

Geauga County General Health District
Board of Health Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2010, 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 7:00 p.m.

Board members present: Mr. J. David Benenati, Ms. Melanie Eppich, and Dr. Janet O'Hara. Mr. Timothy Goergen and Mrs. Christina Livers were not present.

Staff members present: Robert Weisdack, Health Commissioner; and Daniel Mix, Personal Health Services Director and Michael Tusick, RS.

Others present: There were three others were present.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The approval of the minutes for April 19, 2010 was tabled.

The approval of the minutes for May 17, 2010 was tabled.

IV. Financial Report / Current Expenses

Ms. Eppich moved to approve the Current Expenses May 13, 2010 to June 16, 2010. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

V. Environmental Health Program Update

a. Sewage Update

Mr. Weisdack provided the Board with a report showing that the number of sewage permits issued to date for 2010 stands at 99.

Mr. Weisdack reported the sewage bill has passed both the Senate and the House. It was held up for a short time in the House because of some issues regarding the minimum distance to tie into a sanitary sewer. Another issue was regarding the annexation of property with regards to sanitary sewer. Mr. Weisdack stated he will provide a clean copy of the bill to the Board once he receives it. The implementation date is still January 1, 2012.

We are currently \$30,000.00 behind on revenue compared to where we were at the same time last year. The Building Department has indicated they have had 45 new building starts. The Health District does not see some of those because they may be on sanitary sewers or in a complex. Mr. Weisdack stated he will be watching this very closely.

b. General Environmental

Kelli Coleman submitted a request to discuss a matter regarding a soils report for her property. Ms. Coleman, Lewis Tomsic, Jr. and Adam Russ, Esq. were present to discuss the matter.

A lot evaluation was conducted at the property located at 12859 Caves Rd. in Chester Twp. A soils report conducted by Jim Fincham was submitted to this office and a lot evaluation was conducted. Based on the soils submitted, the lot would only be approvable for a discharging system. The field sanitarian questioned the soils report because an on-lot system was installed on the property adjacent to Ms. Coleman's. He then informed Ms. Coleman that a soils report by another soil scientist would be required.

Discussion ensued about soils reports and the requirement for additional information. After discussion, the Board stated that another soils report is needed before a decision is made. Mr. Weisdack provided a name of another soil scientist that Ms. Coleman could use.

VI. Variances

a. James & Michelina Angie

James & Debra Angie was present and sworn in Mr. Benenati. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this was a variance request by James & Michelina Angie for the existing property located at 12996 Dorothy Dr., Chester Twp. The request involves the section 3701-29-10(G) of the Private Water Well Regulations which requires a 10 isolation distance from the well to a structure, building or foundation. (Written background information was provided to the Board for consideration in this case) Discussion followed.

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

VII. Administrative Hearings

A. Paul Snavely, Timothy Busch, Robrose Properties, Chester & Linda Kauffman, Aaron & Alma Detweiler, Nathaniel Byler, Freeman & Sara Byler, Louis Soplata, Colleen Davis, Donald Ross, and HMF Properties

None of the residents were present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience. Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the properties owned Paul Snavely, 7247 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; Timothy Busch, 10060 Chardon Rd., Chardon Twp.; Robrose Properties, 13083 Marilyn Dr., Chester Twp.; Chester & Linda Kauffman, 15250 Nash Rd., Parkman Twp.; Aaron & Alma Detweiler, 16948 Nauvoo Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Nathaniel Byler, 15973 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Freeman & Sara Byler, 15543 Tavern Rd., Burton Twp.; Louis Soplata, 14357 View Dr., Newbury Twp.; Colleen Davis, 14392 View Dr., Newbury Twp.; Donald Ross, 11187 Wilson Mills Rd., Munson Twp.; and HMF Properties, 9942 Woodruff Ln., Newbury 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.

Ms. Eppich moved that a code violation exists on the property owned by Paul Snaveley, 7247 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; Timothy Busch, 10060 Chardon Rd., Chardon Twp.; Robrose Properties, 13083 Marilyn Dr., Chester Twp.; Chester & Linda Kauffman, 15250 Nash Rd., Parkman Twp.; Aaron & Alma Detweiler, 16948 Nauvoo Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Nathaniel Byler, 15973 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Freeman & Sara Byler, 15543 Tavern Rd., Burton Twp.; Louis Soplata, 14357 View Dr., Newbury Twp.; Colleen Davis, 14392 View Dr., Newbury Twp.; Donald Ross, 11187 Wilson Mills Rd., Munson Twp.; and HMF Properties, 9942 Woodruff Ln., Newbury Twp. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Dr. O'Hara moved that Paul Snaveley, 7247 Chagrin Rd., Bainbridge Twp.; Timothy Busch, 10060 Chardon Rd., Chardon Twp.; Robrose Properties, 13083 Marilyn Dr., Chester Twp.; Chester & Linda Kauffman, 15250 Nash Rd., Parkman Twp.; Aaron & Alma Detweiler, 16948 Nauvoo Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Nathaniel Byler, 15973 Newcomb Rd., Middlefield Twp.; Freeman & Sara Byler, 15543 Tavern Rd., Burton Twp.; Louis Soplata, 14357 View Dr., Newbury Twp.; Colleen Davis, 14392 View Dr., Newbury Twp.; Donald Ross, 11187 Wilson Mills Rd., Munson Twp.; and HMF Properties, 9942 Woodruff Ln., Newbury Twp. be required to make application, pay for, schedule, and complete a For Sale of Property evaluation and/or obtain the necessary permits and install a new sewage disposal system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to follow these orders 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; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

A. 3 AM Holdings, LLC

There was no one from 3 AM Holdings, LLC present. Mr. Tusick was sworn in again by Mr. Benenati and stated his experience.

Mr. Tusick stated that this is an alleged code violation to the property owned by 3 AM Holdings, LLC located at 18225 Madison Rd., Parkman Twp. This case is in regards to the following section of Article V of the Geauga County Health District Semi-Public Sewage Disposal System Regulations, which states:

Section 52.05.01: "No semi-public sewage disposal system shall be installed or operated on a lot which is available sanitary sewer system if it is determined by the Health Commissioner that such a facility is capable of receiving the sewage from the facility. The old system must then be abandoned in such a manner as approved by the Ohio EPA." Discussion followed.

Ms. Eppich moved that a code violation exists at the property owned by 3 AM Holdings, LLC, 18225 Madison Rd., Parkman Twp. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved that 3 AM Holdings, LLC is required to connect to the sanitary sewers system within 30 days of receipt of Board order. Failure to do so will result in referral to the prosecutor's office for legal action. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

VIII. Personal Health Services Update

A. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Mr. Mix reported that Jay Becker, Tammy Spencer, a representative from the Geauga County DES and himself participated in the Strategic National Stockpile evaluation. The Cleveland Department of Health, Cuyahoga County Board of Health and Cuyahoga County EMA also sent participants to assist. The Ohio Department of Health had three representatives involved. The

CDC may be publishing the assessment scores from last year for the health departments in Ohio. This will indicate that most local health departments are not prepared to respond to emergencies and may be misinterpreted by the public.

B. Nursing

The nursing staff have finished the school-based Tdap vaccinations for 6th grade students. Approximately 200 vaccinations were provided which was far short of our goal of 800.

Linda Knell has updated a job description of activities for the Nursing Director and was provided to the Board for review.

C. WIC

The WIC March caseload was 956.

The Board was asked to approve the contract with Renee Garlak as a WIC health professional. Ms. Garlak has more than 20 years experience with WIC at Cuyahoga and Lake County Health Departments.

D. Health Education

Our Certified Health Educator, Colleen Brady continues to work with PHS to present community education. She has a Summer Safety Presentation planned for June 30, 2010 at the Middlefield Senior Center.

IX. Old Business

There was no old business.

X. Executive Session

Ms. Eppich moved to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:45 pm to discuss pending legal case and personnel issues. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened at 9:00 pm. There was no action taken on personnel issues or pending litigation.

XI. New Business

Ms. Eppich moved 6.10-a to approve the contract with Renee Garlak, RD to provide services to the WIC Department beginning May 1, 2010. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Mr. Benenati, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 6.10-b to approve the contract with the Medina County Health Department to provide inspection services on an as-needed basis beginning June 1, 2010. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

Ms. Eppich moved 6.10-c to adopt the revision to Section F of the Geauga County Health District Personnel Policy Manuel which updates subsection 12- Use of Health District Vehicles. Dr. O'Hara seconded the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote. Mr. Benenati, yes; Ms. Eppich, yes; and Dr. O'Hara, yes.

XII. Other Business

a. Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, Northern Ohio Poison Center (NOPC)

Mr. Weisdack and Mr. Mix recently met with representatives from NOPC. The service they provide allowed for approximately \$235,000.00 in health care cost savings in 2009. They had nearly 800 phone calls and managed 80% of those calls. This service started with five counties and has now expanded to over twenty counties. They get \$2,500.00 from each of those counties and the rest of their funding comes from grants.

The contact information for NOPC is listed on the Geauga County Health District website.

The representatives offered to give a presentation to the Board of Health as well as provide training seminars to the staff.

XIII. Meetings

The regular meeting of the Board will be held July 19, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., 470 Center St., Bldg. 8, Chardon.

Mr. Weisdack stated that he is planning an appreciation night for the past Board of Health members and also Frank Gliha at the next meeting. Mr. Weisdack stated he was planning on some sort of token of appreciation to give. The Board expressed that they thought that would be appropriate.

The Board and Mr. Weisdack discussed that if any member was going to be absent at the meeting they should notify the office as soon as possible.

XIV. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board, **Ms. Eppich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Dr. O'Hara 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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