

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2005, 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, Pro-Tempore, 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. J. David Benenati, Mrs. Nan F. Burr, and Ms. Melanie Eppich. Dr. Bowers arrived at 7:30 p.m. at the end of the second variance. Mr. Richard Lang was not present.

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

Others present: Shawn Powers

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Burr moved that the minutes from the April 18, 2005 meeting be approved. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, 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 12, 2005 to May 9, 2005. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.**

V. Variances

A. Janeen Frank

Bruce Frank and Jim Fincham were present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in and stated his experience.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this was a variance request by Janeen Frank for the existing property located at 7430 Hunters Hollow Tr., Russell Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations with pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case)

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

B. Barry Shipman/Judith Peterman

Barry Shipman & Judith Peterman were present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Weisdack was re-sworn by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this was a variance request by Barry Shipman in behalf of Judith Peterman for the existing property located at 12180 Caves Rd., Chester Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations with pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case)

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

C. Barry Shipman/Suzanna Bear

Barry Shipman and Suzanna Bear were present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Weisdack was re-sworn by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this was a variance request by Barry Shipman in behalf of Suzanna Bear for the existing property located at 12168A Caves Rd., Chester Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations with pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case)

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

D. Fincham Soil Services/Muraidhar Mouva

Jim Fincham and Muraidhar Mouva were present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Weisdack was re-sworn by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this was a variance request by Fincham Soil Services in behalf of Muraidhar Mouva for the vacant property located at 18180 Windswept Cr., Bainbridge Twp. The request involves section 3701-29-02(G) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations with pertains to off-lot discharge. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case)

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

VI. Administrative Hearings

A. Rollin Cooke

Mr. Rollin Cooke was not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is a code violation to the property owned by Mr. Rollin Cooke located at 15799 Grace St., Newbury Township. This case is in regards to the section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations which states: "Any person proposing to sell or offering to sell or transfer title to a parcel of property that has an existing residential sewage disposal system must have the system evaluated before such sale or transfer takes place."

This department has reviewed the Auditor records and found that this property has transferred ownership and has not had an evaluation conducted. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Burr moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Mr. Rollin Cooke located at 15799 Grace St., Newbury Township. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved that the owner be ordered to make application and provide the necessary information to have a For Sale of Property evaluation conducted within 14 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow this order will result in referral to the Prosecutor's Office

for legal action. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

VII. Environmental Health Program Update

A. Asphalt Update

Mr. Weisdack stated that he has again been contacted about providing assistance with the asphalt issue. He was asked to provide residents with information at a public meeting. He has been assured that there would be no confrontation at this public meeting. This meeting would be held one time only.

Mrs. Burr suggested that perhaps the township should compensate the Health District for Mr. Weisdack's expertise. She stated it seemed unfair for all the other townships to pay for the services the Health District is providing.

B. HB231

Mr. Weisdack reported that three committees have been developed and individuals have been named to these committees. Mr. Weisdack said that some people wanted him to serve on a committee. He stated that he does not wish to be involved.

C. Rabies Update

Geauga County now has 6 cases of rabies.

VIII. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer reported that since one of the vendors of the flu vaccine was not approved, there could be a shortage this year.

We have received word that the funding for the PHI Grant will be \$109,533.00. This is an 18% decrease from last year. The funding was based on the number of targets and risks located within the county. Geauga County currently only has one critical site. {deletions}

A. WIC

Mrs. Scherer stated that they have a candidate for WIC Director. She is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She will also be doing some health education and helping at the Well Child Clinics.

The Farmer's Market Nutrition Program has had funding cut. There will be fewer coupons to issue this year. The Department of Agriculture has been appealed to for reconsideration in this funding issue.

B. Health Education Programs

The 1st Annual Geauga Kids Fest was held recently at Century Village in Burton. There were 29 agencies that participated. Mrs. Scherer indicated that she has received positive feedback about the event. The only problem that arose was lack of space. Next year, they will look at Berkshire High School as a possible location for the event.

IX. Old Business

A. Flu Shot Fee Increase (2nd Reading)

Dr. Bowers moved 5.05-1 to approve the 2nd reading of the increase of flu shots from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per dose. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

B. Budget Commission

Recently, Mr. Weisdack met with the Budget Commission to approve the 2006 Health District Budget. Mr. Weisdack reported that there were no changes to the budget. The Budget Commission indicated that they appreciate Mr. Weisdack coming to them well prepared. The 2006 budget was approved unanimously.

X. Executive Session

Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and salary increases. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 9:47 p.m.

XI. New Business

Mrs. Burr moved 5.05-2 to approve the salary increases for the Health District staff as presented, effective Payroll #14. 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 5.05-3 to approve the 1st reading of the proposed fee increase for adult immunizations as follows: Purchase price of vaccine per dose + administration fee = immunization charge. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 5.05-4 to approve the transfer in the Trailer Park fund from Travel to Remit to State in the amount of \$250.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 5.05-5 to acknowledge the hiring of David Sage, S.I.T. at a rate of \$13.79 per hour with a \$.25 increase upon successful completion of 120 day probationary period. Effective May 16, 2005. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

XII. Other Business

There was no other business.

XIII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held June 20, 2005 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 9:50 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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