

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

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue.

In attendance were:

Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair  
Diane Scott, R.N., Member  
Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Member

Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner  
Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager  
Paul Scaglione, R.S., Sanitarian

Also in attendance via remote teleconference utilizing the Zoom.com platform were the following: Dr. Sallie Wilson, D.O., Vice Chair; Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member; and Mayor Bill Duncan, President.

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Dr. Denka asked that the minutes of the July 14, 2020 meeting be reviewed. There being no requested edits, motion to approve by Mrs. Scott; second by Dr. Coyne. Upon viva voce vote, motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Report from Chair: No report.

Report from Sanitarian: Mr. Scaglione made the following report:

- Legionella at Smith School: As was reported recently by the Oakwood Schools and the *Dayton Daily News*, Legionella was detected in water samples at Smith School. This was no surprise, given that the school building had been unused for several months during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Oakwood Schools followed all appropriate protocols in flushing the system and then retesting the water. Based on the test results, the water was safe again for consumption.
- Gardner Pool Operations: Gardner Pool operated this summer in accordance with Health Department requirements. Special precautions were in place to address COVID-19. Mr. Klopsch added that the City received many compliments for operating the pool this summer. Memberships were down about 50% from last year, but daily pool visits were up by about 5,000. This is a function of patrons pre-registering for time slots and shorter lengths of stay. The 2020 pool membership revenue was about \$74,000, compared to \$147,000 last year.

Report from Health Commissioner:

- Update on COVID-19: Dr. Enseleit commented on the current status of COVID-19. COVID-19 cases in the area had risen over the last few weeks in large part due to positive tests at the University of Dayton, but have recently dropped. Area hospitals have sufficient space to address medical needs. Dr. Denka stated that he has noticed the same drop in the area.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager: Mr. Klopsch provided the following report:

- CARES Act Funding: The City has received two installments from the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act in the total amount of \$193,000. This money can only be used for certain COVID-19 related expenses. To date, the City has qualifying expenses in the amount of approximately \$26,000 for administrative costs; approximately \$9,000 for cleaning/sanitation, safety barriers, and signage; and about \$11,000 to address hardware and IT costs related to teleworking. About \$19,000 is being used to install touchless water faucets in various locations throughout city public buildings. The largest amount of CARES Act money will be used to install technology in the council chambers

at the city building, and at the Oakwood Community Center to accommodate Zoom and other remote meeting options.

- August 6 MVRPC Resolution: A resolution was presented at the August 6 MVRPC board meeting addressing racism as a public health emergency. That resolution was tabled by a majority vote at the August 6 meeting. Since then, the resolution has been modified and appears to be in a form that is acceptable to the MVRPC board members. The words "public health emergency" have been removed from the resolution. It is scheduled to be presented at the October 1 MVRPC board meeting. Oakwood City Council discussed the resolution and Vice Mayor Steve Byington, Oakwood's representative on the MVRPC Board, plans to vote in favor of the resolution.
- Halloween and Trick-or-Treating: Area communities are considering how to regulate and/or conduct trick-or-treating and other Halloween events. The city of Oakwood does not conduct any organized Halloween events. The current belief is that trick-or-treating can be conducted safely, as long as all participants take health and safety precautions. The Board generally concurred that trick or treating could be done in a safe manner, assuming that participants wear appropriate facial coverings, and engage in trick-or-treating within small family units. A city decision on this matter is expected in early October.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Opening of Oakwood Schools: Mr. Klopsch commented that the schools have operated for several weeks and there do not appear to be any health safety concerns.
- PFAS Water Testing: Mr. Klopsch reported that the Ohio EPA is conducting PFAS water testing throughout the state. Water samples were recently drawn from the two Oakwood water plants with test results pending.
- New Fees/Cost Methodology: Mr. Scaglione presented the 2021 proposed fee schedule based on the state mandated cost methodology. He reviewed those fees and distributed the enclosed spreadsheet with details.
- Total Dissolved Solids in Oakwood Water: Mr. Klopsch commented on concern raised recently by a few Oakwood residents regarding the level of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in Oakwood water. Mr. Klopsch stated that TDS is a secondary drinking water standard, and explained the difference between primary and secondary standards. Primary standards are those that are regulated by the EPA and impact public health. Secondary standards are not regulated by the EPA and generally involved aesthetic issues such as water smell, taste and color. Oakwood continues to operate the public water system in compliance with all EPA regulation. Water has been safely distributed throughout Oakwood for over 100 years, and Oakwood began producing its own city water nearly 70 years ago when the first wells were drilled at the site of the Springhouse Water Treatment Plant.

There being no other business, at 6:15 p.m. Dr. Denka adjourned the meeting.

Chair

Secretary

Commissioner of Health