



Springdale Board of Health
April 8, 2021

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

Board of Health Members

Present: Scott Garrison, Rita Hart, Carol Quinlan-Hall, Dr. Ketring, James Squires
Dr. Webb, Medical Advisor

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 11, 2021 Board of Health Meeting

Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Board of Health meeting were considered. Mrs. Hart noticed that Dr. Ketring and Ms. Quinlan-Hall were listed as being in attendance of the March 11, 2021 meeting, but they were not actually there. Mr. Squires made a motion to approve minutes with the change in those who were in attendance at the March 11, 2021 meeting; Mrs. Hart seconded. The Board of Health minutes were accepted unanimously. The Board of Health minutes will be amended and final copy of the March 11, 2021 minutes will be provided to Board of Health members at the May 13, 2021 meeting.

City Council Report

Mrs. Emerson gave the City Council Report.

Her report is as follows:

March 17, 2021

Ordinance No. 5-2021

AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA) IN THE CITY OF SPRINGDALE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mrs. Emerson stated that this ordinance passed with a 7-0 vote. The City is preparing a petition to expand the existing Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) in Springdale, created in 2018 for the Route 4 Corridor between I-275 to the north and Northland Boulevard to the south. The CRA permits property owners within the defined area to receive property tax abatements on new residential construction, new commercial construction, and significant remodeling of existing commercial properties. The expanded CRA area will generally include most commercial property in Springdale. The CRA's are a critical tool

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needed for the development of vacant land within the City and it's also an important tool need for redevelopment of the Tri-County Mall site.

April 7, 2021

Ordinance No. 6-2021

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF SAID SURPLUS PROPERTY

The City will declare certain City property as surplus and this property will be placed for sale in an online public auction which is GovDeals.com. This passed with a 6-0 vote since only six members of Council were in attendance.

Ordinance No. 8-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MID-MIAMI ROOFING FOR THE SPRINGDALE COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT – PHASE II AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

That passed with a 6-0 vote.

There was also a Proclamation for the National Health Week which runs from April 5th through April 11th.

Old Business

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None

New Business

Dr. Ketring brought up concerns in the Springdale Community newsletter. The front page of the newsletter had an article that makes a statement that the COVID-19 vaccination will provide 3-4 years of protection against the virus. Dr. Ketring was asking where this information came from. Mr. Clayton stated that while the newsletter came out in April, the article itself was written in February in order to make the deadline for printing. Mr. Clayton stated that that information has changed since the publication of the Springdale Newsletter. Mr. Clayton stated that information has been brought to the Health Department's attention, and now he has heard six months to a year of protection against COVID-19. The Board of Health members requested an update be placed on the City's Facebook page, the City's website, as well as an updated article prepared for the August newsletter. Ms. Quinlan-Hall also suggested adding the updated information regarding where to contact for a COVID-19 vaccine appointment.

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 were no questions.

COVID-19 Report

As of April 8, 2021, there have been 1,013 cases total for the City of Springdale, with 33 deaths. There were eight new cases from March 28th to April 4th. The numbers of new cases are trending down. Mr. Clayton reported currently 13 residents from ten houses under isolation for COVID. The Springdale Health Department continues to use the State of Ohio's Vaccine Management Solution (VMS) to schedule appointments at the Springdale Health Department's COVID vaccination clinics. While the Springdale Health Department does still receive phone calls regarding appointments and answering general COVID-19 questions, the volume of phone calls has greatly decreased due to the VMS system assisting in scheduling appointments for residents of Springdale and neighboring communities.

The grand total of COVID-19 grant awards received by the Springdale Health Department in 2020 exceeded \$270,000. Thus far, SHD received the following 2021 grants for COVID-19: an Emergency Operations Grant for \$31,076, a Vaccine Grant for \$20,000, and a Contact Tracing Grant for \$7,573. Since the beginning of the year, over \$6,000 has been added to the 2021 COVID-19 Grant; moving the total from \$211,480 to \$217,600.

Mr. Clayton also stated that the State of Ohio wants to centralize contact tracing. The State is contracting with a company called PCG to do the contact tracing. While the contact tracing will be conducted on a state level, Springdale Health has been assured that the contact tracing will be performed for local schools, sporting teams, as well as larger employers. The Ohio Department of Health has mandated that local COVID grant funds no longer be used for contact tracing.

