

Board of Health - Public Health Nuisance Hearings

July 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, July 23, 2024, at 4:33 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; Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury; Mrs. Cleo Lucas; Dr. Amy Lakritz; Dr. James Johns
Members Absent:	None
Members Excused:	Mayor William Sherer II
Staff Present:	Health Commissioner Amanda Archer, Gus Dria, Annie Butusov, and Sean Green.
Others Present:	Carrie D'Andrea of Canton City Law Department

Agenda corrections and approval.

1. Motion to approve agenda.

Mrs. Lucas moved, and Ms. Kingsbury seconded a motion to approve the July 23, 2024 meeting agenda for the public nuisance hearings. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Wyatt – Yes Mrs. Lucas – Yes Ms. Kingsbury – Yes

Dr. Johns – Yes Dr. Lakritz – Yes

Motion carried unanimously. The meeting agenda was approved.

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2. Public health nuisance hearings.

Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to provide his testimony. All present property owners were also sworn in.

Mr. Dria presented both verbal testimony and photographic evidence to exhibit the substandard environmental conditions at several properties within the city of Canton. All present property owners also provided their testimonies.

Mr. Dria also provided testimony on animal owners who failed to report vaccination records for an animal involved in a bite.

Next meeting date.

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

Adjournment.

Dr. Lakritz moved, and Mrs. Lucas seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 PM.

APPROVED:

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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1360 Scoville Ave, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:36 PM.

The property owner, Juelz Davis, was present. Mr. Davis and 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, trash bags, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

Mr. Davis testified that he was in the process of rehabbing the house, and asked that the Board of Health allow him until August 7th to fully abate the property.

The Board of Health granted Mr. Davis' request, and ordered the property to be abated by August 7, 2024. If the August 7th deadline is not met, 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 4:37 PM.

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The hearing for the property at 1121 Walnut Ave NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:38 PM.

The tenant's ICAN Housing case manager, Bethany French-Griffith, was present representing the tenant, Zaria Jones. Ms. French-Griffith 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 failure to repair/replace plumbing in disrepair). He clarified that the tenant, Zaria Jones, had reached out to the Health Department regarding the issues in the home. Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

Ms. French-Griffith testified that, on behalf of her client, Ms. Jones, she had contacted the property owner, Ellen Arena, several times regarding the housing issues, but Mrs. Arena rarely responded and had not addressed the problems. Ms. French-Griffith added that mildew had started forming in the home, which was potentially causing Ms. Jones' children to become ill. Ms. French-Griffith provided several exhibits for the Board, including letters sent to Mrs. Arena and her husband, Mr. Joe Arena, photos of the housing issues, and court docket reports. These exhibits were marked as A, B, C, D, E, F, and G. Ms. French-Griffith stated that the priority is to ensure safe and clean housing for Ms. Jones.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by July 31, 2024. If the deadline is not met, 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 4:45 PM.

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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2024 Holland Ct SW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:45 pm.

The property owner, Loretta Hartman, was present. Ms. Hartman and Hearing Officer Gus Dria were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria reported substandard environmental conditions at the property (i.e. the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property).

Ms. Hartman testified that she is not currently living in the house, but does keep her dog there. She explained that she takes food and water to the dog daily.

With confirmation that the house is unoccupied, Mr. Dria recommended the Board not issue an order to either turn the water on or vacate the property. The Board accepted Mr. Dria's recommendation, and did not issue an order.

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

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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 1515-19th St NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:51 pm.

The property owner, James Blakeney, 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 failure to repair/replace plumbing in disrepair and prevent the illicit discharge of sewage onto 19th St NE). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by July 31, 2024, and remain vacant until a satisfactory health inspection is completed. 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 710 – 21st St NW, 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, Jennifer Gialucca, 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 trash bags, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by July 31, 2024. 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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The hearing for the property at 1607 Fulton Rd NW, 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, Mary Gutshall, 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 trash bags, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by July 31, 2024. 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.

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The hearing for the property at 1218 – 15th St NW, 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, Steve Filliez, 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 scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish and debris, and the failure to control/eliminate a cockroach infestation). Mr. Dria requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by July 31, 2024. 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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The hearing for the property at 515 – 9th St NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore at 4:54 pm.

The property owner, Steve Filliez, 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 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 the property to be abated or vacated by July 31, 2024. 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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The hearing for animal owner, Charla Green, 2224 Gross Ave NE, Canton, 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 July 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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The hearing for animal owner, Angel Barclay, 912 Sherlock Pl NE, Canton, 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.

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