Springdale Board of Health  
April 9, 2020

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The meeting, which is normally held in the conference room adjacent to Council chambers, the meeting of April 9, 2020 was held in Council Chambers due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation as well as to maintain social distancing for the safety of the Board of Health members in attendance.

Mayor Webster took a moment to welcome the newest member to the Board of Health. He welcomed Carol Quinlan-Hall, who replaced Lynn Jones.

Board of Health Members  
Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Carol Quinlan-Hall, Dr. Ketring, James Squires

Others Present  
Mayor Webster; Holly Emerson, Council representative to the Board of Health  
City Staff: Matt Clayton, Health Commissioner; Amy Ellis, Public Health Nurse

Minutes of the March 12, 2020 Board of Health Meeting –  
Minutes of the March 12, 2020 Board of Health meeting were considered. Dr. Ketring made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2020 meeting; Mrs. Quinlan-Hall seconded. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

City Council Report  

Mrs. Emerson gave the City Council Report.

March 18, 2020

Ordinance No. 10-2020  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL FOR THE FULL-TIME PATROL OFFICERS IN THE SPRINGDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

That passed with a 7-0 vote.
Ordinance No. 11-2020
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHTEEN REPLACEMENT PORTABLE RADIOS AND ACCESSORIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Resolution No. R05-2020
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY’S PARTICIPATION IN FINANCING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN COOPERATION WITH THE PORT AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE SUCH FINANCING

That passed with a 7-0 vote.

Resolution No. R06-2020
A RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE OUTBREAK

Mrs. Emerson quoted from Resolution No. R06-2020 that it “Finds that as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 pursuant to R.C. 735-051 a real and present emergency exists in the City of Springdale affecting the public health and safety of residents necessitating the purchase and acquisition of certain items and services by the City Administrator and Mayor of the City of Springdale to maintain essential municipal operations and deal with the present emergency without the requirement for competitive bidding, advertising and the pre-authorization of City Council. The Mayor of the City of Springdale is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to maintain order and control in the City of Springdale for the well-being, health and safety of residents.”

That also passed with a 7-0 vote.

Resolution No. R07-2020
CONFIRMING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF CAROL QUINLAN-HALL AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

That passed with a 7-0 vote.

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Council meeting was cancelled. Next meeting to be held on April 15, 2020.
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Old Business - None

New Business - None

Health Commissioner’s Report
Matt Clayton
Mr. Clayton began by stating that environmental disinfection of the dais in Council chambers had occurred prior to the Board of Health meeting. Mr. Clayton also stated that the Springdale Health Department has been conducting a health education campaign. These included daily reports that Mr. Clayton has been sending via email to Board of Health members and all Council members and Administration, as well as community partners, constituents, and representatives of the Springdale business community.

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 asked if any Board members had questions about complaints that were included in their packets. There were none.

Mr. Clayton stated that many planned upcoming activities and training have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These included April Public Health Training, Spring Sports Camp, among other items.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program
Mr. Clayton stated that the time study was approved. The Springdale Health Department will receive a reimbursement of $5,493.00. He advised the MAC payments are typically received four to six months after the time study occurs.

Food Program
Several food facilities have had their plans approved. Mi Tierra plan submittal for a bar addition have been submitted. A revision was recently submitted for Mi Tierra. Wing Stop at Wimbledon Plaza had their plans approved. Gold Star Chili submitted plans for a remodel which were also approved. El Oasis Mexican Grill has had their plans approved. Mr. Clayton didn’t believe that El Oasis was open as of yet due to the COVID-19 situation. Caraba’s African Cuisine is making progress. Las Islas Marias was working on their grease interceptor with Hamilton County Plumbing and Metropolitan Sewer District. It was unclear if work was completed as of the Board of Health meeting.

