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

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

**Others Present**
Mayor Webster; City Staff: Matt Clayton, Health Commissioner; Jean Hicks, Public Health Nurse

**Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Board of Health Meeting—**
Minutes of the October 12, 2017 Board of Health meeting were considered. Mayor Webster made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. With a unanimous “aye” vote, the minutes were approved as written.

**Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Board of Health Meeting –**
Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Board of Health meeting were considered. Mayor Webster made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. With a unanimous “aye” vote, the minutes were approved as written.

**City Council Report**
Mayor Webster stated that Board of Health would forgo the City Council Report in case Mrs. Emerson was able to attend the meeting. If she is unable to attend, Mayor Webster would read the report. After the Nurses Report by Jean Hicks, Mayor Webster gave the City Council Report. Springdale City Council met on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. Three resolutions were adopted which were to confirm the appointments of Mr. Squires, Mr. Garrison, and Mrs. Jones as returning members of the Board of Health. Their terms will expire in two years.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

**Health Commissioner’s Report**

**Nuisances, Animal Bites, and Food Illnesses** - Mr. Clayton provided a summary of complaints since the last meeting; individual complaints were included in the Board of Health packet. Mr. Clayton discussed school Inspections. The inspections were fairly standard no abnormalities above and beyond what Ella Jergens normally writes in her inspections. Mr. Clayton asked if there was any questions. Mayor Webster asked if there was any improvements or changes to the outside of the Autism Center. Mr. Clayton stated that the concrete was poured for modular units and he was not sure of the timeframe for the units being in place. Mr. Garrison asked if the modular units would be permanent at that location. Mayor Webster stated that they would be permanent.

**Complaint # 1981** – Bedbug issue that was confirmed. Worked through resolution of that complaint.

**Complaint # 2056** – Severe mold and fungal growth. The Wimbledons Apartment managers did work with the Health Department to take care of the situation.
Complaint # 2090 – Black mold in an apartment at the Willows. There were a number of complaints with regard to black mold.

Complaint # 2092 – Black mold in ceiling at The Willows.

Complaint # 2095 – Mold exposure at Olde Gate Apartments. What she was complaining about turned out not to be issues. Mr. Clayton did find a soft spot of drywall between her toilet and her tub. When Mr. Clayton pointed this out to the complainant, she was unaware of it. If there was a source of mold, that would have been it. Mr. Clayton did not think that it was a source of mold. A company later came through and did testing and did not find mold. The issue was repaired. The complainant did advise Mr. Clayton that she was planning on moving out. She did move out sometime between the time that Mr. Clayton came in to do the inspection and the complete resolution of the concerns.

Complaint # 2097 – Possibility of vermin in apartment. Complainant thought that there may be a squirrel in her apartment. The Willows worked with the Health Department and set up traps to capture squirrels by trapping inside the unit and improvement of weatherproofing and preventing access to vermin into the unit.

Complaint # 2098 – Owner is feeding cats – possible feral cats. Brian Ward, Inspector of the Springdale Building Department reported of the potential problem. Ella Jergens assisted in the investigation of the situation. Spoke with homeowner regarding the hazards of leaving out pet food for too long of a time and the potential problems of raccoons and other animals eating the food and becoming a larger problem. That situation was resolved.

Complaint # 2100 – Napkin at bottom of Dr. Pepper cup. No verification there, but it certainly is possible based on the circumstances and the way in which that machine works.

Complaint # 2103 – Parent complaint of child eating expired cheese and salsa at school. This was the day after the Thanksgiving holiday. They admitted that there was expired cheese. Mr. Clayton stated that it is a pasteurized processed cheese food. Mr. Clayton did not know how much he could consider it a true health concern since it is a “shelf-stable” product in a hermetically sealed container. Mr. Clayton believed that the expiration date was more of a “quality” date. The school did dispose of the product. The parent was also concerned of milk being served that was expired. There was no evidence of that. Mr. Clayton did talk to the food service worker of the elementary school and did remind of the “first in-first out” and to make sure that proper rotation procedure was in place.

Complaint # 2105 – Overpowering odor from Smithfield Plant. Mr. Clayton stated that since it is a meat processing plant, there will be odors from time to time. In this case, the odors were, according to this individual, overpowering. Jeff Agricola from Springdale Public Works was also involved in this investigation. It is believed that the concerns of the individual were successfully addressed.

Complaint # 2106 – Lake foaming at Mallard Lake. It is believed that this is due in part to the repaving project. Some of the chemicals that were used, if there is enough water “run-off” and it gets to a body of water, it can produce some rather unsightly results. This is what happened in this case. The
individual called in to the Health Department and was concerned that this might be an environmental contaminant. It was more of a wash of a product that produced a soapy film. The Health Department consulted with the Ohio EPA as well as Jeff Agricola of Public Works. Because this was associated with the road construction, Public Works then took the lead on this complaint.

