

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
April 20, 2009
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:35 p.m., President Tracey Puthoff called to order the regular session of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: President, Tracey Puthoff, Esq.; Vice President, Tom Chatham;
Kenneth Amend, M.D.

District Staff: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner; Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health
Commissioner; Nee Fong Chin, Chief Asst. Prosecuting Attorney; Chris Griffith,
Water Quality Director; Terri Memory, Administrative Secretary.

Others Present: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the February 18 and March 9, 2009 Board of Health meeting minutes were tabled until the next Board of Health meeting on May 11, 2009.

4. Health Commissioner's Report

First Quarter Finances

Director reports have been included in the Board of Health packet. First quarter progress reports were also included. The financial reports continue to show Hamilton County Public Health in a positive financial position for the first quarter of 2009. Revenues are meeting budget projections and the expenses are below budget.

Presentations

Mr. Ingram reported that he gave two community presentations since the last Board of Health meeting. Mr. Ingram and Chris Griffith gave a presentation to Delhi Township Trustees and residents on the importance of abandoning home sewage treatment systems when a public sanitary sewer is accessible. The presentation was requested by Delhi Township Trustees after the staff required various Delhi residents to connect their homes to the sanitary sewer. Mr. Ingram stated that in response to the presentation, letters have been received from several of those citizens requesting a time extension to connect to the sanitary sewer. Those letters were included in the packet for the Board of Health member's review. The Board of Health members expressed that we should apply the sewer connection policy consistently.

Mr. Ingram and Kathy Lordo and gave a disaster preparedness presentation to the Finneytown Parent/Teacher Organization. The Fire Chief of Springfield Township was also present to answer questions.

Thank You Note

Mr. Ingram stated that Kevin Hawkins, Water Quality Technician, Public Health Nurses Kathy Tucker and Jeanne Riesenbeck received thank you letters from the citizens of Hamilton County.

Staff Reports

Kathy Lordo, Assistant Health Commissioner Report - Ms. Lordo reported that Hamilton County Public Health has started using Twitter as well as Facebook to announce health information to the public and to direct subscribers back to the Hamilton County Public Health website.

Nee Fong Chin, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney - Ms. Chin thanked Greg Cassiere, Water Quality Supervisor, for his assistance connecting the Greissingers to sanitary sewers. Mr. Ingram thanked Ms. Chin for her diligence in overseeing the case.

Ms. Chin reported that Mr. Ingram has signed the New Baltimore CD&D Landfill documents stipulating penalties for the landfill. Ms. Chin will issue the 2009 operating license to the landfill owners, along with the Terms and Conditions.

5. Variances

a. 6827 Kildare Drive, Green Township

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph were in attendance. They currently use an aerobic treatment system. They are requesting to build a deck on the back of their house that is within the ten foot isolation distance from the septic system. Mr. Joseph explained a modification was made to the direction of the stairs leading to the patio to avoid the septic system. **Mr. Chatham** moved to approve the variance with the modifications and a notation on the property deed. **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

b. 3845 Edwards Road, Village of Newtown

The building permit has been revoked. The temporary permit is no longer valid. Mr. Ingram suggested the waste water variance be tabled. **Dr. Amend** moved to table the variance. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

c. 9300 Given Road, City of Indian Hill

Dr. Amend moved to approve the waste water variance. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

d. 774 Sutton Road, Anderson Township

Mr. Chatham moved to approve the waste water variance. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

6. Unfinished Business

Smoke Free Ohio

Nee Fong Chin, Chief Prosecuting Attorney left the room while the Board of Health discussed the Smoke Free Ohio cases and the Hearing Officer's recommendations.

Mr. Rippe will represent the Board of Health at the Smoke Free Ohio Hearings scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2009.

a. **Dr. Amend** moved to affirm the Hearing Officers findings for Westy's Pub, Case No. SFO 2009-001. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

b. **Mr. Chatham** moved to affirm the Hearing Officers findings for Maloney's Sports Bar and Grill, Case No. SFO 2009-002. **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

c. **Dr. Amend** moved to affirm the Hearing Officers findings for Westy's Pub, Case No. SFO 2009-004. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

d. **Mr. Chatham** moved to affirm the Hearing Officers findings for Deer Park Inn, Case No. SFO 2009-005. **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

e. **Dr. Amend** moved to affirm the Hearing Officers findings for Zappz, Case No. SFO 2009-007. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

7. Finances

Mr. Chatham moved to approve the Mileage and Disbursements and Revenues and Expenditures. **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

8. Adjournment

The next Board of Health meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2009 and will be held at Nisbet Brower Lumber Company in Sharonville at 6:30 p.m. Prior to the Board of Health meeting, the Board members will tour the Hamilton County Public Health warehouse at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:45 p.m. **Dr. Amend** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Chatham

The next Board of Health meeting is May 11, 2009.

Tracey A Puthoff, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner