

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

The meeting was conducted on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 in the council chamber at the Oakwood City Building, 30 Park Avenue, and was also accessible via Zoom.

Attending in person were:

Dr. Bill Coyne, D.D.S., Vice Chair	Norbert Klopsch, Administrator/City Manager
Mrs. Diane Scott, R.N., Member	Matt Tyler, REHS, Environmental Health Director
Dr. Elizabeth Maimon, DVM, M.P.H., Member	

Attending via remote teleconference was Mayor Bill Duncan, President. Also attending the meeting was Oakwood Public Safety Lieutenant Damian Baggett.

Excused absent were Dr. David Denka, D.O., Chair and Dr. Steve Enseleit, M.D., Health Commissioner

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings: Dr. Coyne asked that the minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting be reviewed. There being no requested edits, a motion to approve was made by Dr. Maimon and seconded by Mrs. Scott. Upon viva voce vote, the 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:

- Oakwood Jurisdiction Disease Report: So far this year, Flu and COVID-19 cases are low and below historic figures. 2022 was the high year for COVID-19. There have not been any reported flu cases in 2023.
- HB 507: HB 507 was signed by Governor DeWine in January. The bill changes the way the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture conduct food surveys for local health departments. The bill will eliminate unnecessarily lengthy surveys and inspections.

Report from Board Administrator/City Manager: Mr. Klopsch commented on the following items:

- Gardner Pool Improvements: Gardner Pool was built in 1968 and needed some major repairs and updates. The improvement plans were approved by the Ohio Department of Health and the proper permits were secured for the construction. The pool work includes demolition and replacement of the entire concrete deck, installation of fencing around the zero depth wading pool (children's pool), installing new pool lifeguard stands and diving boards, and installing a new exterior fence along Patterson Road. The pool will be completely renewed after the work is completed, other than plans to install a new pool liner in 2024.
- ODH Efficiency and Effectiveness Study: A mandated study was included in the 2022/2023 Ohio Biennium Budget to determine the cost effectiveness of local health districts, but study requirements have not been issued by ODH. Oakwood's local health district continues to operate until further guidance is received from the state. Provisions included in the 2022/2023 Ohio Biennium Budget will likely require Oakwood's local health district to merge with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County. The Oakwood Health Board, under a different name, could continue to serve as a general advisory body to the city on health and safety matters.
- New Board Member: City Council will appoint Dr. Elizabeth Hardy, Ph.D., to the Board of Health at the April 3 meeting. Dr. Hardy is a psychologist and will replace Dr. Sallie Wilson.

- PFAS: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently released proposed standards to regulate PFAS chemicals in drinking water. The proposed maximum level is 4 parts per trillion, which is the lowest detectable level given current testing technology. The aquifer that supplies the drinking water to Oakwood is positioned at an elevation much higher than the aquifer from which Dayton draws its water. The city of Dayton is used as a backup water supply to Oakwood. Fortunately, Oakwood’s eight production wells have produced 100% of Oakwood’s water for the last 15-20 years. About 2 ½ years ago, the Ohio EPA tested Oakwood’s water for PFAS chemicals and none were detected. Mr. Klopsch noted that he would like to see a cost/benefit analysis to determine if the benefits outweigh the costs to monitor and remove PFAS chemicals from drinking water, particularly at such a microscopic level.
- Medic Vehicles: Mr. Klopsch introduced Oakwood Public Safety Lieutenant Damian Baggett and reviewed the highlights of his career. He invited Lieutenant Baggett to share information about Oakwood’s emergency medical services. Lieutenant Baggett spoke about the duties and responsibilities of Dr. John Ewing, the Oakwood EMS Medical Advisor. Oakwood’s emergency medical technicians and paramedics are provided with comprehensive training opportunities to provide exceptional advanced emergency care to the community. Lt. Baggett shared an emergency 9-1-1 medic call where a quick response time and advanced medical training and equipment helped to save the patient’s life. It is essential to have two reliable ambulances, one serving as a primary vehicle and the other serving as a backup. A used medic vehicle was purchased in 2022 to replace an ambulance that was experiencing problems with the brake module that could not be repaired. Oakwood provides mutual aid as needed to Dayton and Kettering. Oakwood assisted other jurisdictions on 41 calls in 2022. In the past five years, Oakwood has only needed assistance from another jurisdiction one time.

Mayor Duncan thanked Lt. Baggett and the Oakwood Public Safety Department for all of their efforts on behalf of the city.

Mr. Klopsch noted that after the elimination of the Ohio estate tax, the fully consolidated public safety concept was questioned by some citizens, suggesting that there may be a less expensive way to provide public safety services. He stated that many examples over the years show that the consolidated operation concept in Oakwood is definitely worth the expense.

Mr. Klopsch reported that Mayor Duncan is recovering from a triple bypass open heart surgery six weeks ago. He’s doing great!

Mayor Duncan chuckled and shared a story from his time in the hospital where an ICU nurse that graduated from Oakwood High School said that she didn’t think Oakwood had a mayor, only a city manager. The nurse grew up across the street from Mr. Klopsch.


Old Business: None.

New Business: None.


There being no other business, at 6:04 p.m. Dr. Coyne adjourned the meeting.



 Secretary



 Chair



 Commissioner of Health