

Hamilton County General Health District
REGULAR MEETING – BOARD OF HEALTH
November 14, 2011
Minutes

1. Call to Order

At 6:30 p.m., President, Tom Chatham, 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: President, Tom Chatham
Vice President, Jim Brett
Dr. Kenneth Amend
Mark Rippe

District Staff Present: Timothy Ingram, Health Commissioner
Kathy Lordo, Asst. Health Commissioner
Greg Kesterman, Asst. Health Commissioner
Chris Griffith, Director of Water Quality
Jeremy Hessel, Director of Environmental Health
Clara Hughes, Finance Officer
Robin Fristoe, Administrative Secretary

Guests: Tim Hensley
Pat Brennan

3. Public Hearing - Food Program Licensing Fees

Mr. Chatham opened the public hearing for testimony on the proposed Food Program licensing fee changes. No one present testified. Mr. Ingram provided a brief summary of Regulation 4-2011. Approximately thirty days ago letters were sent to all businesses within Hamilton County informing them of the proposed fee change as well as the public hearing date. To date there have been no written or verbal comments from the community regarding the proposal.

4. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Amend moved to approve the October 10, 2011 Board of Health meeting minutes;
Mr. Rippe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Chatham (abstained)

5. Clean Kitchen Award

Mr. Kesterman announced the recipients for the Clean Kitchen Award; Taco Bell, Sycamore Township and Youthland Academy of Colerain, Colerain Township. There was no one from either facility in attendance to accept the award. Mr. Kesterman will have the awards mailed to the appropriate person at each of the facilities.

6. Health Commissioner's Report

Mr. Ingram discussed Regulation 4-2011. He provided a brief explanation as to the process that was performed which resulted in a lowering of food service fees.

Mr. Ingram highlighted a letter he received from the Director of the Ohio EPA where they commended the Waste Management staff, Brad Johnson, Matthew LeMaster, Tony Schoenlein, Nick Siefker and Director, Chuck DeJonckheere, for their involvement in the Rumpke subsurface event. He said this is quite an honor to receive such a letter from the Director of the Ohio EPA. Mr. Rippe asked that Mr. Ingram extend the Board's congratulations to the Waste Management staff.

He also mentioned a letter he received from the Clovernook facility thanking our Public Information Officer, Mike Samet, for his support during the Legionellosis outbreak.

Staff Reports

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

Ms. Lordo briefly discussed the aforementioned Legionellosis outbreak. There were two confirmed cases of Legionellosis reported at a facility in question. One of the two people diagnosed passed away; the other person was in ICU but has since recovered. Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) partnered with the facility to obtain water samples and do an inspection to determine the source of Legionellosis. The final report of water sampling is pending although the preliminary reports do not show contamination. There were several other cases reported of people who live in the same vicinity of the facility in question. HCPH is continuing the investigation, in collaboration with NIOSH, to determine the source of the cluster of illnesses. To date there have been no new cases reported.

In October the Emergency Preparedness (EP) staff organized another successful exercise within the community called The Fantastic Six Exercise. There were six community PODs and 14 closed PODs that participated in this event. EP staff met with Green Township representatives to discuss their event, the Highlander Handout, POD exercise.

Public Relations staff is currently working on a new initiative through the Beacon grant and Health Bridge called Text4Health. Ms. Lordo explained the Text4Health program will mainly focus on diabetes prevention and treatment. Participants will receive, via text on their phone, customized messages with practical advice on diet, exercise, stress management and national resources to access continuing care. This project will kick off in January 2012.

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

Plumbing staff continues to conduct backflow surveys of commercial properties throughout Hamilton County. To date, staff conducted 238 backflow surveys and found 139 existing cross connections.

The Division of Waste Management has received a high number of odor complaints in regards to the sub-surface reaction at Rumpke Sanitary Landfill. Staff will continue to monitor this issue and work with “Team Rumpke” to find a solution.

Ohio EPA has approved the license transfer from New Baltimore C&DD Landfill, Ltd. to New Baltimore, LLC. The transfer is now officially completed.

Hamilton County Community Development (HCCD), in a joint effort with Hamilton County Public Health, was awarded \$160,000 in grant money through the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund to help pay for the repair or replacement of failing household sewage treatment systems (HSTS). It is estimated that 10 to 15 families will benefit from this funding opportunity. Six grant recipients have already been chosen to receive the funding.

In St. Bernard, Ohio EPA has completed sampling of soils, water, and air on adjacent properties to the former Bank Avenue landfill. A report of the findings is expected later this month.

Mr. Kesterman also discussed Regulation 4-2011. He explained the cost methodology process that determined the fee change. He assured the Board the fee decrease will not affect the inspection process.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. Finances

a. Revenues and Expenditures, Mileage and Disbursements

Clara Hughes, Finance Officer, informed the Board that she plans to change the financial report to better reflect the grants revenues and expenditures.

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

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

9. New Business

a. Variance SVAR201107 – 7625 Indian Hill Road, Indian Hill

The applicant is seeking a variance to construct an in-ground pool that would not meet the setback requirement from the interceptor drain of the sewage treatment system.

Mr. Brett moved to approve Variance SVAR201107 subject to the four contingencies outlined by staff; **Mr. Rippe** seconded the motion.

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

b. Regulation 4-2011 - adopting revised fees for food service operations, retail food establishments, vending operations, temporary food services, and mobile food services.

Mr. Ingram read aloud Regulation 4-2011 – adopting revised fees pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Sections 3709.09, 3717.25 and Section 3717.45 for food service operations, retail food establishments, vending operations, temporary food services, and mobile food services.

Mr. Rippe moved to approve Regulation 4-2011; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.
Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Chatham

10. Executive Session

Dr. Amend moved to enter into executive session at 7:07pm to discuss personnel matters; **Mr. Brett** seconded the motion.

At 7:42pm the Board of Health concluded the executive session.

11. Adjournment

At 7:45pm **Mr. Rippe** moved to adjourn the meeting; **Dr. Amend** seconded the motion.
Roll call vote – Yes: Amend, Rippe, Brett, Chatham

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Thomas Chatham, President

Timothy I. Ingram, Secretary
Health Commissioner