

Geauga County General Health District  
Board of Health Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 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 7:00 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, Dr. Donald Bowers, Mrs. Nan Burr; and Ms. Melanie Eppich.

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

Others present: One other was 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 April 17, 2006 meeting be approved. 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.**

IV. Financial Report/Current Expenses

The Board members reviewed the April financial report for all funds. **Mrs. Burr moved to approve the Current Expenses April 14, 2006 to May 10, 2006. 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.**

V. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Sewage Rules Update/Discussion

Mr. Weisdack reported that the Public Health Council approved the sewage rules on March 4, 2006. The implementation date will be January 1, 2007.

Mr. Weisdack reviewed section 3701-29-13 with the Board. This section pertains to soil absorption provisions. The regulation says that there is to be at least 3' to a limiting layer with the exception of a perched seasonal water table. Then the requirement is 2' to the perched seasonal water table.

The Board can grant variances to this regulation, but a list of all these variances and the reason for granting them must be submitted to ODH annually.

The regulations also require sampling from the gradient drain (curtain drain) twice per year. Mr. Weisdack stated that the Board would need to decide if the Health District should have a list of service providers to do the sampling or if health district staff should do the collections.

The State is developing a technical committee for the regulations. Mr. Weisdack has asked what is to be done with the Amish communities, but nothing has been rectified as yet.

Mr. Weisdack asked the Board to review section 3701-29-13 carefully. A sewage workshop will need to be scheduled to go over the new rules.

#### VI. Personal Health Services Update

There was no Personal Health Services, WIC or Health Education update due to Mrs. Scherer attending the AOHC meeting in Columbus.

#### VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

#### VIII. Executive Session

**Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss the Health Commissioner's evaluation and pending litigation. 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. Meeting reconvened at 9:17 p.m. Mr. Lang stated that no action resulted from the Executive Session discussion at this time.**

#### IX. New Business

**Mrs. Burr moved 5.06-1 to approve the payment to Ace Imaging Solutions in the amount of \$1,499.00 for maintenance of the Doculex scanner and software for 12 months. 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 5.06-2 to approve the transfer in the amount of \$250 from 07-EE, Other Expense to 01-EE, Remit to State in the State Camp fund. 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 5.06-3 to approve the salary increase for the Health District staff effective payroll #14. 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.**

**Mrs. Burr moved 5.06-4 to approve the CFHS GY2006 budget revision 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 5.06-5 to approve the contract with the Ohio Dept. of Health to provide Specialty Clinics from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. 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.**

X. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon, Ohio.

XI. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 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

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