in Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in and stated his experience Mr. Tusick was sworn in again..

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by John Trebets for the vacant property located at 17707 Stocking Rd., Thompson Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-20(D) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which pertains to experimental sewage systems. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

**Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance as requested with the addition that an operation and maintenance agreement must be provided for the system as designed by Lessman, Bender & Associates before the issuance of a permit. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, no; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

The Board adjourned for a short recess at 9:25 pm. They reconvened at 9:30 pm.

VI. Administrative Hearings

A. Karen Russell

Karen Russell was present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Lang.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by Karen Russell located at 13977 Watt Rd., Russell Township. This case involves the following sections of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations:

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

Section 3701-29-02(F) states: " No person shall discharge, or permit to be discharged, treated or untreated sewage or offensive wastes onto the surface of the ground, into any street, road, alley, open excavation, or underground drain."

Section 3701-29-17(A) states: "The Health Commissioner may at any reasonable time during the course of construction or any time thereafter inspect any household sewage disposal system or part thereof, sample the effluent or take any other steps which he deems necessary to insure proper compliance with regulations 3701-29-01 to 3701-29-21 of the Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations of the Geauga County Health District. The Health Commissioner may utilize inspection reports or other data submitted or obtained from reliable sources to determine compliance."

This in regards to a nuisance complaint. Ms. Russell indicated that she is aware that the system is not functioning correctly. She stated that should would like some extra time to get the money together to pay for the new installation. Discussion followed.

**Mrs. Burr moved that a code violation exists on the property owned by Karen Russell located at 13977 Watt Rd., Russell Twp. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mr. Benenati moved that the owner be required to obtain the necessary permits and install a new sewage disposal system within 210 days of receipt of Board order. In addition, the case will be referred to the Prosecutor's office if the owner does not respond. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

VII. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Sewage Rules Update

Mr. Weisdack informed the Board that on March 9, 2006, the Public Health Council will hear testimony regarding the new proposed sewage rules. He invited the Board to attend. He stated he intends to provide testimony.

B. Pool Survey

Mr. Weisdack reported that he had received the results of the recent audit of the Pool, Mobile Home Park and State Camp programs. The State has indicated that the Health District is on the approved list with some minor adjustments.

VIII. Personal Health Services Update

Flu is reported as regional in Ohio. Tests indicate that it was the California and Shanghai strain which was covered by this years vaccine. A total of 3100 flu shots were given this season.

Mrs. Scherer reported that they are still having problems with the new State internet based IMPACT immunization program. It seems to be from the data conversion from the old DOS based program.

A. WIC

The caseload for WIC has decreased in the past few months, but is now back on the rise.

B. Health Education Programs

Peggy Herman recently provided nutrition education to the West Geauga Track Team.

IX. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

X. Executive Session

**Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and the Health Commissioner's evaluation. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 11:10 p.m.**

XI. New Business

The Board reviewed changes that had been requested from the Budget Workshop meeting on February 22, 2006. Mr. Weisdack will be taking the proposed budget to a meeting with the Auditor soon.

**Mrs. Burr moved 2.06-1 to approve the payment to CHC Software in the amount of \$1,485.00 for a 1 year maintenance agreement for the HDIS program. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Mr. Benenati was out of the room and did not vote.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 2.06-2 to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the proposed Private Water fees as follows: New/Single/Sample, \$275.00; New/Non-Single/Sample, \$285; Alteration/Single/Sample, \$150.00 and Alteration/Non-Single/Sample, \$165.000. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, abstain; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mr. Benenati moved 2.06-3 to appropriate additional funds for Medicare payment as follows: BOH, \$9,497.06; Trailer Parks, \$30.81; Food Service, \$1,117.12; Solid Waste, \$296.24; Private Water, \$620.68; and Swimming Pools, \$90.75; and for Worker's Comp payment as follows: Food Service, \$18.13; Solid Waste, \$211.55; Private Water, \$72.66; and Swimming Pools, \$12.25. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Dr. Bowers moved 2.06-4 to advertise and hire a full-time clerk to work in WIC 32 hours per week and 8 hours per week in Board of Health and to fill any vacancy created by filling this new position. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Ms. Eppich moved 2.06-5 to approve the purchase of flu vaccine in an amount not to exceed \$11,198.00. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 2.06-6 to approve the CFHS Sliding Fee Scale as presented. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 2.06-7 to certify and appropriate Immunization Action Program grant funds in the amount of \$25,000.00. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion**

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

**Mr. Benenati moved 2.06-8 to approve the Immunization Action Program (IAP) grant budget as presented. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

**Mr. Benenati moved 2.06-7 to approve the advertising and hiring of a Registered Sanitarian or Sanitarian-in-Training. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

XII. Other Business

Mr. Weisdack reported that Kathy Durchik was Employee of the Year for 2005.

Information regarding Pandemic Flu was distributed to the Board. Ohio is slated to received approximately \$3.2 mil. No word yet as to how the money will be distributed throughout Ohio.

XIII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon, Ohio.

XIV. Adjournment

**As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Weisdack, RS, MA, MPH  
Secretary of the Board