**Willows Work Group** – Meeting was held on November 14th. Very positive and upbeat meeting. Had a young lady that came in and discussed a program that she is working on. She has created an “Abundance Box”. It’s an exciting product that she shared with us. Essentially it is a box to be used for container gardens. There was a great deal of discussion about that. The Willows Work Group is hoping to see the implementation of the Abundance Box and the continuation of interest in container gardening at both The Willows Apartments as well as The Colony Apartments. Just hoping to build some interest in the community or gauge the interest in the community and just find out how much interest is out there for community gardening initiatives. As Mr. Clayton previously stated in the November Board of Health Meeting, the community gardens at the schools are fully used and Mr. Clayton would like to see some container gardens in place in some of the apartments over the next year to two years. Mr. Clayton hopes to see what the community feels about this program and how much community involvement the Health Department can get on this program. Later in the Board of Health meeting, Mr. Clayton mentioned the Family Resource Center room, was recently used for the Healthy Moms and Babes class since their van was unavailable for use. Mr. Clayton further stated that the goal is to still increase use of the converted two bedroom apartment facility. While resources are currently limited, Paul Breidenbach worked with Mr. Clayton recently to fill out a grant application for the Charles Dader Foundation. Mr. Clayton is hopeful that there will be success in the award of grant money for the Family Resource Center facility.

**2018 Spring Sports Camp** - A few pre-planning meetings so far. There is a Spring Sports Camp Committee. The last meeting was on December 4th. A lot of the same sponsors are coming back into the picture. As previously mentioned, The Vineyard Cincinnati Church has asked specifically to be the sponsor. Humana has pledged even more associates or team members to be volunteers at the Sports Camp. There was a meeting at Heritage Hill Elementary with the principal of Heritage Hill Elementary and the principal of Springdale Elementary. It is Mr. Clayton’s understanding that both schools want to participate in the Sports Camp. Mr. Clayton believes that there will be a larger number of children participating in the upcoming camp. Mr. Clayton believes that there will be more sponsorship and Mr. Clayton also believes that the camp will get more press coverage so that the City of Springdale will have an even greater positive image in regards to this program. The committee is well ahead on planning and looking forward to the camp being a great program in 2018.

**Accreditation** –
Mr. Clayton stated that the Health Department applied for a $4,000 grant to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which the Springdale Health Department has now completed. ODH did not give the Springdale Health Department $4,000; it gave the Springdale Health Department $17,400. Only one grant was given for Hamilton County and it was given to the Springdale Health Department.

The Springdale Health Department also applied for another grant with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone). A specific division within the Ohio
Department of Health (ODH). They put out an RFP (Request For Proposal) a few weeks back. As soon as Mr. Clayton saw it, the Health Department immediately went to work on it. The Springdale Health Department was the first county to turn in the RFP. Mr. Clayton believes that the Health Department will receive some grant money. Mr. Clayton asked for $17,000, based upon their formula. Mr. Clayton is not sure if the Health Department will receive that grant, but the Health Department should know in the next few weeks. Mr. Clayton just received a phone call on December 14th (today) from Wally Burton, from the Ohio Department of Health. He had indicated a few weeks ago that he would attend the PHAB Quarterly Accreditation Meeting which will be happening on Monday, December 18th. The Springdale Health Department started hosting these meetings in September. Mr. Burton stated in a phone call today that he is pleased with the Springdale Health Department’s collaborative efforts and Mr. Burton indicated that he would be funding those efforts. Mr. Burton specifically discussed the April training that the Health Department will be doing. This is the third year that the Health Department will be doing this training. People from all over Southwest Ohio get two days of free training. That training was one of the specific reasons that Mr. Burton was coming to the December 18th meeting and giving the Springdale Health Department money. Mr. Clayton was unclear what the amount of money was that the Health Department would be receiving at the December 18th meeting.

Mr. Clayton stated that he had an interview today, December 14th with Deanna Couts who is an MPH student at Western Kentucky University. She is a Cincinnati area resident looking for an internship. The Health Department has offered her an opportunity for a paid internship. Autumn Smith who has been with the Health Department as an intern and as a contractor will be leaving. She received a job offer with the YWCA as a Treatment Counselor or a Dependence Addiction Counselor. It is in her area of interest. Mr. Clayton stated that the Health Department is very pleased that Autumn received this opportunity. Her internship and her time here helped her. She earned a very good reference from the Health Department. She will be missed. We hope to have a new student intern in January 2018.

Mr. Clayton stated that the Health Department is in a position to apply for accreditation in the first half of 2018. Mr. Clayton believes that, according to the schedule that the Health Department received from PHAB Accreditation Board, that the Springdale Health Department will be accredited in either 2018 or 2019. Mr. Clayton believes it will likely be 2019 because there will be a large number of departments applying in 2018. Mr. Clayton believes that the Health Department’s chances are very good for accreditation and anticipates that the Health Department will be accredited. Mr. Clayton gave thanks to Ella Jergens, Jean Hicks, Dan Gierse and Autumn Smith for their outstanding efforts in making this endeavor possible.

Dr. Ketring asked why the Springdale Health Department received $17,400 instead of the $4,000 that the Health Department originally requested. Mr. Clayton stated that no one else in Hamilton County applied in time or had the accreditation requirements to be able to apply for that grant. The Springdale Health Department did that and were the only health department in the position to apply and that did apply. That money would have been spread out to the other health departments in Hamilton County, if any of the other health departments would have been in a position to apply or had applied in time. Mayor Webster asked if Hamilton County or the City of Cincinnati was further ahead on the accreditation process than the City of Springdale was. Mr. Clayton responded that Hamilton County Health Department is accredited, but the City of Cincinnati is not. The City of Springdale is further ahead in the accreditation process than the City of Cincinnati is at this time. The Springdale Health Department is helping the Cincinnati Health Department
Springdale Hotel and Motel Committee (SHMC) –
The committee had a meeting on December 1, 2017. Mr. Clayton stated that he was out sick and Ella Jergens conducted the meeting. Representatives from the State Fire Marshall’s office Commerce Code Enforcement Bureau attended, including Alan Smith who is the State Bureau Chief, Jason Corwyn who is the Southwest Ohio District Fire Chief, and James Schuster who is our Regional Fire Safety Inspector. Mr. Clayton stated that it was his understanding that it was a very positive meeting. The members of the State Fire Marshall’s office essentially indicated that they really liked what the City of Springdale was doing. The State Fire Marshall’s office intends to come to more of the meetings and encouraged the Springdale Health Department and felt that more jurisdictions should be doing what the Springdale Health Department is doing. Mr. Clayton stated that he received a great deal of positive feedback from the Springdale Health Department as well as the Springdale Police Department as well as others that were in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Webster asked if any of the local hotels came to the meeting. Mr. Clayton stated that none of the local hotels came to this meeting. Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department will hold another Hotel-Motel Forum in hopes that the local establishments will come to this forum to receive information and help from the Health Department. After much discussion on the future of hotels in the City, Mr. Clayton believed that once higher caliber hotels came into the region, that the other hotels will need to upgrade their hotels in order to keep up with future demand.

Springdale Nuisance Animal Control (S.N.A.C.) – Mr. Clayton reported that the Health Department is experienced decreased requests for service as colder weather continues.

Naloxone Report –
Only one EMS run for unintentional opioid overdose in November and administered 2 mg of Narcan. As previously stated, the Health Department applied to the Ohio Department of Health for the Project Dawn grant. Mr. Clayton anticipates that more of the product will go to Hamilton County Public Health, who will distribute that. The Springdale Health Department has developed a stronger relationship with Hamilton County Public Health Department. Mr. Clayton anticipates that when Springdale Health Department requests more Narcan, that the Springdale Health Department will be able to get it. Mr. Clayton hopes that the Springdale Health Department will be able to help our Fire Department in receiving more Naloxone for their EMS runs.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) -
Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department will be receiving a payment of $9,646.18 for the time study that was conducted in the third quarter of 2017. Payment is expected to be received in March 2018. Mr. Clayton further stated that the Health Department is currently in a time study this week. This week is a bit more complicated due to the Springdale Offering Support Adopt A Family Program being in full swing. The Health Department was able to use this week as an opportunity to reach out to individuals to help ensure that they received information about Medicaid if they are not currently enrolled in Medicaid. This current time study would then give the Health Department to possibly receive a payment in June 2018.
Food Program -
Many people have attended ServSafe as well as Person-In-Charge training. A Person-In-Charge training was recently held at DJ’s Sports Tavern and several employees from Steak N Shake have also attended a Person-In-Charge training session. Approximately 12-14 people were also in attendance of the recent ServSafe class that was taught by Ella Jergens.

