



The Board of the Logan County Health District (LCHD) met in regular session Wednesday, February 8, 2023. President Varian called the meeting to order at 12:58 p.m. followed by the pledge to the flag. Members present on roll call were Dr. Varian, Mr. Harrison, and Mrs. Wish. Administration present at the LCHD were Health Commissioner Travis Irvan, Director of Environmental Health Timothy M. Smith, Director of Nursing Kelly Reaver, Director of Community Health Megan Bailey, and Director of Business Operations Christina Bramlage. Staff present were Safety and Sanitation Coordinator Matthew Stonerock, Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training Jennifer Mitchell, and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Michelle Gatchel. The guests present were Danny Ramirez, Luis Navarrete, and reporter Mandy Loehr of the *Bellefontaine Examiner*.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the consent agenda this month are

- January's Board minutes;
- monthly bill vouchers;
- December's financial reports;
- routine bookkeeping matters; and
- desk review results of Integrated Naloxone grant.

It was moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Wish that the Board approves all consent agenda items. Ayes: Dr. Varian, Mrs. Wish, and Mr. Harrison. Nays: none. Motion carried. (See Notes to Minutes for details.)

IN THE MATTER OF BOARD EDUCATION

The segment *Performance Management in Local Health Departments: Creating Alignment, Action, and Accountability* by Anne Goon, MS, RD, LC, Health Commissioner, was emailed to Board members to watch. Once completed, the Board members were asked to sign the education log for record-keeping.

IN THE MATTER OF INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Michelle Gatchel started on January 23, 2023. The Board warmly welcomed Ms. Gatchel to the Health District.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC FORUM

No one was present for the public forum.

IN THE MATTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

The benefit of maintaining the Logan County Health District's OEPA-approved water lab was affirmed with the recent city-wide Boil Water Alert when the Bellefontaine Water Department was unable to deliver their water samples to their normal out-of-county lab because it had already closed for the day. Many thanks to all the different health district staff members that were involved in responding to questions from the public and concerned partners, investigating water usage complaints, locating safe water source options, securing the health district's water fixtures, placing hand sanitizer into the restrooms, setting up the lab, preparing and reading the samples, and reporting the happy results to the city, schools, and media.

IN THE MATTER OF NUISANCE UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Toni Lee Henry, 506 W. Columbus Street, Kenton

Mr. Henry is the new owner of the property at 6081 St. Rt. 274, Huntsville, which was inspected on May 3, 2022, by Amanda Harshfield, EHSIT, who observed a vacant house with broken out windows and an open hole on the side where a chimney for a wood burner was removed. On June 9, 2022, an Environmental Order was issued to repair the house to a habitable condition or remove it by the end of 2022. A follow-up inspection on November 2, 2022, revealed no windows had been replaced. Also, new solid wastes in the form of scrap tires outside of the barns and an accumulation of parted-out junk vehicles have since been added to the property. On November 9, 2022, the Board of Health issued a 30-day order to correct the violation by repairing or having a signed contract to repair, the home into an inhabitable condition and remove all solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility. The proof of receipt card of the

certified letter was inadvertently added to O&M's stack of "green cards." A follow-up inspection revealed that the solid wastes had been removed, but only the first-floor windows had been boarded up. No further action is expected until the spring/summer remodeling.

Robert Gilroy (deceased), last known owner of an open and dilapidated manufactured home at 11400 Pocahontas Path and a caved-in house at 11393 Blackhawk Drive, both in Chippewa Park, Lakeview

The Stokes Township trustees are requesting that the structures be condemned by the Logan County Board of Health so that township funding may be used to have them razed. Pictures of the open and damaged structures were taken to document their condition allowing Health Commissioner Travis Irvan to approve placarding both structures on November 7, 2022, but now the Board is requested to provide their concurrence. On November 9, 2022, the Board of Health agreed with the Health Commissioner's earlier condemnation order and issued a 30-day order to correct the violation by repairing or having a signed contract to repair, the homes into inhabitable conditions and remove all solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility. The proof of receipt card of the certified letter was returned on November 18, 2022, by the postal service and was marked as "Return to sender, no mail receptacle, unable to forward." Therefore, no further action can be taken by the health district. The properties were each posted with "Condemned" placards and the Stokes Township Trustees were informed of the Board's action. The complaint is considered a "dead end" regarding further action until new ownership of the property is confirmed.