Produce Pop Ups at Heritage Hill Elementary School
The Produce Pop Ups at Heritage Hill Elementary School were cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns. These events have been relocated to the Park at Springdale Apartments (formerly The Willows). It was stated that volunteers have been instructed to use proper PPE (personal protective equipment), and good hand hygiene. Mr. Clayton further advised that the produce pop ups would now be held as drive thru events to prevent COVID-19 transmission.
COVID-19

Mr. Clayton supplied information regarding COVID-19. The day that tracking began in Springdale, which was March 18, 2020, for the Springdale City Council meeting, there were 67 cases in Ohio. Mr. Clayton brought the April 9, 2020 report to the meeting to have a point of comparison. In Ohio now, as of April 9, 2020, the State has gone from 67 cases on March 18, 2020, to 5,512 cases of COVID-19 confirmed. The City of Springdale has gone from zero cases to four confirmed cases. Those were the cases confirmed in the Ohio Disease reporting system as of this meeting. In the United States, we have gone from 7,301 confirmed cases of COVID-19, to 455,454 cases confirmed in the United States, with 16,114 deaths. Globally, on March 18, there were 205,242 confirmed cases, and as of April 9, 2020, there are 1,577,779 cases.

Looking at deaths, we are very fortunate that Springdale has had no deaths, as well as limited case numbers. In Ohio, we have gone from zero deaths on March 18, 2020 to, April 9, 2020, the death count in Ohio was 213. Across the United States, Mr. Clayton stated that we had gone from 116 deaths on March 18, 2020, to 16,114. Globally, since March 18, 2020, we have gone from a death count of 8,273 to a worldwide death count of 93,673 cases. Mr. Clayton is hopeful that the stay-at-home order will result in a positive trend. Mr. Clayton gave credit to Mayor Webster for having the foresight to cancel senior activities before the stay-at-home order. The Springdale Police Department has been very helpful in a number of regards in helping to reinforce the social distancing orders in our local parks as needed as well. The Police Department has also been willing to drop groceries off to individuals who are under quarantine, but still need groceries. Mr. Clayton and Nurse Ellis have also had opportunities to speak with various shifts at the Springdale Fire Department as well to answer any questions or concerns that they may have at this time. Mr. Clayton gave an opportunity for Board of Health members to ask any questions or discuss any concerns that they might have at this time.

Mayor Webster proceeded to give the Board of Health members an update as to what the City of Springdale has been doing recently due to the COVID-19 situation. The Springdale Recreation Center has been closed temporarily. Several measures have been taken to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 in the City workplaces. Some split shifts have occurred to lower the risk of contact, but the Health Department has been at full staff.

Mrs. Emerson asked if the Springdale Fire Department had changed their current procedure when situations necessitate the use of CPR. She asked if they are doing chest compressions only, since that is what is currently being practiced at many local hospitals. Mr. Clayton was not sure of their procedure at this time.

Mrs. Quinlan-Hall asked what the process was when an individual has tested positive for COVID-19. Mr. Clayton stated that they are contacted initially by the Springdale Health Department and are provided with the information. The individual’s responsibility is to self-quarantine. The Springdale Health Department is giving them a temperature log and are asking them to check their temperatures twice a day. The Springdale Health Department will check in with them. There will be an initial visit with the packet of information and then there will be daily contact via phone calls. There are four people that have been confirmed, but looking at the way that COVID-19 is being handled in the State, there’s a limited number of test kits. So, if someone has COVID-19 like symptoms, they are encouraged by their doctor to
stay home, especially if they are not vulnerable, older, past a certain age with comorbidities or pre-existing medical conditions that would potentially put them at a much higher risk or, if they’re not front-line healthcare workers who have symptoms of COVID-19, then they’re basically encouraged to recover at home. In fact 96% of the cases worldwide have mild symptoms. When the City of Springdale says they have four confirmed cases, it is fair to say that there have been more people in Springdale that had symptoms, but just recovered at home. If there is a positive COVID-19 case, and there is an emergency run to their residence, the Springdale Fire Department is notified in advance of the situation so that they can wear the necessary equipment.

Dr. Ketring asked if the current cases have any other family members living with them. Mr. Clayton stated that normally they do, but all family members would also be under the same quarantine as well. Dr. Ketring asked if the family members would also be tested. Mr. Clayton stated that no, they would not be unless they are over 65 and have a co-existing pre-morbidity (condition of a person prior to onset of a specific illness), or, they’re front-line healthcare workers who are showing symptoms of COVID-19.

Mrs. Hart stated that she was appreciative of the daily COVID-19 reports that Mr. Clayton has been sending out to Board of Health members. Mr. Clayton further stated that the Springdale Health Department has also been sending this same report to Springdale City Council members as well as various community partners.

