

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING
CITY OF DE PERE, WISCONSIN – November 20, 2017**

The Board of Health of the City of De Pere, Wisconsin met in regular session in the Riverview Conference room at City Hall, on Monday, November 20th at 5:15 p.m.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Pat Finder-Stone, Ryan Jennings, Dennis Hibray, Casey Nelson, Deborah Armbruster, Dale Schmit and Kelly Burke. Dr. Michael McHenry arrived at 5:25 pm. Dr. Richard Erdman arrived at 5:40 pm.

1. Approval of September 25, 2017 and October 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Pat Finder-Stone made a motion, seconded by Casey Nelson to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Board of Health Meeting. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Pat Finder-Stone made a motion, seconded by Ryan Jennings to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017 special meeting. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: The news article related to this special meeting was focused on transgender instead of it being a non-discrimination ordinance. Since the vote on the non-discrimination ordinance was not unanimous, it needs to be voted on twice.

2. Environmental Health Updates

A. Fox River Drive Noise Complaint

Dale Schmit reported that this was for two new houses on Riverside Drive. The construction trucks were coming in before 6:00 am, but shouldn't have been coming until 7:00 am. Dale spoke with the contractor and informed him that the trucks were coming too early. Dale has not received any further complaints.

B. Sunkist Circle noise Complaint

This was a construction issue. They were putting an addition on their garage and were working late at night. Dale talked to Dennis (building inspector) because it was not permitted. Dale also left a card by their front door. Dennis will follow up.

C. Expera Noise Complaint

We had a noise complaint by the Lawton Street Apartments about louder, more frequent noise from Expera. Dale took a reading when the noise was occurring on a Friday night at 4:15 pm. The steam was pouring out of the stack. He talked to the guard shack personnel. One of the release valves on a steam stack was not working properly. Expera had it repaired.

D. Chicken Permit Code Compliance

The Ravine Road chicken owner has now removed his chickens. He had made the required corrections and he was permitted.

E. Status of 202 N. Superior St.

Debbie Armbruster reported that Chrystal had placarded that home in 2015. The person living there is a hoarder. In 2015 she was only allowed in the home from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm for cleaning purposes only. About a month ago we heard that she was living back in the house and food was being delivered by Christian Outreach. The delivery person saw the sign and had contacted police. Debbie and Dave Hongisto went to the home. After a while, the owner let them in the home. The house was as bad if not worse than it was in 2015. The owner is alert and oriented. We provided her information on places to live, mental health services, and cleaning help. Debbie placed another placard saying it was uninhabitable for humans and only cleaning services were allowed inside. We are suspicious she is still there. The city attorney wrote a nicely worded letter saying she needed to leave the home. During the home inspection, it was found that only one of the three entries was able to be used, and it only had a small

opening, which would be a hazard for emergency personnel. She has alienated anyone who tried to help her, including family. The water is not working in the home, but she does have electricity. We did have social services involved in 2015. The resident was deemed competent, so social services could not take any additional steps to help her. We included adult protective services this time also, and reached out to ADRC. We have tried to facilitate help, but the resident was traumatized in the past when trying to part with her things. We will keep monitoring the residence.

F. Resolution of Noise Complaint at 345 Main Avenue

Debbie Armbruster reported that no mediation would be available through the city going forward. Judy (City Attorney) had previously presented studies already completed, so Debbie did not bring copies of them. Dale's noise readings at the residence were within the normal limits. It would be up to the board if they wanted to have someone come and do a noise study and revamp the noise ordinance.

This is the only complaint we have received in a commercial to residential property since our ordinance was put into effect in 1974. Per Dale's readings, there is no violation of the current city noise ordinance. Dale reported that our noise levels in our ordinance are a good standard compared to other cities and the available studies. Dale also reported that we have not been able to determine if the shared wall at the property is actually two separate walls or a common wall.

The City will not provide mediation going forward, so Mr. Manning may want to pursue mediation on his own.

Possible solutions: 1) stay with the status quo – no violations are in place and our ordinance has been in place since 1974 with no other complaints of this kind. 2) Spend \$8000 for an outside consultant to do a noise study and update our ordinance to include common walls.

Dennis Hibray made the motion to spend up to \$8000 for an outside consultant. There was no second, so the motion died.

Ryan Jennings made a motion that we postpone indefinitely any changes to the current noise ordinance. The motion was seconded by Casey Nelson. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

G. Consortium development with Menasha Health Department for Environmental Health Program

Debbie Armbruster reported that we are forming a Consortium with the City of Menasha. Kelly created the logo, and the health department came up with the name "Bridges of Fox River Consortium". Menasha will have our agent contract and the sanitarian there (Todd) will be supervising over Dale. Dale will do the inspections for the City of De Pere. Todd will be doing Menasha's. Todd has a specific number of inspections that he will do with Dale to see how he is doing. Todd has access to our Healthspace and can look at all of Dale's inspection reports. We will stay our own fiscal agent and the licensing will continue to say City of De Pere. Our hope is to get our agent contract back and become independent. This consortium will start January 1st and will come out of the City budget. Dale will be going to a few more trainings. These are free from the state. There is no written minimum lock out period to reapply for standardization. We were told to wait at least 1 year. Our plan is to document all the trainings Dale is attending and then approaching the State to retest.

3. Community Health Updates

A. YTD Communicable Disease Report

Our current report is the full year of 2016 and year to date 2017. In March we will have the 5 year comparison. Erin is on the STI workgroup helping with Northeast Wisconsin to come up with better interviews. E Coli, Giardia, Gonorrhea, and Lyme have

increased. This may be a testing phenomenon, more testing is being done so we are finding more. The panels are also more inclusive of these diseases. Dr. Erdman reported that there have been recent cases of a coxsackie myocarditis, which can affect younger people, but these are not reportable at this time.

B. Outreach / Health Promotion Activities

New activities this year include more mass clinics, and more clinics in the office. We vaccinated some Brown County residents because they ran out of vaccine. We are not sure of the effectiveness of the current flu vaccine, possibly 67%. In November we will be finishing up on flu vaccines. Sara will be working a few hours on grants updating our strategic plan, gearing up for the Preparedness position she will be starting in January. Debbie has finished negotiating contracts. We have seen a few grants going down, but not significant enough to inhibit us.

4. Reduction of unnecessary agenda paper

We cannot change MinuteTraq. Kelly is taking out the extra papers from the packet. We will indicate on the agenda if further detail is included in the packet. Kelly will print 2 sided if it meets the city requirements.

5. Prevention of Falls Concern

Pat has made one call to a builder but he has not returned her call. She will do more work on this. She will address it at a future meeting.

6. Public Comment on matters not on the agenda

Ariel, our UW Oshkosh nursing student is in attendance. We also have a UWGB student, and a Bellin student will be starting in January. Pat Finder-Stone reported that the Association of schools and Programs of Public Health wrote to Scott Pruitt (Administer of Environmental Protection Agency) protesting his decision to prohibit the EPA funded scientists from serving on agency scientific advisory boards. This action appears to be an administration effort to silence scientific advice and limit the expertise provided to the EPA to those with ideological and commercial interests. We as citizens should be concerned and contact our legislators.

7. Future agenda items

Dennis and Debbie went to a WALHDAB meeting last week. There is a demand for Health Officers as there is a high turnover rate. Many people have resigned in the Division of Public Health. If you're interested in attending a WALHDAB meeting check the agenda and see if you would like to go.

Adjournment

Upon motion by Casey Nelson, seconded by Dr. Michael McHenry, the Board of Health unanimously adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Burke
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