Adriana Russell, 685 W. Center Street, West Mansfield

Ms. Russell is the owner of the property, which was inspected on October 17, 2022, by Amanda Harshfield, EHSIT. Mrs. Harshfield observed solid wastes outside the manufactured home and especially behind a shed in and around a large, open trash receptacle. On November 1, 2022, the Village of West Mansfield was contacted, and their office reported that the occupants had moved in December 2020, but the water could not be turned on at that time due to leaks under the home. Reportedly, the home has continued to be lived in since without water service. The County Treasurer's Office was also contacted to report the amount of back taxes observed on the Auditor's website. A 14-day Environmental Order was issued. On November 21, 2022, the West Mansfield Utility Office was called, and they reported that no contact had been made with them concerning the property. Mrs. Harshfield conducted a site revisit and took pictures of the continuing nuisance condition. On December 14, 2022, the Board of Health declared that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issue an order to correct it by properly connecting to city water, removing all solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility, and providing a copy of a signed contract for regular trash removal service within seven (7) days of receipt of the order. On January 10, 2023, the proof of receipt card of the certified letter was returned as unclaimed, so the order was resent through regular mail with a reinspection to occur in ten days (after January 20, 2023), if the order is not returned by then.

Luke and Makaela Smith, 5582 SR 274 E, Rushsylvania

Mr. and Mrs. Smith's property was inspected on December 5, 2022, by Amanda Harshfield, EHSIT, who observed a large pile of solid waste in the back of the property. On the same day, an Environmental Order was issued to remove the solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility on or before December 19, 2022. A follow-up inspection on January 3, 2023, revealed no improvement. On January 11, 2023, the Board of Health declared that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issued an order to correct the violation by removing the solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility within seven (7) days of receipt of the order. On January 23, 2023, Mr. Smith visited the Health District to report that he now has regular trash removal, but it will take until February 23, 2023, for him to have the solid waste all bagged and picked up so a reinspection is planned for that day.

Leon Billenstein, 107 SR 273 W, Belle Center

Mr. Billenstein's property was inspected on December 6, 2022, by Amanda Harshfield, EHSIT, who observed a large pile of solid waste in the back of the property. On the same day, an Environmental Order was issued to remove the solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility on or before December 20, 2022. A follow-up inspection on January 3, 2023, revealed no improvement. On January 11, 2023, the Board of Health declared that the condition constitutes a public health nuisance and issued an order to correct the violation by removing the solid wastes to a licensed disposal facility within seven (7) days of receipt of the order. The proof of receipt card of the certified letter has not yet been returned.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW VARIANCES

Jeff DeMoss, 10331 Scott Road, Sidney

Mr. DeMoss requests a sewage variance to allow him to develop Lot #1 of his proposed four-lot Otter Creek Commercial Park, located just east of East Liberty on CR 10, by temporarily installing a holding tank for three years until the proposed East Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant is constructed and operating. If the WWTP is not able

to accept the wastewater from his commercial building at that time, then he is willing to install an aeration system with UV light disinfection to allow him to use spray irrigation by permit with the health district until it can be abandoned when sanitary sewer is accessible to the property. It was moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Wish to approve the variance request with the requirements that the holding tank has a high-water alarm and that the owner will obtain a service contract with a registered septage hauler. Ayes: Dr. Varian, Mrs. Wish, and Mr. Harrison. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF SUBDIVISION REVIEW FOR APPROVAL

Jeff Demoss, 10331 Scott Road, Sidney

Mr. Demoss also requests a Subdivision Review of his proposed four-lot Otter Creek Commercial Park, located just east of East Liberty on CR 10, to obtain the Board of Health's approval of the proposed on-lot water and wastewater systems before requesting Preliminary Plat approval from the LUC Regional Planning Commission on February 9, 2023. It was moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Wish to accept Mr. Demoss's request for splitting the property into four lots with the understanding that Lots 2, 3, and 4 will need to come to the Health District to discuss building on those lots due to the lot sizes and the water and wastewater system setup. Since only six employees are expected in the commercial building planned for lot #1 and similar situations on the remaining three (3) lots, and with sanitary sewer being planned for the area, approval by the Board of Health for an individual on-lot water wells and holding tank variances may proceed and a letter written confirming such to the owner following payment of the \$100 Subdivision Review Fee. Ayes: Dr. Varian, Mrs. Wish, and Mr. Harrison. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF FOOD FACILITY UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Gustavo Ramirez Enterprises, Inc., license holder for La Palma Bar and Grill, 2201 South Main Street, Bellefontaine

Mr. Danny Ramirez and Mr. Luis Navarrete are representatives of the La Palma Bar and Grill, and they were present at the meeting. La Palma Bar and Grill has been cited numerous times in the past by Environmental Health Specialist in Training (EHSIT) Jennifer Mitchell, for uncleanliness and pest infestation violations. Another complaint was received recently of a cockroach observed on their table in the dining area by a patron. Although a pest control contract with a Certified Pest Control Operator has been obtained and past cleanliness issues have improved, the reoccurring complaints and cited violations show an ongoing failure to provide consistently clean and pest-free food service. On December 14, 2022, the Health Commissioner and the Board of Health issued an order to the owner to create and provide to the Board of Health a written action plan that includes dates of completion of specific goals that will correct the causes of the reoccurring violations within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of the order (and one inspection from the Health District must be completed before the January Board meeting), or appear before the Board of Health at the next regularly scheduled meeting following the compliance date for a license suspension hearing if compliance with the order is not attained. On January 11, 2023, the Board of Health agreed to allow the license suspension hearing to be delayed until the February meeting to allow for proper notification. The proof of receipt card of the certified letter was received on January 23, 2023. A letter of response and an action plan without deadlines was received from La Palma Bar and Grill. It was moved by Mrs. Wish and seconded by Mr. Harrison to have La Palma Bar and Grill close for one day of service to have the facility be deep cleaned by a professional cleaning company. Ayes: Dr. Varian, Mr. Harrison, and Mrs. Wish. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE (O&M) PROGRAM UPDATE