Mrs. Emerson asked if Mapleknoll was being informed about the ongoing situation in Springdale. Mr. Clayton stated that Nurse Amy Ellis has been in contact with the Mapleknoll preventionist, Aaron Steckman. Nurse Ellis has had contact with Mr. Steckman at least every other day for over a month. Mapleknoll has been proactive during this entire process. Mayor Webster stated that Mapleknoll has been in lockdown for several weeks at this point. Only under dire circumstances are visitors allowed into the facility. When Mapleknoll residents have been potentially exposed to COVID-19, they are then isolated and every staff member that comes into contact with those specific individuals, has the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

Public Health Nurse’s Report  
Mrs. Ellis, RN
Nurse Ellis introduced herself to Mrs. Carol Quinlan-Hall since Nurse Ellis was unable to meet Mrs. Quinlan-Hall at the previous Board of Health meeting due to illness.

Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report
Nurse Ellis explained that, while many activities have been cancelled due to COVID-19, many reports have been delayed or are not being generated at this time. Nurse Ellis distributed the Hamilton County Overdose Report for March 2020, which was not published until April 6, 2020. Naloxone usage for the City of Springdale for March 2020 was zero doses.

Hamilton County Communicable Disease Report
Nurse Ellis presented the Communicable Disease Report for March 2020. Nurse Ellis stated that, at this time, Hamilton County Health Department has temporarily suspended their Communicable Disease Reports due to the large influx of COVID-19 cases (over 300 cases). Nurse Ellis did present the current numbers for the City of Springdale. There was one suspected COVID-19 case at the time the report was sent to Board of Health members. As of the Board of Health meeting, there was a confirmed COVID-19
case, which brought the total number of communicable diseases to 13. Directives change almost daily due to updates regarding COVID-19. At the time of the meeting, if healthcare facilities wanted ODH (Ohio Department of Health) to do their testing, they had to contact their local health Department, then that health Department would in turn contact ODH to get permission. So, the suspect COVID-19 case was a result of Mercy Fairfield called Nurse Ellis wanting to test one of their patients, who was a Springdale resident. Nurse Ellis then contacted ODH to facilitate that happening. That case turned out to be a negative test result, but Nurse Ellis did list it on her communicable disease report. The process has changed; ODH has now cut out “the middle man” i.e. local health department because ODH realized that with everything that local health departments are currently doing, it is one item that ODH has taken over to speed up the process. Now, if facilities want to use an ODH lab, they directly contact ODH versus contacting the local health department to get permission to go to ODH.

March was also busy due to two outbreaks; influenza-like illness at a local school with 100 of the 500 students ill, and 15 out of 70 staff ill at the same school, and a Gi illness outbreak occurring in tandem at the same school. Nurse Ellis stated that with the rapid onset and the amount of people involved, she wonders if it may have been a norovirus. Unfortunately, the investigation stalled at that point due to COVID-19 closure of schools. Nurse Ellis hopes to get more follow-up information. There was a Gi illness outbreak reported at a school with 20 of the 62 students becoming ill, but no staff was ill. Recommendations were based on this situation being a case of Norovirus at this school. Any time there is Gi illness at schools, Nurse Ellis stated that the Springdale Health Department offers to do stool specimens which can be shipped to ODH at no cost to the school. ODH will not only test for Norovirus, but they also do bacterial; which includes salmonella, Shigella, and E coli, but you have to have somebody take you up on that offer. This incident happened to the school on a Thursday, the school was closed that Friday, and by that following Monday, there was a huge improvement. By the end of that week, schools were closed due to COVID-19 directives issued by Governor Dewine.

**Influenza Report**

While flu season is still here, it has decreased. Dr. Ketring asked what type of year it has been for influenza. Two years ago, the flu season was particularly bad. This year, the flu season is not as bad. Overall, through March 31, there was 10,540 influenza-associated cases for the State of Ohio. Nurse Ellis stated that the numbers the local health departments receive are just hospitalized cases. If individuals are tested at local doctor’s offices and not hospitalized, those are not reported. If it is a mild, moderate, or severe flu season, Nurse Ellis stated that she would need to check if it has been a mild to moderate flu season. She did state that it was definitely not a severe flu season however.

