

building present. The new home is a three-bedroom home. The existing septic system is undersized and does not meet current standards. Staff recommended disapproval.

After a lengthy discussion at the November 12, 2025, Board of Health meeting, Mr. Milton stated he would obtain and submit a design for a replacement system if the current system should fail.

The property owner, Hubert Milton, Jr., was present. Mr. Milton was accompanied by Robert Shannon, who is a professional surveyor and septic system designer. Mr. Shannon indicated he spoke with the Director of Water and Waste, Tyler Braasch, on behalf of Mr. Milton and suggested consolidating the multiple adjacent lots owned by Mr. Milton to allow for the additional acreage necessary to accommodate a replacement mound system if the current septic system should ever fail. Mr. Shannon stated there are no indications the existing system would fail, but if it did, the combined total acreage of the lots would be .478 acres, which would be large enough for a mound system to be installed. He also stated that combining the lots would be cleaner legally rather than obtaining easements. Mr. Shannon provided an aerial picture of the property and a replat of the lots. He indicated that the paperwork to combine the lots was being processed. (Attachments #4 and #5)

Dr. Khan reviewed the facts surrounding the variance, including Mr. Milton's initial suggestion of signing a statement indicating he would remove the mobile home if the system should fail.

Mr. Meadors clarified that the Board's initial concerns involved the lack of evidence of a leach field or leach lines, as well as the ease of actually removing the mobile home if the system should fail. Mr. Milton indicated he would have been agreeable to either of the previously proposed remedies, but at the November Board of Health meeting, he was advised to obtain a replacement system design in case of failure. When he spoke with Mr. Shannon about the situation, Mr. Shannon suggested first combining the lots so if a design is necessary in the future, the acreage would be sufficient.

Upon reviewing the provided documents, Mr. Meadors stated he had no issues with proceeding with approving the variance if the lots were combined.

Mr. Meadors made a motion to approve the variance to connect a new home to an existing household sewage treatment system at 4991 SR 743, Washington Township, (25-V-25) contingent upon receiving a record of the plat combining the lots. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #6)

Isolation Distance at 602 Hopewell, Franklin Township (42-V-25) – Ms. Nesbit stated the property owner, Justin Wilson, is requesting an isolation distance variance at 602 Hopewell, Franklin Township (42-V-25). This is a pretreatment to mound type system. The isolation distance variance is being requested due to a proposed addition being located four feet from the septic tank. The system failed in April 2025 due to a dose pump issue, no control panel power, and heavy water pooling around the tank. The system also failed in May 2025 but subsequently passed on December 3, 2025. Staff recommended disapproval.

The homeowner, Justin Wilson, was present. Mr. Wilson stated the addition will consist of three bedrooms and will add approximately 810 square feet to the home. He also added that a retaining wall and landscaping have been added between the addition and the septic tank to help with drainage issues.

Dr. Khan made a motion to approve the isolation distance variance at 602 Hopewell, Franklin Township (42-V-25). Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #7)

Connect a New Home to an Existing Household Sewage Treatment System at 2632 Weaver Rd., Stonelick Township (43-V-25) – Ms. Nesbit stated the property owner, Shannon Sizemore, is requesting a variance to connect a new home to an existing household sewage treatment system at 2632 Weaver Rd., Stonelick Township (43-V-25). This is a leach bed system that has passed and/or received an annual operation and maintenance (AO&M) designation since 2008. The proposed home is a three-bedroom home, which is the same size as the current home. The septic tank, baffle, and leach bed are all in good condition. The proposed home will be located approximately 230 feet from the existing septic. Staff recommended approval and noted that an alteration permit will be required.

Angela Sizemore was present and had nothing to add.

Mr. Seal made a motion to approve the variance to connect a new home to an existing household sewage treatment system at 2632 Weaver Rd., Stonelick Township (43-V-25). Dr. Khan seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #8)

Isolation Distance at 2464 SR 222, Monroe Township (44-V-25) – Ms. Nesbit stated the property owner, Gary Kumpf, is requesting an isolation distance variance at 2464 SR 222, Monroe Township (44-V-25). This is a leach line system that has passed inspection and/or received an annual operation and maintenance (AO&M) designation since 2002. The isolation distance variance is necessary due to the proposed carport being six feet from the gradient drain. Staff recommended disapproval.

The homeowner, Gary Kumpf, was present and confirmed that the gravel pad has been installed, and a 1 ½ inch pipe to the gutter was installed under approximately four feet of dirt and gravel below the carport.

Ms. Nesbit stated that it appears that if there were ever any issues, the pipe could easily be rerouted around the carport to the ditch line.

Mr. Meadors asked how often the system would be inspected. Ms. Nesbit stated the system would be inspected every 19 months.

Mr. Meadors indicated he had no concerns with leaving the pipe where it is currently located and checking the area upon routine inspections.

Mr. Meadors then made a motion to approve the isolation distance variance at 2464 SR 222, Monroe Township (44-V-25). Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachment #9)

Public Comment - No members of the public offered any comments at this point in the meeting.

