Lynn Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Health Members
Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Lynn Jones, James Squires
Medical Advisor: Dr. Webb

Others Present
Holly Emerson, Council representative to the Board of Health
City Staff: Matt Clayton, Health Commissioner; Jean Hicks, Public Health Nurse

Minutes of the September 13th, 2016 Board of Health Meeting – Minutes of the September 13th, 2016 Board of Health (BOH) meeting were considered. It was noted that Dr. Ketring had not reported on the Zika Virus; he had asked a question and Mrs. Hicks had given the report. On the Nurse’s Report, Mrs. Hicks noted a change regarding “Hearing Screenings”. Clarification was provided regarding the meaning of “flips” in apartment buildings. The Minutes were approved as corrected.

City Council Report

Mrs. Emerson reported on the September 21st, 2016 meeting of the City Council. There were no Ordinances or Resolutions. Mayor Webster read a proclamation declaring the week of October 9th – 15th as Fire Prevention Week.

At the October 5th, 2016 meeting, a presentation from Ohio Checkbook was delayed due to technical difficulties. Two ordinances regarding collective bargaining agreements with the Springdale Firefighters were passed with a vote of 7-0. A Resolution accepting rates and levies as determined by the Budget Committee passed with a vote of 7-0. The Business Expo and Chili Cook-off is scheduled for October 18th from 11-2 at the Community Center, and the Health Fair is scheduled for the same day in the Auxiliary Gym. A clean up committee was developed to help residents who need help maintaining their yards and houses. The tentative date for this project is April 29th, 2017 with a rain date of May 7th, 2017. Not much information is available at this time, but as it becomes available Mrs. Emerson will update the Board.

Mr. Squires inquired regarding the status of the Sheraton Hotel. The vermiculite (asbestos-containing material) has been removed from the first floor and O’Rourke is due to begin demolition.

Old Business - None

New Business

Health Commissioner’s Report

Matt Clayton
Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses - Ella Jergens and Matt Clayton of the Springdale Health Department inspected the Crossland Extended Stay Hotel on Chesterdale Road in September. Over the summer, the Springdale Police Department received an increased number of service calls to the facility. A new hotel manager, Chevonne Chenault was hired in the fall. The condition of the hotel appears to be improving under the new management. The number of SPD service calls has decreased since her arrival. The Crossland Hotel was in the process of conducting deep cleaning during the last inspection. The new operator of the Crossland Hotel also attended the Springdale Nuisance Abatement Program October meeting. Chevonne has expressed an interest in building a positive relationship with the City of Springdale through SNAP. Mr. Squires commented on the amount of complaints regarding the Crossland. Mr. Clayton explained that many of the residents are long-term, so many of the rooms are cleaned less frequently than a traditional hotel.

Mike Dane, an IBI (electrical) inspector, was bitten by a dog during a service call to a residence in Springdale. Mr. Dane visited the Springdale Health Department to report the bite. Mrs. Hicks looked at the bite and referred Mr. Dane to Urgent Care for stitches. The Springdale Health Department verified the dogs current rabies vaccination and followed state law regarding the enforcement of and release from quarantine.

Fewer complaints were reported at the Willows this month. The Springdale Health Department continues to work with community partners through the Willows Work Group to improve health, safety, and quality of life at the Willows Apartments. More maintenance staff at the Willows apartments was hired over the summer, which decreased the response time for most maintenance service calls to 1-3 days. Mrs. Emerson inquired regarding how the complaints come to the Health Commissioner. Mr. Clayton explained that the Willows Work Group partners often advise the Health Department of the maintenance needs. Some cases can be handled by contacting the Willows office, but issues that might have an immediate or significant impact on health and safety are more closely tracked. Mr. Squires commented he was pleased there were fewer complaints this month. He inquired regarding an education program on preventive maintenance for tenants. Mr. Clayton explained that some Willows of Springdale Apartment residents are from different cultures and are not familiar with some of the facilities present at their apartments (e.g., HVAC systems). Housing Opportunities Made Equal provided an applicable bilingual brochure (Spanish and English). Mr. Clayton advised the limitations of this informational pamphlet were discussed in a recent Willows Work Group meeting. In some cases, the residents are not fluent in Spanish or English. Further, tenant advocacy groups stated some residents of the Willows Apartments have literacy issues. Tenant Advocacy Groups active at the Willows Apartments have stated intent to provide verbal communication to the tenants during visits to the apartments and during community meetings. Mr. Squires also inquired regarding tenants running stores out of their apartments. Mr. Clayton advised of joint visits to these apartments with the Willows of Springdale Apartment management. When retail or commercial operations were observed in residential apartments, the tenants were issued orders to cease this activity as it is a violation of the Springdale Municipal Code and Ohio law. The Willows Apartment management also provided written notice to these tenants stating this activity is in violation of the lease. Residents were advised of the consequences and businesses were shut down. The Willows Apartment Manager stated individuals who continue to participate in these activities will be subject to eviction. This issue was discussed during a recent Willows Work Group Meeting. The Vineyard Church advised of a mentoring program available through the Healing Center. The Willows Work
Group Partners discussed the possibility that these individuals could meet with business mentors who could assist them in establishing legal operations in applicable locations.

The Epidemiology Division of the Ohio Department of Health advised the Springdale Health Department of an individual who contracted legionella after a visit to the Extended Stay America on Glensprings Avenue in August 2016. The case victim was a frequent business traveler who also participates in international travel. During his week of tenancy at the Extended Stay America, he also worked at a location in Butler County. Given that no other guests or Extended Stay America staff have reported legionella symptoms, the facility cannot be confirmed as the pathogen source. During the course of the complaint investigation, the Extended Stay America management and staff were provided with education regarding Legionella. Extensive communication regarding this case occurred between the Springdale Health Department, the Ohio Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control, and the Extended Stay America Corporate, and the staff at the Springdale Extended Stay location.

An anonymous caller to the Springdale Health Department claimed he witnessed a raccoon and a possum running from the kitchen of the Jade Buffet. Upon inspection, no animals or evidence thereof was observed. The owner of the facility was advised of minor cleaning needs. Those issues were addressed; the complaint was closed as unconfirmed.

A resident of the Heritage Hill neighborhood complained about his neighbors urinating in the back yard, creating a nuisance odor. The Springdale Health Department and the Springdale Building Department visited the address in question. Orders were issued regarding violations of the Springdale Codified Ordinances. The resident of the complaint address stated the practice of urinating in the back yard would cease. A follow up inspection occurred; the violations were abated. The odor in the backyard (resulting from the urine) was absent during the follow up visit. The complaint was closed accordingly.

A complaint was made regarding bathrooms at Indulge VSP. Both bathrooms had an “Out of Order” sign. The owner explained that the backflow device was failing. Repair was completed on 9/14/16.

An individual on Ledro was feeding cats from her driveway. The individual explained that she does not leave food out when she is away; she is present whenever the cats are being fed. She is also spaying or neutering these stray cats at her personal expense, and is working with rescue groups to find homes for them. She has stated that she will feed the cats in her backyard to avoid bothering the neighbors.

The Springdale Health Department received a complaint regarding a drug needle observed at The Colony Apartments. The complainant claimed that the manager was not taking any action. The Colony Apartments manager, Shirley Moreno, contacted the DEA and provided a copy of a subpoena which resulted from her efforts to properly handle this matter. The Springdale Police Department received contact from Mrs. Moreno during her investigation of the complaint.

A coyote was spotted in the Knolls Apartments. Several coyote sightings have been reported throughout the City of Springdale in 2016. The Springdale Nuisance Animal Control Pilot Program (SNACPP) was discussed. Raccoons and Skunks were identified as the primary targets of the SNACPP program.
A complaint was made regarding a fishy smell coming from Mariscos Lindo Nayarit. The facility was closed and the owner was not available by phone during the initial complaint inspection. Ella Jergens of the Springdale Health Department verified the utilities were active after returning from the facility. She received a return call from the facility owner at a later date. Mrs. Jergens then visited the facility and did not observe an unusual odor. She discussed date marking procedures, stock rotation, and other methods to prevent food spoilage as protocol during the follow-up visit.

A complaint was received regarding an unclean, slippery floor at O’Charley’s. At the time of the complaint inspection, the complaint was confirmed (the floor appeared to be greasy). The facility staff corrected the violation during the visit. The manager on duty advised that he would discuss mopping issues with his staff.

Food Program – The grand opening for the Outback Steakhouse at the Tri-County Mall is scheduled for November 16th. Mrs. Emerson inquired whether the new Outback will be larger than the existing location. Mr. Clayton advised that it is a good size and probably bigger, but he is not positive of the square feet. Mr. Squires also advised that BJ’s will be moving to an outlot.

The cafeteria at the Macy’s Progress Place will open in November 2016. The kitchen will be about 2,400 square feet with a dining area of about 8,000 square feet.

Food Safety Training – Ella Jergens will conduct ServSafe classes at the Community Center on October 24th and 25th. Matt Clayton commented on Ella Jergens outstanding work to increase the number of food handlers in Springdale who receive the ServSafe Training. In 2016, The Springdale Health Department increased the revenue from Food Safety Training by over 300%. Mr. Clayton hopes to have one more round of ServSafe training this year. Some of the 2016 success in the Food Safety Training Program may be attributable to Mrs. Jergens efforts to offer the training onsite at food facilities in Springdale.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) – A round of deliverables was due in late September 2016, including a local plan index. That included a summary of all of the City’s emergency preparedness plans. The City has many types of emergency preparedness procedures and protocols in place.

Naloxone Report – Nine doses of Narcan were reported as being used by the Fire Department in September, during six EMS (squad) runs. The Narcan usage in Springdale is significantly lower than other jurisdictions. The majority of the individuals to whom the Narcan was administered were not Springdale residents. A follow-up program similar to that used in Colerain was considered. The proximity of Springdale to several major highways and the number of hotels may factor into the number of overdoses that occur in Springdale.

Willows Work Group (WWG) – The Willows Work Group met on September 13, 2016 to review success and shortcomings for the 2015/2016 year. Goals for 2016/2017 were also established. Discussion included the tutoring program, Chamberlain Park Spring 2017 Sports Camp, and the Chamberlain Block Party. The Vineyard Church Outreach Pastor inquired about needs in the community. Through the generosity of the Vineyard
Church, a new playground at the Willows of Springdale Apartments is planned for late 2016. Collections will be taken up at all of the Vineyard locations for the playground equipment, and the owners of the Willows of Springdale Apartments have stated interest in providing the safety mats to install under the equipment. Mrs. Hart inquired regarding the number of police and fire service calls at the Willows. Mr. Clayton advised that the police presence is still very active. The next meeting of the Willows Work Group is scheduled for November 8th, 2016.

**Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)** – The Springdale Health Department has completed their Community Health Assessment (CHA). The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) schedule was written in the summer of 2016. The Springdale Health Department hopes to complete the CHIP in the summer of 2017. SHD plans to apply for PHAB accreditation in January 2018. However, SHD will begin working on the twelve domains of PHAB in mid/late 2017.

In September 2016, the Springdale Health Department billed the Ohio Department of Health for $16,750 of the $25,000 CHA/CHIP grant. ODH stated the funds would be received in 30-45 days. The Norwood Health Department is a sub-grantee and will be awarded half of this funding, when the deliverables are met. SHD also received a $15,000 PHAB accreditation grant in the summer of 2016.

**Springdale Nuisance Abatement Program (SNAP)** – A SNAP meeting was held on October 7, 2016. Springdale hotel and motel owners and operators were invited to attend and were represented at the meeting. Recent service calls to the hotels and motels by the Springdale Fire and Police Departments, as well as activity by the Springdale Health and Springdale Building Departments were discussed. Christine Russell provided the group with economic development information relative to the Springdale hotels and motels. The Springdale Hotel and Motel Forum, scheduled for June 2017, was discussed.

**Tobacco Cessation Program** – Interest meetings were held on October 10th and 11th for a Tobacco Cessation Program. The workshops will be held in January and February of 2017.

Springdale Health Department was not granted the tobacco cessation grant. It was awarded to Hamilton County. Mrs. Emerson inquired as to the reason why we were not given the grant; Mr. Clayton advised that no specifics were provided. SHD will apply again next year.

**Mosquito Control Grant** – SHD applied for a Mosquito Control Grant through the Ohio EPA in September of 2016. The grant awards a maximum of $19,000. Mr. Clayton would like to bring in an intern in the summer of 2017 to help with mosquito control.

**Springdale Nuisance Animal Control Pilot Program** – The City began a pilot program on September 6th to capture nuisance animals such as skunks and raccoons. High Rock Pest Solutions has responded to a very limited number of complaints, due to lack of calls and contractor’s time off for religious holidays. One raccoon has been caught thus far.

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Public Health Nurse’s Report

Jean Hicks, RN
Zika Virus – The NIH has developed two experimental vaccines for the Zika virus. One vaccine has moved into human trials and if the results are favorable, it will move into Phase II in early 2017.

Influenza – Flu activity in the United States is minimal. Dr. Webb also reported that he has not seen much activity. Mrs. Emerson inquired regarding people getting sick from the flu vaccine. Mrs. Hicks and Dr. Webb both responded that that have not seen much activity.

The Ohio Department of Health supplied vaccines for adults and children without insurance or with Medicaid. They have been offered at clinics on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Three additional opportunities for vaccines are being offered at alternative times. They will also be offered at the Latino Expo. The Health Department also purchased flu vaccines for employees and family members. Those will be distributed at the Annual Health Fair.

Annual Health Fair – The Annual Health Fair is scheduled for October 18th at the Springdale Community Center. Flu vaccines, hearing screenings, blood pressure and glucose screenings will be offered. This will help meet some of the deliverables for PHEP. Flu vaccines for seniors will be provided through Walgreens with a Medicare card. A list of varieties of flu vaccines was included in the packet.

Healthy U Diabetes Workshop – The Healthy U Diabetes Workshop began on October 13th. Of the eleven people who signed up, nine were in attendance and were very interested in the program. The program runs through November 17th at the Springdale Community Center.

Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio – The annual Latino Expo will be held October 16th at the Healing Center of the Vineyard Church from 1-5pm. Various health screenings and vaccinations will be offered, as well as information sessions, food, and entertainment.

Reading of Regulation R2-2016

Proposed Regulation R2-2016 was provided, along with a list of proposed fees. There is a 5% increase proposed across the board. This falls in line with other local jurisdictions. Mrs. Hart motioned to read by title only. Mr. Squires seconded the motion, and the First Public Reading was conducted.

Board of Health Discussion - none

The next meeting will be Thursday, November 10th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: