

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 17, 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 7:15 p.m.

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

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 seven others present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Bowers moved to table the acknowledgment of the Notes for the Record from the February 14, 2008 meeting. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved to table the approval of the minutes from the February 19, 2008 regular meeting. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Ms. Eppich moved to approve the Current Expenses February 11, 2008 to March 13, 2008. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack reported that the number of sewage permits is still low. The sanitarians have been keeping busy following up on systems that were installed but had never been finalized.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer reported that flu in Ohio is listed as widespread. The vaccine for the 2008-2009 season will carry three antigens. This may cause the vaccine to be late in distribution.

Mrs. Scherer stated that they are considering revamping the children's immunization clinics for 2009. This could mean changes in the days and location of the clinics. The Russell clinic is not used very much and a location in Newbury may be used instead.

A budget revision for the PHI grant is being requested. The reason for this is that the grant year is being shortened by 3 weeks so the State will be sending less funds.

A. WIC

The WIC caseload is now at 865 clients. This is the highest client level in 6 years. Mrs. Scherer stated that it is probably because of the economy.

Mrs. Scherer stated that she is requesting additional mid-year funding from the State for the WIC program.

B. Health Education

The Health District is co-sponsoring Healthy Kids-Healthy Partnership program with Lake County Health District, Ashtabula County Health District and the Eastern Ohio Area Health Education Center. This will be held April 15, 2008 at Quail Hollow. This program is for school nurses, teachers, coaches and dietitians.

The Health District is currently participating in Harvest for Hunger. Employees are collecting food and cash for the event.

March is National Nutrition month. WIC has been giving more information out to their clients and sending information with the nurses to the immunization clinics.

VII. Old Business

A. Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System Proposed Fee Increase (2nd reading)

Dr. Bowers moved 3.08-1 to approve the second reading of the proposed increase of Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System fees as presented. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. For Sale of Property Proposed Fee Increase (2nd reading)

Ms. Eppich moved 3.08-2 to approve the second reading of the proposed increase of For Sale of Property Evaluation fees as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

C. Certified Birth/Death Certificate Fee Increase (2nd reading)

Ms. Eppich moved 3.08-3 to approve the second reading of the proposed increase of certified birth & death certificates to \$18.00 each. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

D. Preliminary HDAC Meeting/2009 Budget

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the 2009 Budget with the Board. This is the same budget he presented at a preliminary budget meeting to a few HDAC members recently. He reminded the Board that the 2009 Budget included no raises for the staff and included staff reductions.

Ms. Eppich moved 3.08-4 to approve the 2009 Geauga County Health District budget as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

VIII. Executive Session

Dr. Bowers moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

IX. New Business

Dr. Bowers moved 3.08-5 to approve the 2008 Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste Management District Contract renewal. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 3.08-6 to approve the PHI Budget Revision as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mr. Weisdack distributed information about HB327 to the Board and asked that they review it and get back to him with any questions.

Dr. Bowers moved 3.08-7 to approve the first reading of the proposed plumbing fee increases as presented. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

X. Other Business

There was no other business.

XI. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Ms. Eppich moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Dr. Bowers 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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