

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH, CITY OF OAKWOOD,
STATE OF OHIO

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue, and was accessible via Zoom.

Attending in person were:

Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Vice Chair

Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member

Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner

Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager

Matt Tyler, REHS, Environmental Health Director

Robert Jacques, Law Director

Attending via remote teleconference was Mrs. Diane Scott, R.N., Member.

Excused absent were Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair; Dr. Elizabeth Hardy, Ph.D., Member; and Mayor Bill Duncan, President.

Dr. Coyne called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led a discussion on the following agenda items:

Annual Organization Meeting: Dr. Coyne noted that this was the annual organization meeting and the Board needed to elect a chair and vice chair for 2024. Motion by Dr. Coyne to nominate Dr. Denka as chair and Dr. Coyne as vice chair; second by Dr. Maimon. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Dr. Coyne asked that the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting be reviewed. There being no requested edits, motion to approve by Dr. Maimon; second by Mrs. Scott. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Environmental Health Director: Matt Tyler, REHS, Environmental Health Director, commented on the following items:

- Update on Food Licensing: The annual food service license deadline in Montgomery County was on March 1. The annual pool application deadline is April 30.
- Update on Measles: Montgomery County has had three confirmed cases of measles. There are several suspected cases where quarantine is warranted until measles is ruled out via laboratory testing.

Dr. Coyne inquired about the two tiers of mobile food license categories.

Mr. Tyler noted that the mobile food license categories moved from a single category to two categories, High Risk and Low Risk.

Report from Health Commissioner: No report.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager:

Opioid Crisis/Legal Settlements: Mr. Klopsch asked Mr. Jacques to comment on ongoing litigation involving the national prescription opioid epidemic. This is complex, multi-district litigation occurring nationwide, and there are several defendants including opioid distributors and manufacturers. Oakwood joined a consortium known as "OneOhio" to participate in a statewide settlement of litigation against several opioid distributors. Oakwood receives Local Government

settlement payments of about \$6,000 annually for the next 18 years from one case and around \$4,300 for the next six years from another. The money is restricted for use in abating the opioid epidemic.

Mr. Klopsch noted that Oakwood is a member of a Council of Governments (COG) along with Springboro, Miamisburg, West Carrollton, Moraine, Centerville, Kettering, and Germantown. There has been discussion about the communities pooling resources and using the money to benefit all eight communities.

- **Water System Backflow Devices:** Mr. Klopsch explained that each year letters are sent to around 350 Oakwood property owners informing them of the requirement to have backflow devices recertified by a licensed plumber. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires the installation of backflow devices on water services that pose a potential hazard to the public water system. This helps to minimize health risks and ensure the safety of drinking water by preventing water from flowing backward into the public water supply.
- **Water Pressure:** Mr. Klopsch explained that Public Works staff occasionally receive inquiries about the water pressure. He gave an overview of how the Oakwood water system was constructed and how the varying ground elevations around the city impact the water pressure. Mr. Klopsch explained how pressure reducing valves are used to adjust water pressure in certain locations where desired. He displayed a map of Oakwood showing the differences in base elevation and pounds per square inch (psi) water pressure in several locations around Oakwood.
- **April 8 Solar Eclipse:** Mr. Klopsch noted that the solar eclipse will cross the Dayton area around 3:08 p.m. and last approximately two minutes, and forty-three seconds. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency to assure everyone is well-prepared for the solar eclipse event.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- **Septic Systems:** Mr. Jacques commented on two Oakwood properties still operating on private septic systems. A recent visit to both properties by Public Works staff confirmed that the systems are being maintained. If there are issues with the septic systems in the future, the city, through the Board of Health, may order the properties to connect to the public sanitary sewer system.
- **Temporary Outdoor Restroom Facilities:** Mr. Jacques reviewed a proposed Zoning Code amendment addressing temporary outdoor restroom facilities, also known as Porta Johns.

Mr. Klopsch mentioned that the May 28, 2024 Board of Health meeting may be cancelled if there is no pressing business.

There being no other business, at 6:10 p.m. Dr. Coyne adjourned the meeting.

Secretary

Chair

Commissioner of Health