P.H.A.B. Accreditation

Site visit is still scheduled to occur May 11th – May 13th, 2021.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) Program

Mr. Clayton stated that the reimbursement from the most recent time study has been lower than normal due to recent redistribution of this money to be used now for COVID-19 grants. The Springdale Health Department is expected to receive \$2,986 for the MAC time study conducted in February 2021. The next MAC time study is to be held in June 2021.

Food Program -

Mr. Clayton gave an update on recent Food Program Activity. Home 2 Suites, located at 325 Pictoria Drive is now open. Bugatti's Restaurant, located at 340 Glensprings Drive was to have a ribbon cutting for its grand opening, but it was cancelled. Mr. Clayton believes that Bugatti's is open, but was unclear if the ribbon cutting would be rescheduled. LaQuinta Inn, located at 12150 Springfield Pike submitted plans for a remodel of their breakfast bar. The African Family Market, located at 11578 Springfield Pike, is now open. Mi Cozumel, located at 11700 Princeton Pike had their architect submit plans for a revision to their bar area, as well as an expanded outdoor seating area. Several ServSafe exams have been proctored. One individual on March 8th for O'Charley's. Four individuals on March 19th for Princeton City Schools. The individuals had taken the class online before coming to the Springdale Health Department for administration of the ServSafe test.

Springdale CDBG-CV Grant to assist food operations in the City of Springdale

Mr. Clayton gave an update on the grant. Six grant applications for the Springdale CDBG Grant have been received. Mr. Clayton stated that he suspected many local businesses that qualified for PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loans, may have mistakenly believed that they would not qualify for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant). Mr. Clayton has been assisting grant applicants with the paperwork when they need to break down the expenses on what they spent their PPP loans on versus what they are asking to spend this grant money on. Meaning when they submitted information, but didn't submit the financials showing that they had a loss. Mr. Clayton shared the applications for the CDBG-CV Grant money with the Board of Health members. Board of Health members agreed with Mr. Clayton in the surprise of how few applications had been received for the grant program.

National Public Health Week

Mr. Clayton stated that on April 7, 2021, Mayor Webster and Springdale City Council presented the Springdale Health Department with a proclamation for National Public Health week. National Public Health Week is held from April 5th, 2021 through April 11, 2021. The 2021 theme is Building Bridges to Better Health.

Additional Information from the Springdale Health Department

Mr. Clayton stated that the State of Ohio recently began publishing information about vaccination rates by zip code. On April 5th, in the zip code 45246, ODH advised of a 34.8% vaccination rate, which is 5,036 of 14,467 individuals. A very small portion of Springdale is in the 45240 zip code, which had a 27.2% vaccination rate on April 5th. The amount of vaccine being distributed to local health departments vastly increased, resulting in an opportunity to increase the vaccination rate. Mr. Clayton stated the Sterling Rapid Response location at the Tri-County Mall recently began receiving vaccine and will begin operating their TCM clinic by Saturday, April 10th. Sterling is also working with several local businesses to provide COVID vaccinations onsite. Mr. Clayton stated that the Springdale Health Department will exceed 5,000 vaccines provided by Friday, April 9th, 2021. Nurse Ellis stated her appreciation for the efforts of the nurses working at the COVID vaccination clinics. Nurse Ellis also discussed her appreciation for the outstanding work of Amanda Sias, a Springdale Health contractor who has diligently assisted with clinic mobilization, demobilization, operation, and administration.

Public Health Nurse's Report

Mrs. Ellis, RN

Hamilton County Drug Overdose Report

Nurse Ellis gave the Board of Health members the most up-to-date report at the meeting. Due to time constraints, it could not be included in the Board of Health packet. She distributed the report, and asked the Board of Health members to review at their convenience and she would be happy to answer any further questions at the May 2021 Board of Health meeting. Also, at the time the packets were distributed, the March 2021 Naloxone usage was unavailable. Chief Hoffman of the Springdale Fire Department was able to access the information for Nurse Ellis for the April meeting. For March 2021, there was three instances where Narcan was used.

