



Springdale Board of Health
December 14, 2023

Mayor Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Board of Health Members

Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, James Squires
Dr. Webb, Medical Advisor

Others Present

Mayor Hawkins; Michelle McFarland, Council representative to the Board of Health
City Staff: Matt Clayton, Health Commissioner

Minutes of the October 12, 2023 and November 9, 2023 Board of Health Meetings

Minutes of the October 12, 2023 Board of Health meeting were considered. Due to complications resulting from meeting attendance at the two different meetings as well as the change of members, Mrs. Hart made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 12, 2023 Board of Health Meeting; Mr. Squires seconded. The Board of Health minutes for October 12, 2023 were accepted. Minutes of the November 9, 2023 Board of Health meeting were considered. Due to complications resulting from meeting attendance at the two different meetings as well as the change of members, Mr. Squires made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2023 Board of Health Meeting; Mrs. Hart seconded. The Board of Health minutes for November 9, 2023 were accepted.

City Council Report

Mayor Hawkins gave the City Council Report for Ms. McFarland since Ms. McFarland had not yet been sworn in as a member of Springdale City Council.

Mayor Hawkins discussed the introduction and swearing in of new Council members. He also discussed the new infrastructure improvements to Cameron and Underwood Parks. Mayor Hawkins stated that there were also several pieces of legislation with changes to Codes and Ordinances for the City in regards to updates for Clerk of Council/Finance Director position and responsibilities for those positions. Mayor Hawkins stated that discussion of the budget will be the primary focus of the upcoming Council meeting later this month.

Old Business

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None

New Business

Mr. Clayton discussed Springdale Offering Support (SOS). He stated that 92 families had been adopted and that as well as receiving presents, each family will be receiving at least one box of non-perishable food items. Mr. Clayton announced that the adopted families will be picking up their items on Monday, December 18th at the Springdale Fire Department. He stated that the interns of the Health Department as well as Debra Boggs had worked diligently with the Springdale Fire Department and Springdale Police Department to get everything organized for pick up. Tom Lindsey of the Fire Department and Keenan Riordan of the Police Department, as well as Terry Metz of the Building/Health Department, Charles Noble of the Health Department and at least eight other City employees have contributed in some way to either pick up food bins, organize food, help bag up items to prepare for the pick up on Monday. The families will drive through one of the bays at the Fire Department for check in and their food box. They will then drive further down the driveway to pick up their gifts.

Health Commissioner's Report

Matt Clayton

Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses

Mr. Clayton asked the Board of Health members if they had any questions on the complaints that were included in their Board of Health packet provided to them. There was discussion regarding the Park at Springdale and concerns over the water main break issues. Mr. Clayton discussed the timeline of the situation as well as the number of orders that the Springdale Health Department issued.

COVID 19 Update

Mr. Clayton stated that the last update for COVID cases in Springdale that was listed in the report was that as of December 4, 2023. As of that date, the City of Springdale had experienced 267 COVID cases in 2023. By December 8, 2023, the number of COVID cases had increased to 274. Mr. Clayton stated that the week of the meeting, a school in Springdale closed for a few days due to a communicable disease outbreak. The school reported confirmed cases of COVID, influenza, and RSV. Mr. Clayton advised the school was focused on environmental disinfection during the days they were closed. Springdale Health Department also provided a significant number of COVID test kits to the school and helped them arrange for the Ohio Department of Health to provide lab testing services. Mr. Clayton advised the demand for COVID vaccination had dropped since the privatization of the vaccines.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program

Mr. Clayton stated that Springdale Health would receive over \$77,000 for participating in the Ohio Department of Health's Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program in 2023. Mr. Clayton stated that the MAC funds help to reduce the total cost to the City of Springdale associated with the Springdale Health Department's operation.

Grants

Mr. Clayton stated that the Workforce Development Grant for \$370,000 is currently being used to assist in costs incurred by the Health Department. The Enhanced Operation Grant is at \$200,000 currently awarded to the Springdale Health Department and billing the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) monthly for that grant. The Springdale Health Department was recently awarded \$75,000 for the Reach Grant through Hamilton County. Mr. Clayton stated that as of December 14th an application was submitted for the Mosquito Control Grant as well, which could potentially award \$25,000 if successful.

Food Program

Dave and Busters had a kitchen remodel that is nearing completion. Dunkin Donuts has completed their remodel and resumed operation. Mis Raices Supermercado has a plan review pending. Tortilleria Mexicano is open. Mr. Clayton further stated that a vegan restaurant is looking to submit the plan review packet that they previously received from the Springdale Health Department. There was some discussion regarding the recent announcement that BJ's Restaurant will be closing at Tri County Mall.

Personnel

Mr. Clayton gave an update on the Public Nurse's position being filled. He stated that there were nine applicants, with five individuals being called in for interviews. From those five, there were three that were to be called back for second interviews.

Public Health Nurse's Report

Vaccines for Children (VFC)

For November 2023 there were two clinics with 19 children vaccinated for a total of 59 vaccines that were administered.

Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report

Mr. Clayton stated that he did as the Springdale Fire Department for an updated Naloxone Report for November. He had not received the report. Mr. Clayton had updated information for the Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report and passed it to the Board of Health members for the review. Mr. Clayton further included updated information from the State of Ohio regarding influenza. In southwest Ohio, there was 32 cases of people being hospitalized for influenza or influenza-associated illness.

Communicable Disease Report

Mr. Clayton stated that 32 cases of COVID were reported in the City of Springdale during November 2023. Other communicable statistics were listed in the packet for the Board of Health members.

Blood Pressure Clinics

The Springdale Health Department had two blood pressure clinics in November with a total of 23 individuals being screened.

Homebound Residents Visits

There were eleven home visits for four homebound Springdale residents.

Board of Health Discussion

Mrs. Hart asked about the recent uptick in RSV cases. Mayor Hawkins asked when there would be an update as to whether the Springdale Health would be awarded the Mosquito Grant. Mr. Clayton stated that it may still be a few months before it was reviewed and then awarded. Mr. Clayton then gave a brief synopsis of the Mosquito Grant program. Mrs. Hart had questions regarding a recent study regarding vaccines and strokes in seniors. Dr. Webb discussed with the Board of Health what he has heard about the study. There was also discussion regarding the COVID boosters as well. Several board members discussed their gratitude for the Springdale Fire Department and the services that they are quick to provide to the residents of Springdale.

Mr. Squires made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Hart seconded. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next Board of Health meeting will be Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Matthew Clayton, REHS, MPH

Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner