



MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Planning, Regulation, Ordinance, and PR Committee

Administration Building

667 Ware Rd, Woodstock, IL 60098

April 18, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Dr. William Stinson, Joe Clarke, Laura Hatch, Cindy Gaffney, Mary McCann (5:25pm)

ABSENT: Rhienna McClain-Trevino

STAFF PRESENT: Melissa Adamson, Patti Nomm, Susan Karras, Maryellen Howell, Joseph Gugle,

Meeting called to order by Dr. Stinson at 6:10 pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2017 Planning, Regulation, Ordinance, and Public Relations Committee meeting was made by Cindy Gaffney, second by Laura Hatch. The motion was approved with 1 abstention.

PROPOSED PUBLIC HEALTH ORDINANCES

Ms. Nomm spoke on the proposed changes in Articles I, IV and V. She stated that her the cover sheet attached to those documents outline the major and most substantive changes. Other changes included formatting issues and cleaning up of language where it was needed.

- a) **Article I, General Provisions.** A motion to approve the proposed changes to Article I was made by Joseph Clarke, second by Cindy Gaffney. Dr. Stinson questioned the origin of the public health hearing committee. Ms. Nomm replied that the public health hearing committee is being reintroduced after it was removed in the last revision. Ms. Nomm stated that the committee would be made up of board of health members who would hear appeals before bringing an issue in front of the full board. The motion was passed unanimous by roll call vote.
- b) **Article IV, Waste Water and Sewage Treatment and Disposal.** A motion to approve the proposed changes to Article IV was made by Cindy Gaffney, second by Joseph Clarke. Mr. Clarke asked Ms. Nomm about section 8.04.480.K, allowing a reduction in the amount of top soil over the fields from 12 inches to 6 inches. Mr. Clarke had concerns regarding potential damage to the system (i.e. rototilling). Ms. Nomm explained that out to the 5 types of systems, 3 types allow for 6 inches which is the standard per the state. The proposed change would affect at grade and mound

systems. She stated that the change from 12 to 6 inches would not alter the function of the system, would reduce the cost of installation and make them consistent with other systems. Mr. Clark also asked about the provision to remove the sleeve around solid pipe going under driveways. Ms. Nomm replied that schedule 40 is required for all interconnecting pipe and it is the feeling of the contractors that the integrity of the system is not compromised without the sleeve. The advantage of providing the sleeve is access for future maintenance or repair. Mr. Clarke acknowledged that the schedule 40 is thick pipe, but when it is placed under a gravel or paved driveway, it is susceptible to breaking with garbage or large trucks. Ms. Nomm stated that it would not be an issue to remove this proposed change. Ms. Gaffney amended her motion subject to removal of changes in 8.04.530.J, second by Joseph Clarke. The motion on the amendment was passed unanimous by roll call vote. The motion to approve the changes to Article IV was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

- c) **Article V, Water.** A motion to approve the proposed changes to Article V was made by Mary McCann, second by Cindy Gaffney. Ms. Nomm brought a few items to the attention of the committee. She stated that a proposed new regulation includes testing new wells for arsenic, which is recommended by the Illinois State Water Survey. There are a significant number of wells that have some level of arsenic in McHenry County. Ms. Nomm also proposed that only qualified designers submit plans instead of homeowners. It can be very staff intensive to make corrections with a design completed by a homeowner. Ms. Nomm also proposed hydrogeological assessments be required by ordinance for new high capacity water wells. High capacity water wells withdraw 100,000 gallons or more of water per day. She stated that currently a hydrogeological assessment is required by policy. This process has been challenged by well drillers in the past, but was supported by the Illinois Department of Public Health. She also feels it is important that other properties are not negatively impacted by wells that are removing large quantities of water. Ms. Nomm also proposes that critical variances be recorded. Critical variances include separation distances from wells to sewage components or Class V injection wells. This will ensure new property owners are aware that their water wells do not meet current standards. Ms. Nomm also proposed requiring owners of non-potable water wells to register those wells with the Department. Staff can go out periodically, with notification to the owner, to ensure the wells are still being used and maintained properly. The proposed changes are consistent with the Water Resources Action Plan. This motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

ARTICE VI, Animal Control.

The Veterinary Public Health Manager reviewed possible changes to Article VI – Animal Control. The potential changes included: The addition of definitions for Owner Requested Euthanasia, Potentially Dangerous Dog, and Reckless Dog Owner. Possible changes to § 8.04.870 Public Nuisance K. Barking Dog was discussed. How to better assist the public in handling violations of

this section. Changes to § 8.04.920 Cruelty to Animals has been discussed in 2018 and will be reviewed at a later meeting. Under § 8.04.940 Penalties, Fines, and Remedies an additional section “Power to Control Nuisances” was discussed.

Finally, there was some discussion around rabies vaccination and registration of cats. It was decided to hold off the discussion until the status of SB131 is decided at the State level.

There was some discussion on the cost of veterinary visits to have vaccinations done. As well as, discussion on the fees to register vaccinated cat. This was a preliminary discussion, the draft of the Ordinance will be reviewed and voted on at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:40 pm made by Cindy Gaffney, second by Laura Hatch. Motion was passed by a voice vote.