

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
August 20, 2012
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., Vice President, Jim Brett, called to order the regular session of the Board of Health of Hamilton County General Health District, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call of Members

Members Present: Jim Brett, Vice President
Dr. Kenneth Amend
Tracey Puthoff, Esq.
Mark Rippe
Tom Chatham, President (arrived at 7:23pm)

District Staff Present: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health Commissioner
Stephen Bjornson, Medical Director
Greg Kesterman, Asst. Health Commissioner
Chris Griffith, Water Quality Director
Robin Fristoe, Administrative Secretary

3. Clean Kitchen Awards

Mr. Kesterman read the list of Clean Kitchen Award recipients.

4. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2012 Board of Health meeting, amending her approval from abstain to approve; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Brett, Puthoff
Abstain: Rippe

5. Health Commissioner's Report

Mr. Ingram discussed the cancellation of the BioWatch conference that was to be held the week of August 13th through August 17th in San Diego, California.

On July 17-18 Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) participated in a regional exercise of BioWatch sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security.

The Legislative Committee on the Future of Public Health is moving quickly.

Mr. Ingram noted the compliment from a citizen about the excellent customer service provided by Mr. Kevin Hawkins, Water Quality Technician II. He added that this was not the first compliment Mr. Hawkins has received, and he represents the agency well. Mr. Rippe made several suggestions for recognizing staff that excel in Customer Service.

Staff Reports

Kathy Lordo, Assistant Health Commissioner, Department of Community Health Services

Ms. Lordo discussed the community gardens that the Division of Health Promotion and Education have been active in implementing.

Ms. Lordo discussed the various types of Social Media used within this agency.

Ms. Lordo presented an invitation to each Board member to the Strategic Alliance for Health WeTHRIVE! Recognition Dinner Event.

Dr. Bjornson provided the following update:

- 1) The number of Tuberculosis cases remains stable.
- 2) There have been no spikes in reported cases of Communicable Disease.
- 3) The Disease Investigation Specialist (DIS) clinic is treating six to eight cases of syphilis per week.

Greg Kesterman, Assistant Health Commissioner, Department of Environmental Health Services

Mr. Kesterman briefly mentioned the resolution to be voted on at the meeting regarding delinquent sewage fees.

Mr. Kesterman shared a success story for the Division of Environmental Health, regarding an apartment building that was ordered to be condemned. In 2011, the owner sold the building and the new owner worked with all agencies involved to resolve any outstanding violations. In June of this year, the condemnation order was lifted and the building now offers safe and sanitary housing.

The Backflow program, in the Division of Plumbing, is now online and will be in the testing phase throughout the next several weeks.

Mr. Kesterman discussed the progression of the sub-surface reaction at Rumpke Sanitary Landfill and the isolation break options.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

7. Finances

Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements

Mr. Rippe moved to approve the Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements; **Ms. Puthoff** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Brett, Puthoff, Rippe, Chatham

8. New Business

a) **Variance – SVAR201210** – 7865 Bilby Road, Anderson Twp.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Variance SVAR201210, subject to staff recommendations; **Mr. Rippe** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Brett, Rippe, Chatham

b) **Variance – SVAR201211** – 7892 Anchor Road, Anderson Twp.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Variance SVAR201211, subject to staff recommendations; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Brett, Rippe, Chatham

c) **Variance – SVAR201216** – 138 Wrenwood Lane, Terrace Park

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Variance SVAR201216, subject to staff recommendations; **Mr. Rippe** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Brett, Rippe, Chatham

d) **Resolution H-2012 – Approval of delinquent sewage fees**

The Health Commissioner read a summarization of Resolution H-2012.

Ms. Puthoff moved to approve Resolution H-2012; **Mr. Chatham** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Brett, Rippe, Chatham

9. Adjournment

Mr. Rippe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm; **Ms. Puthoff** seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Puthoff, Brett, Rippe, Chatham

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Thomas Chatham, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner