

Board of Health - Public Health Nuisance Hearings
January 23, 2024
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Patrick Wyatt called to order the City of Canton public nuisance hearings presided over by the Board of Health of Canton City Public Health on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 4:31 PM. Mr. Patrick Wyatt presiding. The meeting location was at the Foundations Centre, Goldsmith Room, 400 Market Ave., N, Canton, OH.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Dr. Stephen Hickman, Dr. Amy Lakritz
Dr. James Johns arrived at 4:42 pm
Members Absent: None
Members Excused: Mayor William Sherer II; Mrs. Cleo Lucas
Staff Present: Amanda Archer, Gus Dria, Annie Butusov, and Sean Green.

Agenda corrections and approval.

1. Motion to approve agenda.

Dr. Hickman moved, and Dr. Lakritz seconded a motion to approve the January 23, 2024 meeting agenda for the public nuisance hearings. A roll call vote was taken:

Dr. Hickman – Yes Mr. Wyatt – Yes Dr. Lakritz – Yes

Motion carried unanimously. The meeting agenda was approved.

Public Health Nuisance Hearings

2. Public health nuisance hearings.

Hearing Officer Gus Dria and CCPH Environmental Health Director Annie Butusov were sworn in to provide their testimonies. All present property owners were also sworn in to provide their testimonies.

Mr. Dria presented both verbal testimony and photographic evidence to exhibit the substandard environmental conditions at several properties within the city of Canton.

Mr. Dria also provided testimony regarding animal owners who had failed to comply with vaccination reporting requirements following incidents of animal bites. No animal owners were present to provide their testimony.

Next meeting date.

3. Next meeting date - Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 4:30 PM

The next City of Canton public nuisance hearings, presided over by the Board of Health of Canton City Public Health, are scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 4:30 PM.

Adjournment.

Dr. Lakritz moved, and Dr. Hickman seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

APPROVED:

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Monday, January 23, 2024 Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2316 Gridley Ave NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:32 PM.

The property co-owners Deanna Patterson and Dallas Abbot were both present. Ms. Patterson, Mr. Abbot, and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria testified that the environmental conditions at the property were substandard (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). He added that while Mr. Abbot claimed the property was unoccupied, he observed people at the property at all hours of the day. Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

Dallas Abbot testified that he, along with a few acquaintances, were working to fix the utilities and restore them at the property. He stated that no one was staying in the house overnight, but individuals occasionally slept in a car parked in the driveway. Mr. Abbot then requested 30 days to abate the property.

The Board of Health granted Mr. Abbot's request and ordered the property to be abated by February 29, 2024. It was further ordered that the property remain unoccupied until fully abated. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:41 PM.

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Monday, January 23, 2024 Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2057 Tuscarawas St E, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:41 PM.

The property owner, Robert Schluneker, was present. Mr. Schluneker and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of cat waste and associated cat waste odors, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

Robert Schluneker stated that he had re-homed eight of the cats, and that only two or three cats remained at the property.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated by January 31, 2024. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:46 PM.

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The hearing for the property at 815 Gilmore Ave NW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:47 PM.

The property owner, Clementina Torres, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated by January 31, 2024. Dr. Lakritz asked that Mr. Dria also post the order in Spanish in case there is a language barrier. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:50 PM.

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The hearing for the property at 1129 – 7th St NW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:50 PM.

The property owner, Ida Ross Freeman, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of furniture, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated by January 31, 2024. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:51 PM.

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Monday, January 23, 2024 Hearing

The hearing for the property at 406 Hazlett Ave NW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:51 PM.

The property owners, Helen Coffy and Jeffrey Sams, were not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria testified that he found the environmental conditions at the property to be substandard (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated or vacated by January 31, 2024. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:51 PM.

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Monday, January 23, 2024 Hearing

The hearing for the property at 622 Union Ave SW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:51 PM.

The property owners, Kenneth and Phyllis Howell, were not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, furniture, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated by January 31, 2024. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:51 PM.

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Monday, January 23, 2024 Hearing

The hearing for the property at 804 Highland Rd NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:52 PM.

The property owner, Vincent Carrington, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, furniture, landscape waste, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated by January 31, 2024. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:52 PM.

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The hearing for the property at 822 Highland Rd NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:52 PM.

The property owners, Michelle Berg and Mark Berg, were not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. poor cleanliness, an accumulation of animal waste and associated odors, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris and general unsanitary conditions on the interior, and the accumulation of carpet, furniture, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris on the exterior). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated by January 31, 2024. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:53 PM.

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Monday, January 23, 2024 Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1717 St. Elmo Ave NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:53 PM.

The property owner, Stephen Filliez, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria testified that he found the environmental conditions at the property to be substandard (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated or vacated by January 31, 2024. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:53 PM.

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Monday, January 23, 2024 Hearing

The hearing for the property at 517 Webster Ave NE, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:53 PM.

The property owner, Jeffrey Parker, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria showed pictures of the violation, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, renovation waste, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered that the property be abated or vacated by January 31, 2024. Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or to use appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement is to be placed on the taxes of the property as a lien, in accordance with law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:54 PM.

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Monday, January 23, 2024 Hearing

The hearing for animal owner, Eric King, 2028 Stewart Dr NW, Warren, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore, at 4:54 PM.

The owner was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria testified that the owner of the animal failed to comply with vaccination reporting requirements for an animal involved in a bite.

The Board of Health ordered the vaccination records to be submitted by January 31, 2024, and authorized the filing of criminal charges against the animal owner if the records are not submitted by the provided deadline.

There being no further testimony, the hearing ended at 4:54 PM.

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