

**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, February 22, 2006**

The Health Advisory Board of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in the Small Courtroom of the Barberton Municipal Building. Chairman Dan Karant called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Dan Karant, Nancy Delnay, Dr. Robert Littlejohn, Dalia Spisak, Mike Zita

ALSO PRESENT: Ed Binic, Environmental Health Dir., BHD

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

Wednesday, January 25, 2006:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, January 25, 2006; Chairman Karant called for a motion. **Ms. Dalia Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Nancy Delnay. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Ms. Delnay-Yea, Dr. Robert Littlejohn-Yea, Mr. Mike Zita-Yea, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 5-0, approving the minutes as submitted. They were signed and processed accordingly.**

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) Clean Indoor Air Ordinance:

Chairman Karant asked Mr. Mike Zita for an update on proposed Ordinance No. 22-2006 in Norton Council regarding the Clean Air Ordinance. He reported that the second reading of the ordinance would be on Monday, February 27, 2006. He added that the third reading would probably be suspended, which meant that it would be voted on that night. Ms. Delnay commented that any input from the Norton Health Advisory Board (NHAB) would have to be made before then. Mr. Zita explained that Ordinance No. 22-2006, would basically be the same as the existing ordinance. Some sections, however, were revised so that they would supercede the Summit County Clean Indoor Air Ordinance. Ms. Spisak mentioned that she attended the first reading of the ordinance and told Council that banning smoking in Norton businesses would not handicap it economically. She informed Council that it was just a matter of time that smoking would be prohibited everywhere. Mr. Zita stated that if the State of Ohio passes a law banning smoking in public places, it would equally affect all cities. Dr. Robert Littlejohn mentioned that a number of states are banning smoking in public places and it has not hurt them economically. Mr. Zita said that Council was dealing with two issues regarding banning smoking in Norton. One was that people have constitutional rights and the other is that it would hurt Norton economically. Ms. Delnay stated, for the record, that she was in firm disagreement with smoking in public places. Mr. Karant stated that he understood both sides of the issue. The NHAB duty, however, was to take a stand for the community's health. After further discussion, the Board decided to make a recommendation regarding the health issue regarding smoking in public places and Chairman Karant called for a motion. **Ms. Spisak moved to recommend that whereas the Norton Health Advisory Board (NHAB) is charged with caring for issues of health in the Norton community, they resolve that the NHAB is therefore opposed to allowing smoking in places of indoor public assembly. Ms. Delnay seconded the motion. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yea, Ms. Delnay-Yea, Dr. Littlejohn-Yea, Mr. Zita-Abstain, Mr. Karant-Yea. The motion passed 4-0-1, approving the recommendation, by NHAB Resolution No. 01-2006.**

B.) Updates Regarding Norton Health Issues:

Mr. Ed Binic reported that the court cases regarding Norton health issues are status quo at this time.

C.) Sanitary Sewer Tie-in Project:

Mr. Binic stated that the Sanitary Sewer Tie-in Project list was complete. There are fifty-one (51) businesses that are required to connect. He added that twenty-four (24) were questionable because of the distance the business is from a sewer line and/or they would have to bore under the road to tie-in. Mr. Binic stated that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) would make the determination hopefully next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

After discussion, Chairman Karant announced that the NHAB should have a special meeting and the Board decided to meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center. With no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

(Immediately after adjournment, the Board members attended the Barberton Board of Health meeting in Barberton Council Chambers.)



Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Member



Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

3-7-06

Date

**RESOLUTION
NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

FEBRUARY 22, 2006

NHAB RESOLUTION NO. 01-2006

RE: CLEAN INDOOR AIR

The Norton Health Advisory Board does hereby make the following recommendations on the above:

Whereas the N.H.A.B. is charged with caring for issues of health in the Norton Community, we resolve that the N.H.A.B. is therefore opposed to allowing smoking in places of indoor public assembly.

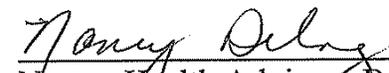
VOTES: FOR 4 AGAINST 0 ABSTAIN 1

Therefore this resolution is:

APPROVED X DENIED TABLED

This resolution shall be sent to Mayor Joseph Kernan for his recommendation:


Norton Health Advisory Board
Chair/Vice Chair


Norton Health Advisory Board
Vice Chair/Member

2-22-06
Date