

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
May 19, 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 7:08 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Mr. Richard Lang, Ms. Melanie Eppich, and Mr. Timothy Goergen. Dr. Donald Bowers arrived during the Personal Health Services update.

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 two other people present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Eppich moved that the minutes from the April 21, 2008 regular meeting be approved. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, abstain; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Mr. Lang moved to approve the Current Expenses April 10, 2008 to May 19, 2008. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack stated that there was a small increase in the issuance of septic permits in April.

VI. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Durchik reported that the nurses are now doing educational presentations at the senior center as well as doing blood pressure checks for the adult day care clients. This was requested by the director of the senior center.

Mr. Weisdack and Mrs. Scherer participated in a decision maker's tabletop exercise. It was a regional drill designed to test the Isolation and Quarantine plan and the EOC's functioning

with the local health districts in a public health emergency. This exercise was done to see how well health districts could work together and to identify flaws in the system.

Mrs. Scherer stated that the 2009 Immunization schedule is undergoing many changes. Changes will include days offered, location and staffing.

Mrs. Scherer and Mr. Weisdack attended the AOHC Conference in April. Mrs. Scherer reported that there were many interesting topics and sessions. The Ohio Department of Health is still pushing the concept of regionalization.

A. WIC

The funding for FY2008 WIC grant cycle has been increased by approximately \$18,000.00. The funding for FY2009 also has been increased. This should increase should eliminate the need for the BOH fund to no longer subsidize the program.

B. Health Education

We now have two additional staff members who have been trained as car seat installation technicians. An event will be held on May 28, 2008 at the Health District offices in conjunction with Geauga County Help Me Grow program.

There have been 78 smoking complaints against 57 establishments since last May. No fines have been levied to date.

VII. Administrative Hearings

- A. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rautenberg, 10590 Auburndale Dr., Auburn Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Naraish Gautam, 7732 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp.; Mr. Nga Chau, 12085 Burlington Glen, Munson Twp.; Donald Justice, 15151 Chillicothe Rd., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Miller, 17118 Newcomb Rd., Parkman Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. John Sutter, 10695 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp.; Raymond Gingerich, 16009 McCall Rd., Parkman Twp.; Sharmyn Clark, 8136 Music St., Russell Twp.; Jason Foust, 15501 Hayes Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Coblentz, 15655 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp.

None of the above mentioned were present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is a code violation to the properties owned by: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rautenberg, 10590 Auburndale Dr., Auburn Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Naraish Gautam, 7732 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp.; Mr. Nga Chau, 12085 Burlington Glen, Munson Twp.; Donald Justice, 15151 Chillicothe Rd., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Miller, 17118 Newcomb Rd., Parkman Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. John Sutter, 10695 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp.; Raymond Gingerich, 16009 McCall Rd., Parkman Twp.; Sharmyn Clark, 8136 Music St., Russell Twp.; Jason Foust, 15501 Hayes Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Coblentz, 15655 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp.

These cases are in regards to section 3701-29-22(A) of the Geauga County Health District Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations that states: "An evaluation of a residential sewage system must be completed prior to the transfer of ownership of any parcel

with said system. The evaluation shall be conducted by a member of the Health District and if necessary corrective action(s) required shall be accomplished within the time period(s) directed.” Discussion followed.

Dr. Bowers moved that a code violation exists at the properties owned by: Mr. & Mrs. Paul Rautenberg, 10590 Auburndale Dr., Auburn Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Naraish Gautam, 7732 Country Ln., Bainbridge Twp.; Mr. Nga Chau, 12085 Burlington Glen, Munson Twp.; Donald Justice, 15151 Chillicothe Rd., Russell Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Miller, 17118 Newcomb Rd., Parkman Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. John Sutter, 10695 Kinsman Rd., Newbury Twp.; Raymond Gingerich, 16009 McCall Rd., Parkman Twp.; Sharmyn Clark, 8136 Music St., Russell Twp.; Jason Foust, 15501 Hayes Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Coblenz, 15655 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Lang moved that the owners be required to make application, pay for, schedule, and schedule a For Sale of Property Evaluation and/or install a new sewage disposal system within 30 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; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

B. James & Amanda Kashery

Mr. & Mrs. Kashery were not present. Mr. Weisdack was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Weisdack stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by This is an alleged code violation to the property owned by James & Amanda Kashery located at 12422 Madison Rd., Huntsburg Twp. This case is in regards to section 3734.03 of the Ohio Revised Code which states: “”Solid Waste” means such unwanted residual or semi-solid material as results from industrial, commercial, agricultural, and community operations, excluding earth or material from construction, mining or demolition operations, or other waste materials of the type that would normally be included in demolition debris non-toxic fly ash, spent non-toxic foundry sand, slag, and other substances that are not harmful or inimical to public health and include, but are not limited to, garbage, tires, combustible material, street dirt and debris. Solid waste does not include any material that is an infectious waste or hazardous waste.”

Discussion followed. A complaint was received by the Health District regarding trash on the property. The homeowner had cleaned up some of the trash; however, Deputy Mike Matsik reported today that another 10 bags have been added to the pile.

Ms. Eppich moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by Mr. & Mrs. James Kashery located at 12422 Madison Rd., Huntsburg Twp. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Dr. Bowers moved that the owner be required to clean up the rest of the debris and submit receipts 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. Ms. Eppich seconded the

motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

VIII. Old Business

A. Plumbing Proposed Fee Increase (3rd and final reading)

Mr. Lang moved 5.08-1 to approve the third and final reading of the proposed plumbing fee increases as presented. These fees will become effective June 1, 2008. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

B. Massage Parlor Sanitary Inspection

Chief Mark Purchase of the Chester Police Department and Chris Sheridan, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney were present to discuss the request to have the Health District inspect massage parlors. These inspections would be of only establishments not licensed by the State Medical Board. Chief Purchase stated that they would only be looking for a sanitary inspection from the Health District one time per year per establishment. He stated that the Health District would not be asked to enforce anything and that the Township Trustees would handle that aspect of it. Mr. Sheridan indicated that an agreement would be drawn up by the Prosecutor's office.

Dr. Bowers moved to provide sanitary inspections under the township regulations of massage parlors for Chester Township, pending prosecutor's approval. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

C. Budget & Health District Programs Review

Mr. Weisdack previously distributed information to the Board on the programs and services of the Health District and whether there is a fee involved. He stated that he would be bringing information regarding the budget status every other month. This will keep the Board aware so if further staff reductions are needed, they are prepared. Mr. Lang stated that monthly updates would be better. Mr. Weisdack also indicated that September would be used as the break point or time when we would have a much clearer picture of our financial status. If additional staff reductions would be necessary, we would know it by the end of September.

Mr. Weisdack reviewed the revenue and expenses for each program with the Board.

F. Levy Committee

Mr. Weisdack reported that Herb Shubick volunteer to be treasurer for the Levy Committee. Mr. Benenati will be Chairperson.

Mr. Weisdack, Mr. Goergen and Mr. Benenati met recently to discuss the levy committee. They felt that it would be beneficial to divide the county up into 3 sections with a team leader in each section. Then at least four people would be needed to assist the team leaders with activities in their areas. Mr. Weisdack stated they have several volunteers already.

IX. Executive Session

Dr. Bowers moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. for the consideration of the employment of public employees. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion approved with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes. Meeting reconvened at 10:52 p.m.

X. New Business

Mr. Lang moved 5.08-2 to certify and appropriate PHI 2009 funds in the amount of \$109,544.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 5.08-3 to approve the PHI 2009 initial budge as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 5.08-4 to approve the amendment to the 2009 Health District budget estimated revenue from \$1,159,383.00 to \$1,158,291.00. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Mr. Lang moved 5.08-5 to approve the WIC GY2008 budget revision as presented. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 5.08-6 to certify and appropriate additional WIC GY2008 funds in the amount of \$17,968.00. Dr. Bowers seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Mr. Lang moved 5.08-7 to adopt Resolution 3-2008 declaring it necessary to reduce personnel because of lack of funds. Effective June 6, 2008 A. Leslye Schott and Margaret Miller will be laid off. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mr. Lang, yes; Dr. Bowers, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Mr. Goergen, yes.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 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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