**COVID-19**

When information went out to the Board of Health members, there was one positive case of COVID-19. As of the meeting, there are four positive cases. There were currently 24 contacts for daily monitoring (it was previously 9). Monitoring is not just close contacts of positive cases, but also reports of people travelling where there was widespread COVID-19 transmission. That information was from ODH and then those individuals are monitored as well. It is requested that the monitored individuals take their temperatures twice a day, monitor their signs and symptoms, and then Nurse Ellis is conducting a daily call to check in with the individuals. They are reminded that self-quarantine is required for 14 days from the departure date from that area. Those recommendations have since changed, just this week. Now, local health departments are still being notified of travelers that are coming from areas where there is
high transmission. Local health departments (LHD) are still required to contact them and give them the recommendations, but are no longer doing the daily monitoring checks on them. LHDs are telling them that if they develop a fever, or develop any symptoms, LHDs are giving them their contact information and still telling individuals to self-quarantine, LHDs are just not doing the daily monitoring. Nurse Ellis did include in the Board of Health packets, a small packet of information that includes a monitoring log for their temperature and their symptoms. When Nurse Ellis does the daily monitoring call, she makes a copy of the same log so she can keep track of the temperatures as well as the resident. ODH also has a tracking system that requires that same information be put into the system called Redcap The residents sign a letter (of agreement) that stipulates what is required of them, as a reminder of what was discussed in the previous initial phone conversation. A copy of that agreement is kept with the resident and with the Springdale Health Department. Nurse Ellis stated that it is becoming quickly apparent that many individuals that need to be monitored do not have thermometers. We were fortunate to purchase a small supply of digital thermometers. Springdale Health Department is supplying a digital thermometer when necessary. After the 14-day monitoring period, and have no further symptoms, and are fever-free, individuals will receive their “end of 14-day” letter. This letter is helpful to many individuals who may possibly need a letter in order to return to work after an extended period of time.

Mrs. Emerson asked Nurse Ellis if she was further instructing the individuals being monitored to not take NSAIDS (Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as Naproxen or ibuprofen). Nurse Ellis stated that she was. Mrs. Quinlan-Hall asked if most individuals were compliant with the directives. While Nurse Ellis stated that she is not able to monitor them in person, over the phone, the individuals have been responsive in calling Nurse Ellis daily as requested.

Nurse Ellis also included in the Board of Health packets a timeline as to when the Springdale Health Department began monitoring individuals. As with all Class A infectious diseases, protocol has been to monitor individuals within the area that they live. That is also the case with COVID-19. Nurse Ellis will monitor individuals that live in Springdale as well as any Springdale resident that has been in close proximity with an individual (who lives in another area and tested positive for COVID-19). However, if a facility has an outbreak and falls within Springdale, then that would qualify as an area that the Springdale Health Department has to monitor. Another stipulation that has recently changed is the reporting of COVID-19 within a certain timeframe. Since COVID-19 is considered a Class A reportable infectious disease, it is normally required that it be reported immediately, that has now changed to within 24 hours. Active monitoring of close contacts has also downgraded to some degree. It was daily contact calls for all close contacts, household contacts of those that are positive. That has also changed to daily monitoring calls if individuals are healthcare workers or first responders. Springdale Health Department is still following up and contacting positive cases to find out who their close contacts are and recommendations are still made, but, if their close contact lives in the same household, and that household contact member is not a healthcare worker, or a first responder, SHD still recommends that they should monitor their symptoms, their temperatures, but Nurse Ellis is not doing the daily call. Nurse Ellis only has to do the daily call with Healthcare workers and first responders.

Dr. Ketting asked if there is a contact person, does Nurse Ellis contact them initially. Nurse Ellis stated that yes, she does. Any positive case she has to call them. If the individual gives a list of five people and they say who they were with, Nurse Ellis still needs to make an initial contact call with them to find out what they do for a living and to give recommendations, but she does not have to follow up with them for
14 days unless they are a healthcare worker or a first responder. Dr. Ketring asked if Nurse Ellis goes over the symptoms, when they should call her if they start showing symptoms. Nurse Ellis stated that she does. She would still drop off that information to them even though she doesn’t have to call them on a daily basis. She will still give them a letter stating what self-quarantine means, a temperature log (to monitor their temperature two times daily), instructions, and she gives them her work cell phone number and the “After Hours” phone number which is the Public Health Emergency Hotline. If they live outside the city of Springdale, then she directs them to their local health department. Dr. Ketring asked if these individuals are passed off to their local health department. Nurse Ellis, stated that if they do not live in Springdale, she has a contact list of all the jurisdictions so that she can call and talk to somebody to make sure that they get that information.

