

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
BOARD OF HEALTH  
Minutes  
March 13, 2024

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on March 13, 2024.

Members Present

Mayor, Elizabeth Slamka  
Jeff Bonnell  
Sally Kash, MS, RN  
Ruth Lolli  
Emily Miller, BSN, RN  
Joseph Richmond, MBA  
Dr. Scott Zollett, MD

Health Department Staff Present

Jackie Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN  
Carla Ealy, BS, REHS  
Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN  
Dr. Paul Jennewine, MD  
Amanda McDonald, Vital Statistics Registrar

Absent and Excused

Amy Sibcy

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ROLL CALL

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to excuse Ms. Sibcy from the Board of Health meeting.  
Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Miller, Richmond, Zollett). No-0. Motion Passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 2024

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approve the February 2024 minutes.  
Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Miller, Richmond, Zollett). No-0. Motion Passed.

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-February 2024

Ms. Phillips Carter explained to board members that the completed revenue and expense reports for January were included in the packet. The February revenue report was unavailable at the time of the BOH meeting.  
Motion: Mr. Richmond moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approve the February 2024 financial report.  
Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Miller, Richmond, Zollett). No-0. Motion Passed.

Education Presentation- Total Solar Eclipse 2024-Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN

Ms. Corbin presented the board with information on the total solar eclipse that will occur on April 8, 2024. Ms. Corbin explained that a total solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and earth, completely blocking the face of the sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk.  
The last total solar eclipse in Ohio was in 1806. There have only been 15 visible in the U.S. since 1867. The last one was in 2017 and was visible from Oregon to South Carolina. The next one visible in the U.S. will be in 2044, and the next one visible in Ohio will be in 2444.

Middletown will be in the southern aspect of totality. Totality will begin at approximately 3:08pm in Ohio and will exit the state at 3:19pm. Butler County will experience 2.5-3 minutes of totality. Other areas closer to the center line will have up to 4 minutes.

Populations within the totality area could double to quadruple depending on proximity to the centerline. There could be increases in traffic and stress on local infrastructure. There is also expected to be an increased demand on restaurants, stores and hotels.

If viewing the total solar eclipse, do not look directly at the eclipse. Purchase solar viewing glasses that comply with ISO12312-2 standards. You can make a projector that will prevent you from looking directly at the sun. A household item you could use to project onto a wall or the ground would be a colander.

Your phone camera is not a safe way to view the eclipse and may damage your camera. You can view the eclipse directly without proper eye protection only when the moon completely obscures the sun's bright face- during the brief and spectacular period known as totality. You'll know it's safe when you can no longer see any part of the sun through eclipse glasses or a solar viewer.

Plan accordingly for travel-full fuel tank, emergency equipment and water. Outdoor venues may not have sufficient shelter if the weather turns bad. Be aware of your surroundings.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Travel Authorizations

Ms. Phillips Carter explained to the board that Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training, Sarah Chaney, will be attending the annual Ohio Environmental Health Association (OEHA) Educational Conference April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio.

**Motion:** Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Mr. Richmond to approve the travel authorization for Ms. Chaney to attend the OEHA Conference.

**Roll call vote:** Yes-6 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Miller, Richmond, Zollett). No-0. Motion Passed.

### 2024 Public Health Week, April 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Public Health Week is always the first week of April. This year's themes are: civic engagement, healthy neighborhoods, climate change, new tools and innovations, reproductive and sexual health, emergency preparedness and the future of public health. Ms. Phillips Carter emphasized that the themes align with Destination Middletown and Middletown Connect's goals of increasing civic engagement and making our neighborhoods and communities healthier and more connected. A proclamation is typically issued by the Mayor the first week of April.

## REPORTS

### Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Middletown Connect is gaining traction. Middletown Connect will be providing the BOH and the community with a presentation sharing the status of current goals and their future vision. Middletown Connect has been a great asset in giving communities voices through civic engagement.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Middletown Connect has been selected to present at the Ohio Public Health Spring Conference.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that Point In Time information has been sent to City Managers.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that one of the goals of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was to start walking groups within Middletown communities. This goal has been achieved as Middletown now has two community walking groups in which community members can come together and address concerns and explore solutions together.

#### Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine reported the February Communicable Disease cases.

Chlamydia infection	26
COVID-19	168
CPO	1
Dengue	1
Gonococcal Infection	9
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	2
HIV	1
Influenza-associated hospitalization	9
Pertussis	2
Salmonellosis	2
Syphilis	3
Tuberculosis	1
Varicella	2

#### Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that there has been an increase in type A flu hospitalizations among the unvaccinated population. Most hospitalizations are 1-2 days in duration.

The case of salmonella last month did not turn out to be typhi, and the second case was a household contact of the first.

Ms. Corbin stated that the dengue fever case reported was a traveler.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD is working on preparing education for the eclipse and sending information to schools and daycares.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that Dr. Jennewine has signed off on orders for the measles vaccine which will allow CMHD to be able to secure and distribute the vaccine in the event of an outbreak.

#### Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that food license renewal fees are still being collected. There are 40 facilities that have not renewed their licenses at this time.

Ms. Ealy stated that plans for 4 new facilities have been received: a mobile, Kroger remodel, Shaddock's remodel and a new La Rosa's.

Ms. Ealy stated that information regarding T21 payments has been sent to the finance department in preparation of refunding vendors for their T21 license payments.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that Environmental Health Specialists-in-Training, Ms. Chaney and Ms. Barner, will be conducting temporary inspections at the Spring Blast Soccer Tournament held at Smith Park the weekend of March 16<sup>th</sup>.



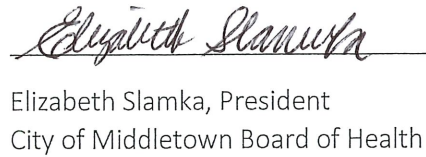
Ms. Phillips Carter introduced board members to the new Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Leon, and to the new Environmental Health Specialist-in-Training, Brandy Barner.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 AM. The next meeting will be held on April 9, 2024 at 7:30AM in Conference Room 2C.



Jacquelyn D. Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN  
Secretary



Elizabeth Slamka, President  
City of Middletown Board of Health