



Norton Health Advisory Board Memorandum

To: Karla Richards, Clerk of Council
From: Paula Fisher, Interim Boards & Commissions Secretary
Date: 5/21/09
Re: Norton Health Advisory Board Approved/Signed Minutes: March 18, 2009

Attached you will find a copy of the approved/signed minutes from the Norton Health Advisory Board meeting held on March 18, 2009.

Please note that the original document has been forwarded to, and will be on file with the Clerk of Council.

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Finance Director
Director of Law
Director of Planning & Community Development
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Norton Health Advisory Board (5)
Council (7)
Executive Assistant/Barberton Health Commissioner
Dir. of Environmental Health (BHD)

CC: Tom Jones (Council)
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**NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF NORTON
Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

The Health Advisory Board (NHAB) of the City of Norton, Ohio, convened for a public meeting in Council Chambers of the Safety Administration Building. Chairman Daniel Karant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Daniel Karant, Dalia Spisak, and Nancy Delnay

ABSENT: Brenda Hlas, Michael Safron

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Meusel (Barberton Health Dept), Paulette Kline (Barberton Health Commissioner), John Moss, Financial Director

II. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The Board reviewed the minutes of Wednesday, March 4, 2009. **Chairman Karant called for a motion. Ms. Spisak moved to approve the minutes as submitted; seconded by Ms. Delnay. ROLL CALL: Ms. Spisak-Yes, Mr. Delnay – Yes, Mr. Karant-Yes. The motion passed 3-0, approving the minutes as written. The minutes were signed and processed accordingly.**

III. OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant stated that we would start with old business and asked Mike Meusel from the Barberton Health District to present his information. Mr. Meusel stated that the Barberton Health District had been working on a few cases, the first being the Burkhart property at 1917 Wadsworth Rd. Mr. Meusel stated that Mr. Richard Eslich from Eslich C & D Landfill had bought the property from Mr. Burkhart a few days prior to February 17, 2009. The property contained approximately 1,000 or more scrap tires along the creek. The Burkhart property was under orders from Barberton Health District to remove the tires. Mr. Meusel stated that upon the transfer of the property, Mr. Meusel contacted Mr. Eslich and informed him that the orders transferred to him as the new property owner. Mr. Meusel stated that as of March 18, 2009, he was informed by the manager of the Summit C & D Landfill that all the tires on the former Burkhart property would be disposed of and cleaned up within the next 2 weeks.

Mr. Meusel stated that the Gary Nichols's house at 4466 Hametown Rd. is scheduled to be condemned upon approval by the Barberton Board of Health, which the next meeting is March 25, 2009, the condemnation will be for the completely failed septic system. The current owner who is City Financial Mortgage has been cited for 2 court appearances which they never showed and Gary Nichols the former owner on 2 separate occasions and was found guilty and fined \$100.00 in court cost. The house will be posted and the eviction process will commence. They will have 30 days to vacate the premises. Official notice will be sent to Norton City officials. Ms. Kline stated that if the person in the house is over 65 Adult Protection Services will be involved as well. Mr. Meusel stated that the Barberton Health Department is beginning the process of scheduling the prosecution of the recalcitrant 18 business owners who have refused the mandatory orders issued by the BHD to tie in to the sanitary sewer. The hearings will be scheduled shortly.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Karant asked if there was any new business. Mr. Meusel stated that they are requesting a variance for the water well at 4202 Sheridan St. The Department of Community and Economic Development is rehabilitating the home. Mr. Meusel stated that they are requesting a 2-part variance for the existing well to be located less than 10 feet from the house the distance is 3 feet. If the Board of Health does not approve the variance they will have to drill another well. Mr. Meusel stated that several Norton food operations would be told to close due to non-payment of their food license. The 2 are Georgios Oven Fresh on Greenwich Rd. and Quiznos on Cleveland Massillon. Mr. Meusel stated by law they cannot operate. Mr. Meusel stated that he would be meeting with Mr. Richard Eslich on Friday, March 20, 2009 to discuss the possibilities of expansion of sanitary sewer to the Summit C & D Landfill. It will extend from the Barber Rd. trunk line to the landfill and this would be a significant step in the sanitary sewer infrastructure for Norton in this area. Mr. Meusel stated that with the sanitary sewer, Mr. Eslich would be able to dispose of the leachate from the landfill. Chairman Karant questioned Mr. Meusel about the distance to run the sanitary sewer line. Mr. Meusel stated he measured it and it was 3/10's of a mile from the end of the trunk line. Ms. Spisak asked Mr. Meusel about the variance for the well at 4202 Sheridan concerning the health issue if the variance is passed. Mr. Meusel stated there is no health risk.

