

The Pamlico County Board of Health
Regular Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
August 13, 2018
6:36 p.m.

Board of Health Members:

Present: Starr Murphy, Edward Riggs, Jr., Joshua Rose, Michele Parish, Cliff Braly, Paul Slobodian

Absent: Tunmorya Bennett, Robert Bero, Jason Rose, Susan Wood

Other Attendees: Scott Lenhart, Dawn Jones, Tammy Rodriguez, David Baxter (County Attorney)

Starr Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:36.

1st order of business on the agenda was for new Board of Health member Paul Slobodian introduction and be sworn in.

Starr Murphy asked if there were to be additions or changes to the agenda, Joshua Rose made a motion to approve the agenda, 2nd by Cliff Braly.

Public Comments: Russ Richard & Rep. Mike Speciale. Ed Riggs advised that each speaker is asked to limit comments to 3 minutes. Direct comments to full BOH members not a direct board member. All of the board is interested in hearing your concerns, speaker should not expect board action or deliberational subject matters brought before board from public comments.

Russ Richard: Explained how he purchased a subdivision that was going into foreclosure, Natures Run. There are 23 lots in this subdivision, currently 4 homes within this division. So far there are four functioning septic system and 19 unapproved lots. These lots had septic permits which were originally permitted in 2006. After discovering recent issues, of the 19 lots all have insufficient documentation to proceed. Stressful situation.

Rep. Mike Speciale: Has received emails, phone calls and talked to multiple people over the last few weeks regarding the septic issues that are going on. Nothing that was done in session law this year has anything to do with what is going on here with these permits. If there is a problem though and it's something that the State can be involved in please don't wait 'til last minute to get ahold of someone. Rep Speciale clarified again it was nothing that the State did while in session but he is here to help. They go back into session in January.

End of public comments.

Minutes from June 11, 2018 were gone over and Starr Murphy made a motion stated that a change was needed concerning her making a 2nd motion because she was not at last month's meeting. Ed Riggs made the motion to accept minutes with change, Josh Rose seconded the motion, all in favor.

Guest Nathan Lewis: Missy Baskerville introduced herself and said Lewis's have asked her to speak for them. She stated that they were given a letter when they got her that was pretty acceptable, that would make the problem ok. She would like to request under the 2nd paragraph" the proposed carport does not encroach on any...." Would like for a sentence/language to be added stating "therefore the Pamlico County environmental health will not challenge Pamlico County building permit for this carport or something to the affect". So as to make the one approving the building permit more comfortable. Ed Riggs asked Scott Lenhart if this could be checked into. Tim Buck stated that this issue would need to be cleared up with building inspections. David Baxter stated that it's not the health departments place to challenge building permits, it's their place to review to make sure it complies. Lewis's are currently happy with the letter.

Health Department update:

Clinic: Patient Counts were gone over for June & July 2018.

WIC: Patient counts were gone over. Getting WIC numbers report from the State are approximately 2 months behind. Process was explained on how patients/appointments are counted. (An appointment is counted as 1 but during that 1 appointment 5 family members could be receiving services.)

Environmental Health: Paul Slobodian asked if there is a report that states number of approvals/denials, and if this board ever goes over those and are they always in writing or sometimes verbal? Tammy Rodriguez stated that they are always in writing, denials are recorded but they do not send to the Board why they are denied. There is a form that is submitted to the state that has the denials, not why they were denied but how many were issued. The letters along with the soil notes that are sent to the home owners lists exactly why and what they can do as far as appealing it. Tammy stated that there is a more detailed report that EH sends to the state that can be provided for the Board. Starr Murphy asked that the BOH to receive report with more detail. Numbers were gone over from April to present. Tammy Rodriguez explained the FDA/AFDO grant that she applied for amount \$1,033.64 and also went over how it related to Food & Lodging. Updated applications/permits were given out. Update was given on the Wrights septic issue from last meeting, all is good.

Board of Health Members Handbook: Per Scott Lenhart please throw out all old information in orientation binders you have previously received. New binders (updated to meet accreditation) has been given to each BOH member. Conflict of Interest Policy draft given to Board Members.

Accreditation: Per Scott Lenhart site visit is set for October 3 & 4th. For the site visit the accreditation team plan to meet with (1) board of health member (1) county commissioner and possibly the county manager. The Accreditation team will also need to meet with 2 community partners, those will be Pamlico Partnership for Children & Hope Clinic.

Starr Murphy introduced David Baxter (County Attorney) so that he could go through the session law update with the Board of Health. He stated that the session law update actually amends the permit extension. Ed Riggs stated that he just wanted to be sure that the board would be able to back their staff up with the new interpretation, and where do we go from here. David Baxter stated that he believed the way to approach it is the discretion on the department to suspend, revoke or deny permits with the assistance of the state in that aspect and interpreting every situation has not changed. Paul Slobodian stated that it should not be task of property owner to go out and pay \$150 to take out a whole new set of permits. The proper response should be for the county employee to go out and get

the proper documentation into the file. Paul Slobodian believes that there should be a sub-committee formed to meet and go over the issues that are now transpiring in Environmental Health. Ed Riggs stated that it could be looked into.

Motion to adjourn was made by Clif Brily, 2nd by Michele Parish, all in favor.

Starr Murphy, Chairman Board of Health

Date

Scott Lenhart, Health Director

Date

Dawn Jones, Secretary

Date