Administrative Hearing was held for DJ’s Sports Tavern on November 22, 2017. Representatives from the Springdale Building Department, the Springdale Tax Department, the Springdale Fire Department as well as the Springdale Health Department were in attendance. The Springdale Police Department was unable to attend the meeting due to Mayor’s Court being held on the same day. Risk Control Plan was reviewed and Mr. Clayton provided information in the Board of Health packets with regard to that facility. DJ’s Sports Tavern had an unsatisfactory inspection in Fall 2017. The tavern had a complaint-driven inspection where the Health Department verified some significant issues. The Health Department offered the tavern owner the opportunity to voluntarily surrender his license so that he would be able to have those issues corrected. There were Fire Department issues as well. There were other concerns brought forth from other Springdale Departments as well as the Springdale Police Department regarding the operation. Mr. Clayton stated that if DJ’s Sports Tavern continues in the manner that it has operated recently, it would not be a surprise that it would be needed to be brought before the Board of Health. Mayor Webster asked if deadlines were set for DJ’s Sports Tavern to correct the problems. Mr. Clayton stated that DJ’s Sports Tavern has corrected the violations that were outlined in the last inspection. Mr. Clayton did state that if DJ’s Sports Tavern has another unsatisfactory inspection, followed by an unsatisfactory re-inspection, then the Springdale Health Department will again bring this information before the Board of Health and options can be discussed at that time.

Mr. Clayton reiterated that it is the intent of the Springdale Health Department to help food facility operators to be duly trained and advised of violations and advised of corrective actions and given the opportunity to bring their facilities into full compliance.

Panera Bread had some inspections and re-inspections regarding gnats or fruit flies. That was resolved as of the December 4, 2017 re-inspection.

Hoarding Collaborative Meeting -
Will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018. The Hoarding Collaborative will also be presenting at the April training for Public Health Accreditation (PHAB).

Four Step Award for 2017 Healthy Community Award -
Received this award for 2017. No departments received a five step award. Springdale Health Department is one of only a few health departments to receive this award. Springdale received this award along with the City of Columbus, Oberlin, and New Albany.

Regulation R02-2017 -
Mayor Webster made a motion to read Regulation R02-2017 by title only. Dr. Ketting seconded that motion. Mr. Clayton had the first reading of Regulation R02-2017 at the October 12, 2017 meeting, the second reading at the November 9, 2017 meeting. This is the final reading of the regulation. Mr.
Squires made a motion to adopt Regulation R02-2017. Mrs. Jones seconded the motion. Regulation R02-2017 was passed by a unanimous vote.

**Regulation R03-2017**

Mayor Webster made a motion to read Regulation R03-2017 by title only. Mr. Clayton had the first reading of Regulation R03-2017 at the October 12, 2017 meeting, the second reading of Regulation R03-2017 was at the November 9, 2017 meeting. This is the final reading of the regulation. Mrs. Jones made a motion to adopt Regulation R03-2017 as written. Dr. Ketring seconded the motion. Regulation R03-2017 was passed by a unanimous vote.

**Public Health Nurse’s Report**

**Mrs. Hicks, RN**

**Flu Activity in the U.S. and Ohio**

Influenza activity is increasing in the United States and Ohio with the most frequently reported virus type being Influenza A specifically H3N2. The number of confirmed influenza hospitalizations for patients is higher this year than it was the average of the last five years. It is earlier and more prevalent. It could be an indication that this flu season could be a more serious one, but influenza is difficult to predict. The majority of the influenza viruses remain sensitive to the antiviral medications. There have been some rare sporadic cases of oseltamivir resistance and the peramivir resistance. Treatment with antiviral medications is still recommended early on. Nurse Hicks still offers quadrivalent influenza vaccines to employees and to individuals who have no coverage or Medicaid health care coverage.

**Communicable Disease Report**

The most frequently reported diseases have been chronic Hepatitis C, chronic Hepatitis B, syphilis, shigellosis and campylobacteriosis. School nurses have been reporting illnesses including respiratory and GI illnesses which are common this time of the year. Notifiable communicable diseases in Springdale have been minimal this past month. No influenza associated hospitalizations have been reported this past month.

**Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report**

Page 4 shows that the average number of overdose emergency department visits by day of the week in Hamilton County varies from 9-12 visits during the 2017 year. Please note that Mercy Fairfield, while close to Springdale is not listed in the Hamilton County report since this hospital is actually in Butler County.

**Healthy U Diabetes**

The six week workshop ended on November 16th. There were seven participants who completed the program. Council on Aging will be sending the Springdale Health Department a check for $1,050. Since the first Diabetes Workshop in 2011 that Nurse Hicks co-facilitated, there have been 99 individuals who have benefited from completing the program that was offered through the Springdale Health Department.

**Latino Coalition of Southwest Ohio**

The committee is planning for the participation in the Annual Sports Camp at Heritage Hill Elementary School in March 2018. Planning has also begun for the Latino Expo in the fall of 2018.
Medical Reserve Corps
Currently continues to plan the next annual Summit which will be in April 2018 in Kentucky. Its aim is to educate Medical Reserve Core volunteers.

Mammogram Van
Mercy Health reports that six ladies were screened during the bi-annual Mercy Health Mobile Mammography Van visit to Springdale that was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017. The next scheduled visit will be on April 6, 2018 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Board of Health Discussion
No items for discussion.

The next meeting will be Thursday, January 11th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner