



Seneca County General Health District

Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Board of Health Meeting

February 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm
Tiffin University, Franks Hall, Chisholm Auditorium

Present: Bonnie Boroff, Scott Lyons, Rebecca Shank, Philip Steyer, Robert Watson, Jimmie Young

Absent/

Excused: Ann Sacksteder

Guests: Sign in sheets attached to minutes

SCGHD Staff: Beth Schweitzer, Anita Gaietto, Trisha Kahler, Laura Wallrabenstein, Lisa England, Matt Beckman, Andrea Cook, Laura Bogard

Welcome, Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

With quorum present, Mr. Young called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order on February 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm; he then presided over the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Young called for a motion to approve a contract with Eastman & Smith, Ltd., for legal services, 1/1/2019-12/31/2019; \$280.00 per hour for Partner, \$175.00 per hour for Associate and \$160.00 per hour for Paralegal. Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the contract with Eastman & Smith, Ltd. for legal services. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Public Concerns/Requests

Mr. Young announced that there 3 minutes for each person to comment and we would limit the discussion to 15 to 20 minutes.

Nate Heiser spoke about he and his group have been researching ways to fight the ongoing problems with the landfill. Sunny Farms portrays itself as a community partner, but a community partner would not allow harmful gas to interrupt our quality of life. Our community will not sit idle and allow this to happen again and again. We are sick and tired of dealing with Sunny Farms over the last 10 years. He discussed recent violations. We cannot trust Sunny Farms to do the right thing. They have refused to get in compliance with what the state has set forth. In order to pursue a denial there has to be reasonable cause. The violations over the past month are reasonable enough.

Melissa – Understands the Board's position but also understands that policymaking is complex – requires evidence, trust and you to represent the people you serve. People here, people from the past meetings, people who have called are proof. For far too long people from Fostoria have been dismissed. The people are telling you it's not ok. No support for renewal of the license. EPA has a list of violations. The people are telling you that they are tired of it.

Bill McAllister - can see the landfill from his front yard. He read the SCGHD mission, vision and core values. The decision tonight is an easy one. If you are true to these values it is a very easy decision to deny the renewal of the license.

Jerry Gostnell – addressing people in Hancock County who live south, east and west of the landfill. Knows of one business that has been completely ruined. The night that the landfill caught fire the business was hosting a wedding reception and the wind was blowing directly across the business property – they have not hosted a wedding reception since then. I know it is bad in Fostoria, but the people in Arcadia, Vanlue and Carey – it is everywhere. Landfill has not been able to maintain anything since they increased the amount of trash. The people who owned it 20 years ago are the people who own it now. The license needs to be stopped today.

Kim Logsdon – Someone is making a lot of money off of the landfill – it is a countrified area – someone targeted our area. They knew exactly what they were doing; it will turn into another Love Canal. No one in this company has good plans for our community.

Matt Neely- Corporate Officer for Sunny Farms Landfill, We believe strongly that Sunny Farms is an asset to this community, we provide good jobs for 50 people, make significant tax contributions to the local community every year which helps with schools and local programs. 100% committed to be a good

neighbor. We will continue to listen and do our best to address the issues. We are committed to maintaining a safe and healthy work environment for our employees. 24 hour hotline is in place. Have invested \$4,000,000.00 in new technology, new equipment and processes to control odors. New system has been very successful in removing Hydrogen Sulfide gas. We operate in full compliance with new orders and regulations. Regularly inspected by the EPA and Seneca County General Health District. Additional measures will include installation of Geomembrane blanket.

Carl Walters – we are hearing the same thing that we heard 2 weeks ago – odor keeps spreading – been saying this for 10 years. Jan .4 – took granddaughter for a bike ride – smell was bad and got worse – pretty offensive at Fostoria City Park – hit us like a ton of bricks. Granddaughter had her first ever severe nose bleed. If it was your grandkid you would walk away from that place.

Joe Durham from Eastman & Smith, Ltd. spoke to the Board regarding their options. Any decision that is made must be lawful and reasonable so it can be upheld on appeal. Mr. Durham reviewed options regarding the pending license application for Sunny Farms. If you feel that the license application is complete you have 3 options: approve the license, approve the license with terms and conditions, or deny the license. He discussed each option and what each would entail. He discussed the list of 11 reasons for denial. When denying you must provide an intent to deny, cannot deny the license tonight, you must issue the intent to deny if that is your decision. The applicant has a right to a hearing; the hearing must be requested 30 days. Upon request of a hearing, the hearing will be under Board of Health rules for a hearing. The applicant will have the right to appear in person and be represented. Board is essentially acting as a judge at the hearing. We have the option to hire a hearing officer to conduct the hearing and he would give the Board his opinion.

Agreement with Eastman and Smith, Ltd. allows the hiring of an Environmental Consultant to review the existing monitoring data.

At this point Mr. Durham will await the board decision on the License to get into more detail.

Mr. Young requested a motion from the Board regarding Sunny Farms License. Mr. Steyer made a motion for an intent to deny the License for the Sunny Farm Landfill. Mrs. Boroff seconded the motion.

Mr. Durham at this point presented a resolution for the boards review pertaining to the intent to deny. Sunny Farms Landfill has a right to a hearing before the board before prior to final action by the board. Sunny Farms has 30 days to request a hearing before the board. At this point Mr. Durham answered the board's questions.

After discussion Mr. Young called for the roll call vote. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Mr. Young requested a motion to hire a hearing officer if needed. Mr. Lyons made a motion the hire a hearing officer if needed. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Public Health In-service

None

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting. Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2019 Board of Health Meeting. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sub Committee Report

None

Expenditures

Mr. Young requested approval of the previous month's expenditures. Mrs. Boroff made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll

call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Out of County Meetings/Travel

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Out of County Meetings and Travel requests provided in board packets. Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Out of County Meetings and Travel. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Advances/Repayments/Transfers

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve Advances, Repayments, and Transfer List provided in board packets. Mrs. Shank made a motion to approve the Advances, Transfer List and Appropriations Transfer. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Supplements

None

Contracts

Mr. Young requested a motion to approve contracts:

- a. **Rescind** National Center for Water Quality Research of Heidelberg University, for water quality sampling services, 1/1/2019 -12/31/2019; not to exceed \$5,000.00 (payer)
- b. **Addendum** Seneca County Youth Center, for nursing services, 1/1/2018 – 12/31/2018; was not to exceed \$15,811.50, increased to new total \$19,611.50 (payee)
- c. Seneca County Youth Center, for nursing services, 1/1/2019-12/31/2019; not to exceed \$15,936.00 (payee)
- d. Eastman & Smith, Ltd., for legal services, 1/30/2019-12/31/2019; \$280.00 per hour for Partner, \$175.00 per hour for Associate and \$160 per hour for Paralegal (payer)
- e. Director of the Environmental Protection Agency of the State of Ohio, for water pollution control loan fund assistance, effective upon signatures, through 11/30/2020; not to exceed \$150,000.00 (payee)
- f. Seneca County Board of Developmental Disabilities, for Fostoria building lease, 01/01/2019-12/31/2019, not to exceed \$22983.00, (payer)
- g. Seneca Regional Planning Commission, for home sewage treatment system grant administration fees, effective 02/01/2019-11/30/2019, not to exceed \$500.00 per system or \$375.00 per tap-in (payee)
- h. Seneca Regional Planning Commission, for home sewage treatment system grant administration fees, effective 02/01/2019-11/30/2020, not to exceed \$500.00 per system or \$375.00 per tap-in (payee)
- i. Ohio Department of Commerce, Division Of Industrial Compliance, For manufactured home park inspections, 03/01/2019-06/30/2019, Reimbursement paid per fee schedule, (exhibit C of agreement) (payee)
- j. **Addendum A & D** Excavating, L.L.C., For soil based and ATU/NPDES, Inspection services, 01/01/2019-12/31/2019, was not to exceed \$1750.00, increased to new total \$3150.00 (payer)
- k. **Addendum** Theis Septic Cleaning, L.L.C., For septic tank pumping services, 01/01/2019-12/31/2019, was not to exceed \$2000.00, increased to new total \$4500.00 (payer)
- l. **Termination** WSOS Community Action Commission Inc., for home sewage treatment system grant administration fees, effective 10/05/2018-11/30/2019. Terminated as of 12/20/2018 per Laura Wallrabenstein's letter emailed to following WSOS employees, Deb Martin, Michelle Rhodes, and Cindy Brookes. Termination was accepted by Deb Martin on 12/20/2018.

