

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN

BOARD OF HEALTH

Minutes

June 10, 2025

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on June 10, 2025.

Members Present

Mayor, Elizabeth Slamka
Ruth Lolli
Jeff Bonnell
Amy Sibcy
Tiffani Baggett
Dr. Scott Zollett, MD
Joseph Richmond, MBA

Health Department Staff Present

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

Absent and Excused

Emily Miller, BSN, RN

ROLL CALL

Motion: Dr. Zollett moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to excuse Ms. Miller.

Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Lolli, Bonnell, Sibcy, Baggett, Zollett, Richmond). No-0. Motion Passed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –May 2025

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Sibcy to approve the May Board of Health minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Lolli, Bonnell, Sibcy, Baggett, Zollett, Richmond). No-0. Motion Passed.

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-May 2025

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Sibcy to approve the May financial report.

Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Lolli, Bonnell, Sibcy, Baggett, Zollett, Richmond). No-0. Motion Passed.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION-CPR-Dr. Jennewine

Dr. Jennewine provided the board with a presentation on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Dr. Jennewine stated that 400,000 Americans die annually from cardiac arrest. The goal of CPR is to keep blood flow active. Performing CPR can improve survival rates after cardiac events by 2-3 times.

In healthcare settings, providers are taught to give chest compressions and mouth to mouth breathing in a ratio of 30:2. The general public is advised to give chest compressions at a rate of about 120 per minute and forego mouth to mouth breathing.

79% of cardiac arrest cases occur in homes or residences and 16% occur in public places. 40% of all cardiac arrests receive immediate CPR by bystanders. When CPR is initiated within four minutes of onset, survival rates are as high as 40%.

Survival of cardiac arrest depends on the following: recognition of cardiac arrest, early CPR, rapid defibrillation, EMS arrival, post arrest care and recovery.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

Ms. McDonald and Ms. Leon will be attending Ohio Vital Records System training in Columbus, Ohio on June 27th. Ms. Phillips Carter explained that there will be a new program used to access and provide birth and death records. This system is set to go live in July. Ms. Phillips Carter noted that the only expense for this training will be mileage reimbursement.

Motion: Mr. Richmond moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to approval the travel authorization.

Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Lolli, Bonnell, Sibcy, Baggett, Zollett, Richmond). No-0. Motion Passed.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she met with the Mayor and City Manager regarding septic systems in the Amanda area. A presentation will be provided to City Council at the next council meeting. Ms. Phillips Carter will provide the board with the presentation at the next Board of Health meeting. The presentation addresses concerns about aging systems in the Amanda area and outlines necessary steps to take when systems fail and create a nuisance. Possible funding sources are also addressed.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that she has been working closely with city leaders to provide a resolution to the cat issue at Smith Park.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed board members that she will be sending them all an ethics training to complete. The training should take approximately one hour and board members will receive a certificate upon completion. The Law Department has also requested to review boards and commissions training. Ms. Phillips Carter requested board members to send Ms. McDonald their preference on days and times that would work for them.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board the the health department will be having a lunch and learn with Dr. Worthington on Friday, June 13th. Dr. Worthington has just opened a new chiropractic practice in Middletown. Board members are invited to attend the lunch and learn.

Ms. Phillips Carter will be performing at Middletown Rocks, an annual fundraiser for the Community Building Institute (CBI), on Thursday, June 26th.

Medical Director

Dr. Jennewine reported the May communicable disease case numbers.

COVID-19	31
CPO	1
Campylobacteriosis	1
Chlamydia infection	14
Gonococcal Infection	4
Hepatitis A	1
Hepatitis B	4
Hepatitis C	4
Legionellosis	1
Lyme Disease	1
Pertussis	1
Salmonellosis	3
Shigellosis	1
Strep Pneumoniae- invasive	2
Syphilis	5
Tuberculosis	1

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin Informed the board that the positive case of tuberculosis that was reported was the child of the positive patient reported last month. Hepatitis C cases are being reported mostly by treatment centers, with one case recently being reported by an organ donor.

Ms. Corbin reported that the 2024-2025 Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant cycle is complete. We are currently waiting on the 2025-2026 contract to present to board.

Ms. Corbin informed the board that the health fair date has been pushed back to September 27th. Invitations have been sent out to community partners both local and statewide.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that nine plan reviews were received in May. Pepper's World, Atrium YMCA pool concession, Frazier's Kitchen and six micromarkets. Ms. Ealy explained that micromarkets appear to be replacing vending machines. Starvin Marvin's on Tytus had a change of ownership and is now licensed as JJ's Burgers and Wings.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that Northstar Classical Christian school will not be reopening this fall.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that the health department asked a retail food establishment on Yankee Road to close after an ongoing rodent infestation. The store closed voluntarily June 6th and is still closed at the time of this meeting.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that Accela calls continue weekly while errors in the system are still being worked out. Due to the current issues we are experiencing, we are not allowing public access to the system at this time.

Ms. Ealy stated that ODH completed the sewage survey on June 3rd. The surveyor indicated that there were no points lost, but we are still waiting on the report.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that sanitarians will begin inspecting 485 septic systems next week as part of our operation and maintenance program. The inspections will extend through late summer/early fall.

Board Member Open Discussion

Ms. Lolli distributed Walk With a Doc flyers and informed the board that it has been decided to rotate locations in an effort to engage more people. The next walk will be held June 21st at Woodside Cemetery. The speaker will focus on Alzheimer's and brain health.

Mayor Slamka addressed a citizen's concerns regarding a large pile of gravel and the dust and particulates located at the old paper board site. Mr. Tadych has been in touch with the citizen regarding her concerns.

Mayor Slamka informed the board that fire chief Tom Snively will be retiring on June 16th and incoming chief Brian Wright will be pinned June 17th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Personnel discussion, under the authority of O.R.C. 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.

Motion: Mr. Bonnell moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to move to executive session at 8:40AM.

Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Lolli, Bonnell, Sibcy, Baggett, Zollett, Richmond). No-0. Motion Passed.

REGULAR SESSION

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Mr. Bonnell to resume regular session at 8:40AM.

Roll call vote: Yes-6 (Lolli, Bonnell, Sibcy, Baggett, Zollett, Richmond). No-0. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40AM. The next meeting will be held on July 8, 2025 at 7:30AM in Conference Room 2C.



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



Elizabeth Slamka

Elizabeth Slamka, President
City of Middletown Board of Health