

Washington County Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington County Board of Health was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Pro tempore Richard Daniell. The following Board members were present: Richard Daniell, Bob Powell, Jim Rodgers, and Steve Johnson. Alternate. Members excused: Wilbert Antill, Dr. Todd Myers. Staff present: Valerie Betkoski, Ken Robinson, Jeannie Farnsworth, and Dr. Meckstroth. Guests present: Dennis Haas, Debbie Biehl

Mr. Powell moved the adoption of the minutes of the meetings of December 4 and December 11 as distributed. Mr. Rodgers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Hearing on new fee schedule: Dennis Haas expressed comments regarding the per truck fee for septic haulers. He would rather see a flat fee for trucks rather than a per truck fee. He frequently uses one truck only as a back-up and only when a truck is out of service. This would mean he would have an additional truck to license. Mr. Haas also wanted to know if the trucks would be inspected in the future. Mr. Robinson replied that this was in the schedule after the new fees go into effect. On trucks that are currently licensed, these fees would not be effective until January, 2009. New trucks added to a fleet or business prior to that time would need to be licensed individually. Mr. Haas also thought that the installer license should be higher than the proposed fee. Mr. Powell replied that there should also be additional training for installers along with the fee increase.

Debbie Biehl, representing Fearing Volunteer Fire Department wanted to know about the difference between a catering and temporary food license. Because the fire department prepares food and serves it off-site, it is required to have a catering license. If all activities were held on site, or food was prepared off-site, then the fire department may be eligible for a temporary license for each event they serve. Dr. Meckstroth explained that the license fee this year is based on 2006 cost methodology. The fees are evaluated annually and although the fees decreased slightly this year, they may increase again next year.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the fees were read for the third time.

Ms. Farnsworth presented the fiscal report. Carry-over was higher than anticipated especially in the general fund. Graphs of receipts and expenditures for each program were presented for review. The year end budget summary was also distributed.

Year end budget actions were presented for approval. These actions were necessary for the close out of fund expenditures and appropriations at the end of

the fiscal year. Additional budget actions for 2008 were submitted on January 2 and January 8. These were also presented for approval. Mr. Rodgers moved approval of the budget action items. Second, Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

The reconciliation report was also presented to the Board for acknowledgement.

Ms. Farnsworth also informed the Board of the new Health Department Web Site that will be live on January 11. The site is washco-ohhealth.org. Minutes of the Board meeting will be posted on the site after approval.

A list of bills to be paid was presented for approval. Mr. Rodgers moved approval. Second Mr. Powell. Motion carried.

Ms. Betkoski presented the Public Health Nursing report. There was an increase in the number of flu shots given this year. As of this meeting only 231 doses of flu vaccine remain. The health department will continue to give vaccine into February or until the vaccine is depleted. There was also an increase in home visits for BCMH this past year. HIV testing is down because all testing is now through a blood test. The kits for oral swab tests are no longer available. The numbers of patients seen in the eye and ear clinics have also increased.

Crescent Powers, a company out of California had reimbursed the health department twice for immunizations for Jacob Addis. This company has requested a refund for the over-payment. Mr. Powell moved to pay the refund as requested. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Mr. Robinson presented the Environmental Health report. Sewage permits are down from 2006 because of the large number written prior to change in legislation. Water well permits were also significantly higher in 2006 with the alteration permits issued for C8 filters. All three sanitarians have now attended training for school inspections. These inspections will involve a considerable amount of time, particularly on the first of the new inspections. All initial inspections must be completed before the end of the school year in May.

Dr. Meckstroth had previously distributed the Health Commissioner's report. In addition to her written report, she distributed a spreadsheet to explain the 2008 budget reflecting the actual carry-over as noted in the fiscal report.

Out of County Meetings

Plumbing Inspectors Annual Conference, Mar 3-5, Dublin, OH (Touvell)
Registration \$200 and mileage (no overnight)

Mr. Powell moved approval. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Discussion continued regarding the small flows program and contract with the Ohio EPA. Ken Robinson talked with EPA and was informed that although EPA

prefers enforcement to be handled through the county prosecutor, cases can be referred to EPA for follow-up on a limited basis. These systems are not currently being inspected unless there is a complaint or we are inspecting the system as part of another environmental health program. These are approximately 200 systems in the county. The Board would like to continue discussion and instructed staff to gather more information from health departments that are under contract with EPA to carry out this program.

The new fee schedule was presented for approval.. Mr. Powell moved that the new fee schedule be approved. Second Mr. Rodgers. Motion carried. These fees will be in effect within 30 days from passage. Immunization fees will be in effect on March 1.

No new business

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for February 12 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Meckstroth, Secretary

Wilbert Antill, President