First Reading of a Resolution to Revise Local Onsite Sewage Treatment System Regulation 415 – Ms. Nesbit stated that staff have worked to update Regulation 415 for several months, with the updates being started by Robert Wildey before he retired. Several items needed to be updated as a result of the agency's program survey with the Ohio Department of Health. The most significant change, if approved, would be the abolishment of the Annual Operation & Maintenance (AO&M) Program, which allows an inspection to be skipped after passing two inspections. This program has

become a burden on staff who need to verify statuses and also requires additional software customizations. With both the existing Regulation and the proposed Regulation being supplied to the Board of Health members for their review, and having no questions from the Board, Ms. Nesbit then held the first Reading of a Resolution to Revise Local Onsite Sewage Treatment System Regulation 415. The second reading will be held at the January 14, 2026, Board of Health meeting. Tyler Braasch, Director of Water and Waste, will also obtain feedback from current contractors prior to the adoption of the resolution.

Approval of Septic Rehabilitation Program Plan Revisions – Ms. Nesbit stated there have been several proposed revisions made to the Septic Rehabilitation Program Plan in an attempt to help homeowners take advantage of the program. These revisions include removing the requirement for a property to be issued a Notice of Violation and declared a Public Health Nuisance before qualifying, and lowering the required site assessment score. The revisions also included giving more points to properties with sewage on the ground, sewage flowing off the lot, sewage backing up into the house, the owner’s ability to maintain the system, and efforts to eliminate the nuisance. Two questions were also added to the application regarding system malfunctions and accessibility to sewers.

Dr. Khan made a motion to approve revisions to the Septic Rehabilitation Program Plan. Mr. Meadors seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried. (Attachments #10, #11, and #12)

Adoption of Resolution 19-25 Declaring Properties Public Health Nuisances – Ms. Nesbit presented the addresses of four properties to be considered public health nuisances as stated in Attachment A of Resolution 19-25 Declaring Public Health Nuisances and Ordering Abatement of Nuisances at Identified Properties.

Following a review and discussion, Dr. Khan made a motion to waive the three required readings of Resolution 19-25, declaring the properties listed on Attachment A to be Public Health Nuisances. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote upon roll call was as follows: Mr. Seal, aye; Dr. Khan, aye; Mr. Meadors, aye; Dr. Rickabaugh, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; motion carried. Dr. Khan then made a motion to declare Resolution 19-25 an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, and for the purpose of the immediate need to abate or remove the dangerous public health nuisances. Mr. Meadors seconded the motion. The vote upon roll call was as follows: Mr. Seal, aye; Dr. Khan, aye; Mr. Meadors, aye; Dr. Rickabaugh, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; motion carried. Dr. Khan then made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-25, declaring the properties listed on Attachment A to be public health nuisances and ordering abatement of nuisances at the identified properties. The motion further stated that if corrections were not made within the allotted time, the nuisance cases would be referred to the Health District's legal counsel for appropriate action. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote upon roll was Mr. Seal, aye; Dr. Khan, aye; Mr. Meadors, aye; Dr. Rickabaugh, aye; Mr. Brown, aye; motion carried. (Attachment #13)

Approval and Payment of Bills – Ms. Nesbit presented the Health District's bills for consideration. Following the Board's review and discussion, Dr. Khan made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes, motion carried. (Attachment #14)

Discussion: Mr. Meadors asked when the Board approves a variance for an addition for a specific family member, if that family member vacates the addition, can anyone move in at that time, or is the variance vacated? Ms. Nesbit indicated that, as far as the agency is concerned, anyone can move in once the specific family member no longer lives in the addition; however, some townships do have zoning regulations stating otherwise.

Additional Information:

Innovation in Public Health Nursing Award – Ms. Nesbit congratulated Dr. Tara Jimison, Director of Nursing, for receiving the Innovation in Public Health Nursing Award for Ohio from the Ohio Public Health Association for her work with succession planning.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5) – Ms. Nesbit informed the Board of the recent discovery of a large number of dead birds found in the county. Clermont County Public Health was contacted regarding the discovery. Although the primary agency involvement for this situation falls upon the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Assistant Health Commissioner of Environmental Health Services, Tim Kelly, and Director of Nursing, Dr. Tara Jimison, collaborated with the Ohio Department of Health to package and transport two specimens to the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s state lab for testing. The preliminary lab reports indicated the specimens were “not negative” for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5), and the specimens were forwarded for further analysis, with the results expected within seven to ten days. Ms. Nesbit reiterated to the Board that the threat to the general public is low, and the agency will relay the final results when they are received.

Board of Health Education:

Maalini Vijayan, Assistant Health Commissioner for Community Health Services, and Dr. Tara Jimison, Director of Nursing, presented the Community Health Improvement Plan Priorities to the Board. (Attachment #15)

Adjournment:

Dr. Khan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Rickabaugh seconded the motion. The vote was all ayes; motion carried.


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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED