

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
November 14, 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 7:01 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 Burr, and Ms. Melanie Eppich.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; Peggy Scherer, Personal Health Services Director; Michael Tusick, R.S.; Sandra Gerzeny, Registrar/Fiscal Coordinator; and Alta Kress, Secretary Supervisor.

Others present: Five others were present.

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 October 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 October financial report for all funds. **Mrs. Burr moved to approve the Current Expenses October 8, 2005 to November 8, 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. Steigerwald Septic/Delanda Kasick

Steigerwald Septic nor Delanda Kasick were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Steigerwald Septic in behalf of Delanda Kasick for the existing property located at 12620 Heath 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 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. The Fry Co./Michael Gorman

Dan Sizemore of The Fry Co. was present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by The Fry Co. in behalf of Michael Gorman for the existing property located at 14834 Stone Rd., Newbury Twp. The request involves the following sections of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations: 3701-29-02(G) which pertains to off-lot discharge; 3701-29-08(K) which requires 50' from the water well to the sewage system; and Section 3701-29-10 (F) and (G) of the Private Water System Rules which requires a 50' isolation distance to a sewage system. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

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. Romano Ianiro Contracting/Charles Mitchell

Luigi Ianiro and Charles Mitchell were present and sworn in by Mr. Benenati. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by Romano Ianiro Contracting in behalf of Charles Mitchell for the existing property located at 8353 Chagrin Mills Rd., Russell 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 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.

VI. Environmental Health Program Update

Mr. Weisdack reported that the field staff is catching up after a very busy summer doing inspections.

A. HAPSITE Unit

The HAPSITE Chemical Water Testing Unit has been delivered. Training will begin soon. Training will take 3 to 5 days. This unit will be used for emergency water sampling and also be available to local fire departments. When the unit is not out on emergency use, we plan to do a chemical water scan for resident. A plan for the HAPSITE utilization will be developed and presented to the Board for approval sometime in the future. Mr. Weisdack stated that a fee would need to be adopted for the use of the unit.

B. Proposed Sewage Rules

The draft rules became available this week. Mr. Weisdack will be reviewing them in the near future. The Ohio Department of Health plans to hold meetings for the local health districts and the public.

C. Asphalt Plant Update

The hearings for the White Road asphalt plant have been cancelled. They may resume possibly in January 2006.

VII. Personal Health Services Update

Mrs. Scherer reported that 2450 doses of flu vaccine have been administered this flu season. There is still another clinic on schedule. The nurses are also going to give flu shots to area school teachers.

Several resumes for RNs have been received recently. Mrs. Scherer indicated that interviewing will begin after the Thanksgiving holiday to fill the vacant position.

A. WIC

Mrs. Scherer reported that the WIC department recently received an award for the greatest percentage of increase in service to the working population in group 1.

B. Health Education Programs

The levy for the Department on Aging failed. The Health District will no longer be contracting with them for a dietitian. The dietitian will be working until December 30, 2005. The Health District also contracts with the Department on Aging for 8 hours of nursing per month for the adult daycare program. This service will continue.

VIII. Old Business

A. Vital Check

Ms. Eppich moved 11.05-1 to approve the proposal with Vital Check for credit/debit card processing for certified birth and death certificate phone and email requests. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

IX. Executive Session

Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes. Meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m. Mr. Benenati stated that no action would be taken based on the discussion in Executive Session.

X. New Business

Mrs. Burr moved 11.05-2 to accept the resignation of Katie Brooks, EH Secretary effective November 23, 2005. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 11.05-3 to approve the advertising and hiring of an EH Secretary. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 11.05-4 to accept the resignation of Kent Lupton, S.I.T. effective November 4, 2005. 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.

Ms. Eppich moved 11.05-5 to approve the advertising and hiring of an RS or SIT. Mrs. Burr seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 11.05-6 to acknowledge the hiring of Eric Robb, SIT effective November 7, 2005 at the rate of \$13.50/hr with a \$.25 increase upon successful completion of 120 day probationary period. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 11.05-7 to approve the 1st reading of the 1st reading of the change to section 3701-29-22 (A) of the Geauga County Household Sewage Disposal System Regulations to read "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 any correction action(s) required shall be accomplished within the time period(s) directed.” Upon the third reading, the previous wording to this regulation (3701-29-22(A)) will be rescinded. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 11.05-8 to approve the estimated 4th quarter reimbursements to the BOH from the grants as follows: WIC, \$32,019.28; CFHS, \$15,579.57; and PHI, \$34,529.15. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 11.05-9 to approve the transfer of funds as follows: Equipment/Maintenance, \$3,000.00; and Health Care, \$1,000.00 to Travel in the amount of \$4,000.00 and Other Expense in the amount of \$10,000.00. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

Mrs. Burr moved 11.05-10 to approve the Incentive Payment Program for 2005. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Mrs. Burr, yes; and Ms. Eppich, yes.

XI. Other Business

There was no other business

XII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, December 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m., in the meeting room at 470 Center Street, Building 8, in Chardon, Ohio.

XIII. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Mrs. Burr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Ms. Eppich seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

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