Mrs. Quinlan-Hall asked that with the recent tragedy of Officer Kaia Grant, did any additional problems come up with such a massive influx of individuals coming in to help and participate in the service. Nurse Ellis stated that it weighed heavy on her mind because of the potential risk to the Springdale community as well as other local communities. Nurse Ellis stated that Mr. Clayton did a fantastic job by consulting with the Springdale Police Department throughout the entire process. Nurse Ellis also stated that Mr. Clayton made the extra effort of driving to the different sites to make sure that social distancing was being followed. The Springdale Police Department was also fantastic. Mr. Clayton stated that the entire Health Department staff was involved and the Springdale Police Department was great about working with the Health Department to ensure the safety of all individuals participating in the processional and services. Before the service, Mr. Clayton and several individuals handling the service went to the Vineyard Church to ensure that precautionary measure were taken in regards to the sanitizing of the church as well as social distancing measures were in place as well as hold multiple services so that there could safely be less than 50 people at each service. There was also discussion of telecommunications in regards to the service being broadcasted in a way that the officers in attendance would be able to view the service in their phones.

Dr. Ketring asked what is the Board of Health recommending as far as a disinfectant for residents to use. Mr. Clayton stated that in the daily COVID-19 report update, is the use of chlorine bleach. The most effective chemical to use in treatment of COVID-19 is quaternary ammonium. Mr. Clayton stated that there are a number of products that have been approved. The Springdale Health Department has been supplying a list of alternative cleaning chemical options to the Springdale Police and Springdale Fire Department. Many of the Lysol brand products have been approved, but they require longer contact time. (Contact time is the time that a disinfectant needs to stay wet on a surface in order to ensure efficacy {effectiveness} of the disinfectant to inactivate the virus/germ). Contact time is shorter for bleach and quaternary ammonium. Dr. Ketring stated that he had recently found out that not every jug of bleach has the same percentage of sodium hypochlorite. Bleach initially was 7.5% sodium hypochlorite, but now there are a lot of bleach products at local stores that do not have the same level of sodium hypochlorite, with some being as low as 3%. Mr. Clayton agreed with Dr. Ketring and further stated that contact time would also vary according to the type of bleach or chemical being used to clean a surface. Dr. Ketring suggested that any information going forward should have the recommendation of bleach with 7.5% sodium hypochlorite. Dr. Ketring stated that industry standards allow bleach solutions to go out on the shelf that do not have the sodium hypochlorite level on the label. The guideline is that if it does not have the concentration level on it, consumers are to assume that it is 3% sodium hypochlorite, which Dr. Ketring found deeply concerning when individuals are diluting their bleach for use as a disinfectant.
Mrs. Emerson asked an additional question regarding hand sanitizer regarding alcohol content and the great disparity between different brands of hand sanitizer. Mr. Clayton stated that while hand sanitizers are an excellent choice, the best option, if possible, is hand-washing.

Mrs. Hart wanted to state that the effectiveness of diluted bleach solution is decreased when sitting over an extended period time. Mrs. Hart wanted residents to understand that the diluted bleach solution cannot be used over a couple of days; only a matter of hours. Mr. Clayton also emphasized that diluted bleach solution is most effective with hot water. He stated that one of the benefits of quaternary ammonium is that it can be used in cold water and will hold its concentration much longer than a bleach solution. Dr. Ketring brought up the point that bleach is deactivated by organic material. The surface needs to be cleaned first, let that surface dry completely, then disinfect with bleach. The surface, after cleaning, needs to be dry otherwise the bleach solution will be diluted even more and lose efficacy. Mayor Webster noted that in Mr. Clayton’s COVID-19 updates that Mr. Clayton recommends residents use unexpired bleach. Mr. Clayton stated that bleach can lose its effectiveness over time. Mr. Clayton stated that he will now be including the bleach percentage recommendation in his COVID-19 reports.

**Board of Health Discussion**
No items for discussion.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

**Matt Clayton**
Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner