

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
March 20, 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, Mr. J. David Benenati, Mrs. Nan Burr; and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Dr. Donald Bowers arrived at 7:20 pm during the sewage rules update.

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

Others present: Ten 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 February 22, 2006 meeting be approved. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IV. Financial Report/Current Expenses

The Board members reviewed the February financial report for all funds. **Mr. Benenati moved to approve the Current Expenses February 15, 2006 to March 13, 2006. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, yes; Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

V. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Sewage Rules Update

Mr. Lang reported that he and Mr. Weisdack recently provided testimony against the new sewage rules. He stated that there were approximately 100 people in attendance to give testimony. The Public Health Council did not make a decision regarding the rules. They will be having a special meeting later in the month to decide whether or not to adopt the rules or send them back to the committee.

Mr. Weisdack reported that he received an email from the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners earlier in the day showing some changes to the rules that were a result of some of the testimony provided.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

Flu is reported as widespread in Ohio. Tests indicate that it was the California and Shanghai strain which was covered by this years vaccine. Mrs. Scherer reported that they are still administering flu shots.

Mrs. Scherer stated that the Health District has been notified by the State that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) has sent down requirements that all employees must be trained in the NIMS system. There are different levels of training being required for supervisor, directors and health commissioners. The training must be complete by September 30, 2006.

The Health District is continuing to give the Menactra vaccine (Meningitis vaccine). The CDC is recommending giving the vaccine to 11-13 year olds and 15 and 16 year olds.

A. WIC

The WIC office has a new clerk. The dietitians will now be able to do more outreach in the community due to having clerical support.

B. Health Education Programs

No information was provided for the health education programs.

VII. Old Business

A. Private Water Fees (2nd Reading)

Mr. Benenati moved 3.06-1 to approve the 2nd 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, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. 2007 Proposed Budget

Dr. Bowers moved 3.06-2 to approve the 2007 proposed budget as presented. Mr. Benenati 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.

VIII. Variances

A. John & Barbara Guyot

Barbara Guyot was 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 John & Barbara Guyot for the existing property located at 407 Hazelwood Dr., S. Russell Village. The request involves section 3701-29-10(E) of the Private Water Well Rules which requires a 10' isolation distance to the foundation of a building. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

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

B. Tom Steigerwald/Gary Echt

Gary Echt 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 Tom Steigerwald in behalf of Gary Echt for the existing property located at 13444 Green 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. This case was in regards to a nuisance complaint.

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. 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.

C. Father & Son Septic/Ben Alvarez

Shawn Powers of Father & Son Septic and Ben Alvarez were present and sworn in by Mr. Lang. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Lang.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Father & Son Septic in behalf of Ben Alvarez for the existing property located at 8911 Wilson Mills Rd., 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.

Mrs. Burr moved to approve the as requested. 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. Father & Son Septic/Shawn Brown

Shawn Powers and Mr. Tusick were sworn in by Mr. Lang. Shawn Brown was also sworn in.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Father & Son Septic in behalf of Shawn Brown for the existing property located at 13047 Claridon Troy 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 as requested. 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. Patrick & Lisa Alexander

Jim Fincham and Patrick Alexander were present and sworn in Mr. Lang. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Patrick and Lisa Alexander for the vacant property located at 12490 Caves Rd., Chester Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-03(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) This lot was recorded prior to 1985. Discussion followed.

This lot had a Board of Health variance in 1998 for an on-lot system consisting of an NSF 40 Class 1 home aeration unit, surface sand filters, approved sewage effluent lift station, curtain drain and 1200' of leach trench in fill material. This previous system was designed by Roger Nall, Engineer.

Dr. Bowers moved to approve the variance as requested. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion failed with a roll call vote. Mr. Lang, no; Mr. Benenati, no; Dr. Bowers, no; Mrs. Burr, no; and Ms. Eppich, no.

The Finding of Fact was as follows: There was a previous Board of Health variance granted for an on-lot system for this property; The lot has consistent soil characterizations; The lot is large; and New technology is available for on-lot systems.

IX. Executive Session

Dr. Bowers moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:11 p.m. to discuss the Health Commissioner's evaluation. 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. Meeting reconvened at 9:44 p.m.

X. New Business

Mrs. Burr moved 3.06-3 to approve the payment to James Bauder in the amount of \$1,500.00. Mr. Benenati 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 3.06-4 to acknowledge the hiring of Margaret Miller effective March 20, 2006, as EH Secretary at a rate of \$9.00 per hour with a \$.25 per hour increase upon successful completion of 120 day probationary period. 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 3.06-5 to approve the increase of the Health Commissioner's Purchase Order approval limit from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 for vaccine purchases only. 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.

XI. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, April 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon, Ohio.

XII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Benenati seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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

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