Chairman Karant stated that he wanted to amend the minutes in the case that Nancy Delnay came in and they now have a quorum. Chairman Karant stated that he brought a guest, Danielle Anderson that is a 6-year student at Ohio Northern who is following Chairman Karant, she is trying to decide to become a pharmacist.

Ms. Kline stated that she had a comment about Mr. Rich Eslich and that the extension of the sanitary sewer would allow the residents to tie in. The residents would be assessed but there would not be money up front. There would be room for negotiations for them and it would be better for them. Ms. Kline stated that they had brought this matter up with Mr. Rick Ryland, and Mr. John Moss and they were in favor of this matter also. Ms. Kline answered some questions about the BHD that Ms. Hlas had asked Ms. Kline in a phone conversation and had a handout with the information. (See attached.) Ms. Kline also passed out another packet that highlighted tax revenues, and programs that the Barberton Health District handles. (See attached)

Chairman Karant questioned Ms. Kline about the medicine disposal program. Ms. Kline stated that they do have a medication disposal program and stated that how it works is they can double bag the medication if it is not a controlled substance and if the person has a controlled medication or has a concern, they may bring it to the BHD and it would be destroyed through their nursing program as hazardous waste. Chairman Karant asked if they could mention this at the store level, and Ms. Kline stated yes and they could contact the BHD.

Chairman Karant thanked Mr. Meusel and Ms. Kline for their presentation.

Chairman Karant stated that they needed to discuss the recommendation for the 2 Health Districts to give to the City Council and the Mayor. Chairman Karant stated that he would like to hear from Ms. Delnay. Ms. Spisak asked if either one of the members heard that the City of Barberton was looking into merging with Akron or Summit County and that is currently ongoing. Chairman Karant stated that if that would happen the district would shift to whatever direction that merger goes. Ms. Delnay stated that there would be no change for business but would be fiscally irresponsible. No reflection on Barberton Health District but Mr. Nixon outlined facilities and does an excellent job. Barberton also does an excellent job. Ms. Spisak stated that she agreed with Ms. Delnay in light of the dramatic changes over many decades in terms of what has happened with the beginning of PPG closing that economically Barberton Health Dept. may not be fiscally the way to go. Ms. Spisak stated that even though she is extremely happy with the services we get from BHD because we are a small community we are accustomed for caring for our own. Ms. Spisak stated that even when we spoke about it before it is in the best interest to consider Summit County as our Health Department. Chairman Karant stated that we are considering the dollars and cents. Chairman Karant stated that SCHD is charging us \$7,000 more than the BHD and we will probably have a smaller voice being that we will be one of 18 communities involved. Ms. Delnay stated that the best interest is to work with the other municipalities. We could have a vote in Summit County and even though our voices were heard in Barberton, we didn't have the vote and at Summit County we do have that option.

Chairman Karant asked for comments from Charlotte Whipkey. Ms. Whipkey stated that she feels we should stay with BHD and if they merge then we would follow them. Ms. Whipkey stated that she heard that BHD was looking to expand

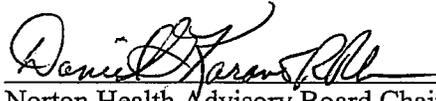
to New Franklin and other areas. Ms. Whipkey wanted to know if Summit County Health Department would be opening a clinic in Norton that would serve the seniors and children in the city. Ms. Whipkey asked if they could stipulate in the contract that we want a vote? Ms. Whipkey stated that the Barberton Health Department gives a personal touch and if need be we could always go to Summit County.

