



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GREENFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON JANUARY 11, 2024, AT 6:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order and roll call @ 6:30 PM

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ROLL CALL:

Ald. Pam Akers, Common Council Representative	Present
Bob Leischow, Interim Greenfield Health Officer	Present
Danielle Stachowiak, RTR(m)	Absent
Richard Dettman, PhD, RDSC	Present
Leon A. Saryan, PhD	Present
Andrew Martinez, Pharmacist BOH Chairperson	Present
Luanne Wielichowski, MSN, FNP	Present
Mary Kitten, DNP, RN	Present
Cindy Leranath	Present

Also in Attendance:

Chris Geary, City Attorney
 Lisa Van Engen, Greenfield Police Officer
 Julie Foley, Human Resources Director

2. Approval of the November 15, 2023 Board of Health Minutes

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski, seconded by Leon Saryan to approve the November 15, 2023 Board of Health Minutes. Motion passed 7-0 with Pam Akers Abstaining.

3. Citizen Commentary

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None

4. Hear and decide appeal by Heather L. Sims, 4444 S. 65th Street, of Greenfield Health Department prohibited dangerous dog determination. Per city ordinance, any interested party may present evidence as to the determination.

Dangerous Dog Determination

City Attorney Chris Geary provided a summary overview of the prohibited dangerous animal code and the history of the determination currently before the board. Officer Van Engen provided information on the call.

Heather Sims of 4444 S. 65th Street addressed the board. Ms. Sims is the owner of the dog in question. Ms. Sims recounted the events to the board. She believes the dog reacted from being cornered and provoked and doesn't believe that they should be forced to rehome the dog. Ms. Sims' minor daughter, who was a witness to the event, also spoke and stated that the dog was provoked.

Rheanan Hoffman of 4550 S. 84th St. addressed the Board. She stated that she has known the dog since it was a puppy and has watched the dog in the past. She states the dog has never been mean or had any issues. She feels that the bite incident was provoked.

Jeff Reynolds of 4444 S. 65th Street asked the board why the dog was referred to as "prohibited". Attorney Geary explained that the city had deemed the dog prohibited based on the information that was available at the time.

Attorney Geary clarified to the board the factors that are used to classify a dog, vicious, prohibited or dangerous. He also clarified with the owner that the information provided previously was incorrect and the dog did not fit the criteria of the definition.

A motion was made by Luanne Wielichowski seconded by Leon Saryan to define that the bite in this case was provoked and therefore no designation applies under the city's ordinance but the Board of Health is recommending to the dog owner that they still get professional training and evaluation. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. Committee to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(f)(g) and 19.85(1)© to discuss the following: **Closed Session**
- a. Communicable Disease Updates
 - b. Environmental Health Updates
 - c. Personnel Updates

A motion was made by Leon Saryan, seconded by Pam Akers to go into closed session at 7:39 PM. The Motion carried unanimously.

6. Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene into Open Session **Open Session**

A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Leon Saryan at 8:02 PM to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session. The Motion carried unanimously

7. Update regarding Consolidation Agreement between City of Greenfield Health Department and City of West Allis Health Department **Consolidation Agreement Update**

Julie Foley, Human Resources Director, provided an update to the Board regarding the Consolidated Agreement. She stated that discussions are continuing with West Allis to move forward with a consolidated department. Additional time is being taken to finalize more details regarding the financial and HR aspects of the

consolidation before bringing the matter to the Common Council. The hope is to have the agreement ready to go forward within the first quarter of this year.

8. Public Health Legislative Updates

PH Legislative Updates

Assembly Joint Resolution 60 was introduced to the State Legislature to change the Wisconsin constitution to allow for the freedom of gathering in places of worship during a state of emergency. This would affect the ability of health officers and health departments to act as directed in statutes in order to control communicable disease outbreaks. Last year the statute was challenged and modified to a limit of only 30 days unless otherwise approved by a governing body. Joint Resolution 60 would change the state constitution and prohibit the closing of faith-based organizations.

The Chicken bill is going to a public hearing sometime in February. Details to follow.

9. Public Health Research

PH Research

No Report

10. Executive Officer's Report

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No Report

11. Chairperson's Report

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No Report

12. Alderperson's Report

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In December the Common Council passed a resolution stating that if Greenfield residents are taxed illegally the taxation needs to stop until they can figure out how to return the money. It was predicted that this was going to be a problem based on shared zip codes between Greenfield and Milwaukee. The Mayor is working to try to resolve the situation. Alderperson Akers recommended that anyone having problems with the taxation issue contact the Mayor's office.

13. Miscellaneous Board Member's Report

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None

14. Items for Future Agenda

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- Update on the consolidation

15. Adjournment

Adjournment

A motion was made by Pam Akers, seconded by Mary Kitten to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. The motion carried unanimously.