Mr. Lyons made a motion to approve the contracts. Mrs. Shank seconded the motion. The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Resolutions

None

Division Reports

WIC

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Director of the WIC Division, Trisha Kahler, RD LD. Mrs. Kahler reviewed her report included in board member's packet:

People:

Service: The technology application, WIC Shopper's App is currently being tested at the State level before becoming available to participants.

Growth: With the continuing decrease in caseload, State WIC has decided to participate in the National WIC Association's Recruitment and Retention Campaign, which will provide local clinics access to marketing materials to be utilized on social media sites.

Quality: We received results from the 2018 State WIC Participant Survey. One hundred percent of those surveyed felt coming to WIC was a good use of their time, and have gained increased understanding of how to make healthy food choices for their families. One area suggested for improvement was increased information on technology, website and social media.

Fiscal: We have made it through the government shutdowns and are continuing normal operations.

Nursing

Mr. Young turned the floor over to Director of Nursing, Andrea Cook, BSN, RN.

Ms. Cook reviewed the Nursing report included in board member's packet:

People: Dana Mathias, RN returned from Maternity Leave February 11, 2019.

Financial:

- Mom's Quit for Two grant FY 2020 application was submitted 2-11-2019 requesting funding amount of \$69,344.40. If proposal is accepted funding would begin 7-1-2019. This grant is to improve birth outcomes by decreasing the number of expectant mother and partners who are using tobacco and to maintain a smoke free environment for the newborn for the first 12 months of life.
- The Eco Village MOU and Draft of the proposed services emailed January 15, 2019. If proposal accepted funding would be \$10,000 a year for 5 years to provide nursing services to decrease infant mortality.
- We are working on a CCP (Children's Practicing Pediatricians) 2nd dose Program to earn \$1000. This program reviews the clients in our database that may have had one dose of a Meningitis vaccine and due for the 2nd dose. We are calling call to schedule the appointment or if they are no longer a client of SCGHD, that information can be put into the system thus cleaning up the database.
- We are writing a proposal to be submitted to the Ohio Older Adults Falls Prevention Coalition of the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership Coalition requesting \$4,000. This proposal to be submitted 3-15-2019 will provide a home assessment by a nurse, completing a fall risk assessment and education on strategies to reduce falls. The need for grab bars would be assessed, purchased and installed if grant funding is obtained.
- MAC week February 11-15, 2019 completed.

Quality: Always striving to provide good, quality care and service.

Service:

- The CDC [says](#) this flu season has been similar to other seasons dominated by H1N1 viruses, but it remains far less severe than last flu season. The CDC says it expects flu activity to remain high for a number of weeks. While this year's flu season has been milder overall than last year's, to date 41 children have died across the country from flu-related causes. Ohio is reporting three flu-associated pediatric deaths for the 2018-2019 flu season. We still have state provided flu vaccine.
- We have mailed letters to the Superintendents of Old Fort High School, New Riegel and Hopewell Loudon and to the Bettsville elementary Principal. This letter outlines the important role a school nurse plays in the educational setting and a list of school nursing services SCGHD can offer to maximize learning potential and increase productivity.
- We continue to provide a Hepatitis A vaccine as a public health outreach to CROSSWAEH and Rigel for staff members and clients.
- We will be providing the third onsite Hepatitis B vaccine administration to Fostoria School Employees March 12th.
- Buffalo Wild Wings Franchise Owner has requested us to provide Hepatitis A vaccine administration outreach/onsite to 80 employees. Tentatively scheduled March 18th and 25th

Hepatitis A Outbreak Summary (February 25, 2019):

Number of cases: 1819
Illness onset range: 01/05/2018 – 02/20/2019
Age range: 1-84 years
Gender: 60% male
Number of hospitalizations: 1140 (63%)
Number of deaths: 7
Number of counties with cases: 69 (78%)

Additional information can be found on the Ohio Department of Health website

<https://www.odh.ohio.gov>

Growth: Cindy Voorhees will be attending the Fall Prevention Symposium 3-29-2019, Andrea Cook will be attending HIPPA Compliance Officer Training March 1, 2019, Rita Schank, Dana Mathias and Kate Doepker will be attending the Regional School Nurse Conference March 15,

Environmental Health

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Director of Environmental Health, Laura Wallrabenstein, MA RS. Mrs. Wallrabenstein reviewed her report included in board member's packet. Mrs. Wallrabenstein presented for condemnation, property located at:

- a. 6224 N SR 53 Tiffin, OH
Owned by Jessalyn M. & Jeremy Murphy – same address
Home is actually vacant and not secure. . . There was a fire here a few years ago resulting in one fatality.
Referred by Pleasant Twp. Trustees.
- b. 842 N. Countyline Fostoria, OH 44830
Owned by Prudence R. Weber 11890 TR 41 Fostoria, OH 44830
Home is fire damaged, vacant, and not secure. Referred by Fostoria Zoning.
- c. CONDEMNATION: 1340 W. Woodland Ave. Tiffin, OH 44883
Owned by Laurent J. & Vickie S. Brickner, 1783 E SR 18 Tiffin, OH 44883
Has a failed HSTS and has ignored orders to replace or vacate MoHo.

Mr. Young requested a motion to condemn the property located at 6224 N SR 53 Tiffin, OH, 842 N. Countyline Fostoria, OH 44830 and the property located at 1340 W. Woodland Ave. Tiffin, OH 44883. Mr. Lyons made a motion to grant condemnation of the properties as presented. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- d. HSTS Variance for Randy Hoover to achieve CEU's (for registered sewage pumper) Needs 6 hours by May 1, 2019

Mr. Young requested a motion of a variance to allow Randy Hoover, Hoover Septic Tank Cleaning, until May 1, 2019 to complete CEU's that were required by December 31, 2018 to be a Registered Service Provider. Mr. Hoover we also need to complete CEU's by the end of 2019 to be Registered Service Provider for 2020. Mr. Lyons made a motion to grant variance for Mr. Hoover. Mrs. Boroff seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

- e. Landfill License – You are probably aware that Fostoria City Council has also officially opposed the issuance of the landfill's license as well as Jackson Twp.

General Update:

People and Growth: Unsure if we are seeking an additional RS or not at this point. . .

Financial: The 2017 HSTS grant has been closed out and we now have \$200,000 to spend (2018 monies) and a new \$150,000 awarded for 2019. So there is \$350,000 available to upgrade/replace septic systems in Seneca Co. We have new brochures about the grant available if you would like any!

Service: We are sending our own contracted service providers out to over 50 addresses that have failed to properly manage their HSTS (home sewage treatment systems) – it IS a service, but likely not a welcome one!

Quality: I'm excited about Policy Stat being introduced to the general staff soon – I'm hoping this will allow the EH Division to closely review/revise all of our policies and bring them up to date!

Health Commissioner

Mr. Young turned the floor over to the Health Commissioner, Beth Schweitzer, MPH, MCHES. Mrs. Schweitzer reviewed her report included in board member's packet:

Numerous phone calls and meetings in Preparation for Landfill Public Forum and attendance Consulting with Joe Durham to prepare resolution for Board meeting.

Attended Family Children First Council and health Alliance
Arranged for Hospital Council to initiate Community Health Assessment process

Public Affairs and AOHC Board Meetings.

Mr. Young requested a motion for Eastman & Smith, Ltd. to submit a request for proposal to Environmental Health Agency to analyze data and collect new data from the landfill. Mr. Lyons made a motion for Eastman & Smith, Ltd. to submit a request for proposal to Environmental Health Agency to analyze data and collect new data from the landfill. Mr. Watson seconded the motion. . The motion carried upon roll call vote. Mrs. Boroff – Yes. Mr. Lyons – Yes. Mrs. Shank – Yes. Mr. Steyer – Yes. Mr. Watson – Yes. Mr. Young – Yes.

Employee Related Actions

Unfinished Business

New Business

Signatures were requested for paperwork and documents signed by the board.

Adjournment

Mrs. Shank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Steyer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.