Chairman Karant stated that he had asked Mr. Meusel at the last meeting about how long it would take for the septic inspector to finish and Mr. Meusel stated 2 years, and Chairman Karant stated he when asked the same thing of Mr. Gene Nixon from the Summit County Health District, Mr. Nixon stated by the end of summer. Chairman Karant stated that they have more personnel to handle this and it will cost us more to go with them but we have to do what is best for Norton. Chairman Karant stated that they could not have a vote in Barberton because of their charter unless we become a partner. Chairman Karant stated that as long as Barberton survives without us if we are not happy with Summit County we could change and go back. The contract should be reviewed every year since it is an annual contract. Chairman Karant stated that he would like to know how long it would be to withdraw from the contract with Summit County. Chairman Karant stated that it is nine (9) months for Barberton's contract. Ms. Spisak stated that as a City we are ready to move on and that she has been happy with Barberton Health District and the one on one but that being said with the current economic situation everything that costs shall be painful that when she reviewed everything, Barberton Health Department may not meet the issues that we will have in the future.

Chairman Karant asked Mr. John Moss, Financial Director for any comments he would like to make. Mr. Moss stated that the one thing that was the cost to the City of prosecuting when the residents didn't comply with the orders. The costs for prosecuting by Summit County Health District are within the contract. There is not enough information from the Barberton Health District if the City has to pay for prosecuting. Ms. Delnay asked Mr. Moss about how does the funding factor into the cost analysis for the Mosquito Abatement District? Mr. Moss stated from the City's prospective, the cost is not considered since it is the cost of the property owners. Mr. Moss stated that Summit County offers the spraying of mosquitoes in the contract and the other is an assessment to the property taxes. Mr. Moss stated that as a city we could not say we are not going to pay for MADD since Summit County does the spraying. MADD is through the court system and they are in control and it would have to go through the court to be to be removed from the MADD. Mr. Moss stated that this would save the citizens money but not the city. Chairman Karant stated that BHD contracted with retired Judge Mike McNulty to be the decision-maker for the health district and it had to be someone not on the payroll of the health district and it had to be someone contracted outside as an independent decision maker. Chairman Karant stated that it possibly came about since Norton did not want to do the court thing and it was a bargaining chip from Barberton's side. Ms. Delnay questioned when the recommendation needs to be done, and Chairman Karant stated he believes they are looking to bring it up to Council around the first week of April, and they are waiting for a recommendation from the Board between now and then. Chairman Karant stated that he would like to have the input from the other Board members, Brenda Hlas and Michael Safron. Ms. Delnay stated that it is very important to have everyone's opinion on the recommendation. Ms. Whipkey has concerns and it would be the best to have everyone's opinion. Chairman Karant stated that we could have a special meeting to have all 5 members here. There was a discussion about setting a time for the special meeting. Chairman Karant stated that we could postpone the recommendation until we can find a date with a full quorum. Chairman Karant stated that Ms. Whipkey had her hand up and asked if she had any other questions? Ms. Whipkey stated that the City may need to be more involved if we go with Summit County to have the MADD taken out of the courts, even if we need to have a petition but the City needs to back this up. People were not aware of what they were signing when they passed the petitions around for the MADD program. Chairman Karant thanked Ms. Whipkey for her comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Karant announced that we would have to wait to announce the next meeting in Council Chambers. There being no further business coming before the Board, Chairman Karant adjourned the meeting at 8:30p.m.



Norton Health Advisory Board Chair/Vice-Chair



Norton Health Advisory Board Vice-Chair/Member

5/20/09

Date

**CITY OF NORTON, OHIO
NORTON HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

AUDIENCE ATTENDANCE RECORD

The following individuals were present at the Meeting of the Norton Health Advisory Board Meeting,

Held on: **Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

NAME:	STREET ADDRESS (NO PO BOX):	CITY & ZIP CODE:
Paulette M. Kline	571 W. Tuscarawas Ave	Barberton, Ohio 44203
Mike Mausel	571 W. Tuscarawas	Barberton, OH 44203
Charlotte Whipkey	4624 Albert Ave	Norton OH 44203

Signed: 
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