Communicable Disease Report

Nurse Ellis included several Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) Communicable Disease Weekly Reports. HCPH is still not providing monthly reports at this time. Nurse Ellis was encouraged that the COVID-19 cases continues to drop. While there are currently 600 to 700 per week, for a comparison, in December there used to be 600 to 700 per day. For the City of Springdale, March had about 41 cases. In comparison, there were 95 cases in February, while in January, there were 203 cases. The current number of cases is encouraging, and Nurse Ellis hopes that the trend continues downward. There were nine chlamydia, one gonorrhea, one Hepatitis C, one bacterial meningitis, and one viral meningitis. Nurse Ellis stated that an interesting item about that case was that the same person had the viral meningitis and the bacterial meningitis.

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

Mass Vaccination Planning

Nurse Ellis reiterated the increase in dosage allotment going out to local health departments. Unfortunately, the Springdale Health Department only received 300 doses of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine last month. While we had 3,300 doses for March, the Springdale Health Department had only received 1,200 doses in February and 1,200 in January. Luckily, the amounts are increasing at this point. The age groups now include individuals 16 and older. Since the Springdale Health Department only receives Moderna, we are limited to giving the vaccine to individuals 18 and older. While the Vaccine Management Solution (VMS) is still a work in progress, it has significantly improved. While previously the type of vaccine could not be included in the information when individuals are booking their appointments online, there is an area for health departments to include that information now. Many individuals would book appointments with the Springdale Health Department, not realizing that their children could not get the Pfizer vaccine. Even when attempts were made to contact the parents prior to the appointment, some individuals would still show up, and not be able to receive the vaccine because we had Moderna, and then that appointment then prevented individuals over the age of 18 to get Moderna.

To date, the Springdale Health Department has received 6,100 doses of COVID-19 vaccine. Only 300 of that was Johnson and Johnson. All other vaccines have been Moderna. To date, 4,950 vaccines have been given, and will go over 5,000 by tomorrow evening. As previously mentioned, 600 doses will be given to Sterling Rapid Response. The Ohio National Guard came and provided vaccinations at Baldwin Grove. That is Metropolitan Housing, which is for individuals 55 and older. They planned to do 100, but ended up having 40 individuals. There were only 18 residents there, but they were also able to do Metropolitan Housing employees as well. While there was a greater turnout at The Meadows, Nurse Ellis stated that the resident at Baldwin Grove are more mobile. It is possible that they may have received the vaccine at another location. While the Springdale Health Department did give the Ohio National Guard all the necessary supplies, they did the administering of the doses, and will also make sure that the information is entered into the system.

Nurse Ellis also noted that restrictions have loosened a bit in the transportation of vaccines, and it is easier to give the vaccine to individuals that are home bound. The Council on Aging (COA) has helped identify seven individuals that are home bound that reside in Springdale. Nurse Ellis indicated that she is giving the doses to home bound individuals on the days that she already has a COVID-19 clinic so that she can use any remaining doses in a vial without having to open up a new one.

Ms. Quinlan-Hall asked if there were any adverse reactions to the vaccines. Nurse Ellis said there were two incidents, but the individuals were identified and proper measures were used. Ms. Quinlan-Hall stated that to have such a small number of reactions given almost 5,000 doses have been given, is encouraging. Dr. Ketring asked if Nurse Ellis would be continuing with three clinics a week. Nurse Ellis stated that they will continue to have three clinics a week because the appointment slots fill up almost immediately when opened up to the public.

Dr. Ketring asked what would be preventing the Springdale Health Department from administering more vaccine at each clinic. Nurse Ellis stated that simply the amount of space that is required to administer the dose and keep individuals at a safe distance will only allow the Springdale Health Department to have four stations and still have room for individuals to sit for 15 minutes after receiving their vaccine.

Mr. Squires asked if there was any reason why the Springdale Health Department only received one shipment of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. Nurse Ellis explained that no reason was given to her. It is strongly believed that the Johnson and Johnson vaccine was given to the “super sites” in large cities, universities, and prisons. Discussion continued regarding the Johnson and Johnson vaccine.

Board of Health Discussion

No items for discussion.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Health meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Matthew Clayton, Health Commissioner