

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
July 17, 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 7:05 p.m., and stated the meeting was being held to conduct the regular business of the Board.

Board members present: Mr. Richard Lang, Dr. Donald Bowers, and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Mrs. Nan Burr and Mr. J. David Benenati were not present.

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

Others present: Fourteen others were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bowers moved that the minutes from the June 19, 2006 meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IV. Financial Report/Current Expenses

The Board members reviewed the June financial report for all funds. **Ms. Eppich moved to approve the Current Expenses June 10, 2006 to July 11, 2006. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

V. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Sewage Rules Update/Discussion

Mr. Weisdack stated that he recommends that the Board follow the new State sewage code exactly and that there be no variances.

He indicated that he has been receiving comments from several Amish residents. They are very upset about the new regulations. The Amish community will be having meetings to discuss them.

It is expected that the Ohio EPA will implement the new NPDES permit at the same time the new regulations become effective.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer reported that she recently participated in the State inspection of the Maternity unit at Geauga Hospital. They were cited for a few minor violations, but all in all they did very well.

The public health nurses attended a meeting with the Help Me Grow service coordinators to discuss the new collaboration between both agencies to see children with special health care needs. There wouldn't be many changes in the way we do things. The meeting was to discuss formal guidelines that the State has set down.

The county tabletop drill will be held July 26, 2006 at Geauga Hospital. There have already been approximately 40 people that have signed up. There will be fire and police in attendance as well.

Mrs. Scherer indicated that she would be going to Thompson Fire Department along with Ken Folsom of DES to give a pandemic flu presentation. Mr. Folsom will be talking about how the EMS would be involved and Mrs. Scherer will be presenting general flu pandemic planning in the county.

Mrs. Scherer recently attended the South Russell Village Council meeting to discuss the use of volunteers in emergency planning. South Russell Village is considering starting a volunteer program such as the one Russell Township has. Bainbridge Township is interested as well.

A. WIC

Wal-Mart is now an approved WIC vendor.

The WIC staff is continuing outreach. Their client numbers are low. Peggy Herman is checking to see if this is throughout the State.

B. Health Education

The theme for this year's fair booth is Pandemic Flu. The topic will also be focused on being prepared for any type of emergency such as long power outages, floods, etc.

Mr. Weisdack stated that the Newbury Township Trustees requested the Health District do some chemical water testing. Two of the sanitarians set up the Hapsite unit in the community center and took samples today. They are scheduled to go back another day to do more testing.

VII. Variances

A. Auburn Bainbridge Exc./John Crawford

Lewis Tomsic, Jr. was present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in and stated their experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Auburn Bainbridge Exc. in behalf of John Crawford for the existing property located at 7029 Kinsman Rd., Russell Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(C) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal

System Regulations which pertains to more than one home on a lot. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance as requested. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. Thomas Steigerwald/Scott Carlson

Neither Thomas Steigerwald nor Scott Carlson was present. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Thomas Steigerwald in behalf of Scott Carlson for the existing property located at 7679 Maplegrove Dr., Chester 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.

Mr. Steigerwald and Mr. Carlson were proposing a discharge point to a place other than the road ditch. The Board had questions regarding the proposal that could not be answered due to the requestor and owner not being present.

Dr. Bowers moved to table the variance until the August 2006 Board of Health meeting. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

C. Fincham Soil Service/David Calabrese

David Calabrese was present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Fincham Soil Service in behalf of David Calabrese for the existing property located at 12141 New Market St., Chester 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 of the discharge point toward the front of the property. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

D. Tim Frank Septic/William and Sharon Schaefer

Carol Frank, William and Sharon Schaefer were present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Tim Frank Septic in behalf of William and Sharon Schaefer for the existing property located at 18755 Auburn Glen Dr., Auburn 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 as requested. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

E. Tim and Lori Skala

Tim Skala, Joe Gutoskey and James Dye were present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Tusick were sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Tim and Lori Skala for the vacant property located at 18765 Highpoint Rd., Bainbridge 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.

Mr. and Mrs. Skala were proposing to install a drip system. Mr. Tusick indicated that approval from Jean Caudill from ODH has been given for the system. He also indicated that the installer would have to have training through Wastewater Solutions and receive a certificate that the training was completed.

Ms. Eppich moved to approve the variance as requested. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

VIII. Administrative Hearings

A. Terry and Cynthia Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Lang.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is a code violation to the property owned by Terry and Cynthia Scott located at 14095 Madison Rd., Middlefield Twp. The case involves section 3701-29-08(E) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which states: "Any off-lot disposal system must be inspected and evaluated annually by the Health District or a qualified aeration system evaluator."

The homeowners requested and were granted an Environmental Health variance for an off-lot sewage disposal system. This system has not been inspected for 2005.

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists on the property owned by Terry and Cynthia Scott located at 14095 Madison Rd., Middlefield Twp. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that the owner be required to have an inspection/evaluation within 15 days of receipt of Board order. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. Karen Droz

Karen Droz was not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Lang.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is a code violation to the property owned by Karen Droz located at 1104 Royal Oak Dr., South Russell Village. The case involves section 3701-29-08(E) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which states: "Any off-lot disposal system must be inspected and evaluated annually by the Health District or a qualified aeration system evaluator."

The homeowners requested and were granted an Environmental Health variance for an off-lot sewage disposal system. This system has not been inspected for 2005.

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists on the property owned by Karen Droz located at 1104 Royal Oak Dr., South Russell Village. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that the owner be required to have an inspection/evaluation within 15 days of receipt of Board order. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IX. Old Business

A. Garrison Enterprises Timeline

Dan Mix provided the Board a timeline and an example of sample data for one of the EH programs. The timeline indicates when certain items would be due and whether action is needed from Garrison Enterprises or the Health District.

B. Vital Stats office update

Mr. Weisdack reported that it seems that the Health District will not be losing the Vital Statistic office. The State is allowing \$3 million towards the updating of the local bureaus. The Geauga County Vital Statistics office will receive approximately \$20,000.00 every year for 3 years to secure the office. Certain criteria must be met each year to receive the following year's funding.

X. Executive Session

Dr. Bowers moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. to discuss the Health Commissioner's evaluation and pending litigation. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 9:42 p.m. Mr. Lang stated the Mr. Weisdack's evaluations had been reviewed during Executive Session. He presented them to Mr. Weisdack and stated there were some items that would need action.

XI. New Business

The State Standards were not discussed.

Ms. Eppich moved 7.06-1 to approve the transfer of funds as follows: \$599.43 from Worker's Comp and \$11,400.57 from Other Expense to \$7,000.00 to Health Insurance and \$5,000.00 to Travel. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 7.06-2 to approve the contract with University Hospital and Case Western Reserve University to allow interns and residents to attend clients at GCHD Orthopedic clinics, pending prosecutor approval. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved 7.06-3 to approve the PHI GY 2006 Budget Revision, pending ODH approval. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved 7.06-4 to approve the WIC GY2007 initial budget, pending ODH approval. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 7.06-5 to certify and appropriate WIC funds in the amount of \$138,725.00 for the 2007 grant year. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 7.06-6 to approve the CFHS GY2007 budget revision as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 7.06-7 to certify and appropriate PHI 2006 funds in the amount of \$10,000.00. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 7.06-8 to certify and appropriate PHI 2007 funds in the amount of \$135,123.00. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon, Ohio.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Dr. Bowers moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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