A recent table is provided of the present township results for the Sewage O&M Program. Mary Moser, Environmental Technician, is reviewing 1,800 land transfers received from the Logan County Map Room to determine whether any of the new owners have purchased properties that have not yet been enrolled into the Sewage O&M Program. If no operation permit exists, then a new initial enrollment notice will be mailed to the property in the care of the new property owner.

Due to a security change enacted in December by HDIS, the company that provides the database programs used by the LCHD's Environmental Health Division, after all applicable residential properties with O&M permits scheduled to be renewed in 2023 receive their renewal notices (now planned to be mailed in February 2023), all future new and renewal operation permits (both residential (HSTS) and commercial (SFOSTS with new enrollment being planned for before August 1, 2023) will receive an expiration date that will be on the first of the month either 1, 5 or 10 years from the same month that an operation permit is issued as part of the final revisions made to Logan County Regulation 26 (see Notes to the Minutes).

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING REGULATION NO. 26

Director of Environmental Health Timothy M. Smith explained that a second resolution is needed to update the rest of Regulation 26 which was affected when the revisions were made to allow monthly issuances of operation permit renewals and the addition of registered septage haulers as approved sewage system inspectors for the Sewage O&M Program in Logan County, which also led to the better use of acronyms, correction of typos, and the creation of a more descriptive text. This matter was tabled until a later Board meeting when more members are present.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING REGULATION NO. 40

Director of Environmental Health Timothy M. Smith explained that a second resolution is needed to update Regulation 40 to replace the environmental health program's term for Tattoo/Body Piercing with Body Art, separate the fee categories for the Public Swimming Pool, Body Art and Resident Camp programs, update the Food Mobile and Vending local fees, replace the term Cost of Living with Consumer Price Index as the determinant for increasing local Vending fees, and remove the rescinded Section 1, 2.0 License/permit duplication fee. This matter was tabled until a later Board meeting when more members are present.

IN THE MATTER OF INDIAN HALLOW CAMPGROUNDS, LLC

Environmental Health Director Timothy M. Smith received notice from Ohio Department of Health that Mr. David Durnell with Indian Hallow Campgrounds, LLC did apply for a variance concerning his RV Park as instructed by the Board at the August 2022 meeting. Unfortunately, Ohio Department of Health has denied the request for a variance because it lacked details. Mr. Smith will discuss the matter with Mr. Durnell. Hopefully, Mr. Durnell will resubmit the variance request with the details necessary for Ohio Department of Health.

IN THE MATTER OF NURSING REPORT

Director of Nursing Kelly Reaver presented the December 2022 Logan County communicable disease case rates and the January 2023 nursing statistics. (See Notes to Minutes for stats and details.) Mrs. Reaver reported that staff are working on the HDIS system problems that are occurring and on submitting the Medicare revalidation packet.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY HEALTH UPDATES

Director of Community Health Megan Bailey reported that Allen County is expanding its services to Logan County by providing HIV/Syphilis clinics.

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR APPLYING FOR A GRANT FROM ODH

It was moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mrs. Wish for Dr. Varian to sign a letter from the Board supporting the Health District in deciding to apply for the Integrated Harm Reduction grant for 2023-2024. Ayes: Dr. Grant, Mrs. Wish, and Mr. Harrison. Nays: none. Motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Health Commissioner Travis Irvan updated Board members on several items.

- Staff Kudos: Mr. Tim Smith received a thank you for his feedback on the cost methodology spreadsheets (calculation corrections) from the Recreation, Engineering, and Community Health (REACH) Unit at the Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection.
- Mr. Irvan explained that Environmental Health is working with the Old Order Amish in Logan County to agree how to handle the Sewage Operation and Maintenance requirements for their community.
- The top five social media notifications in January were the measles outbreak in the Columbus/Marysville area, information on national rates about radon, accepting nominations for a BOH seat, an open Health Educator position, and an open Director of Environmental Health position.
- Mr. Irvan was appointed to an Association of Ohio Health Commissioner's work groups: Fighting for Public Health.
- The annual Child Fatality Review meeting was rescheduled to next week. In the next month or two, the Overdose/Suicide Review Board will meet.
- The District Advisory Council meeting is set for the Logan County Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. on March 23, 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Confirming the next regular meeting for March 8, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Logan County Health District, President Grant adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m. without opposition.

Dr. Grant Varian, President

Travis Irvan, Secretary