

Board of Health - Public Health Nuisance Hearings

February 25, 2025

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, February 25, 2025, at 4:34 PM. Mr. Patrick Wyatt presiding. The meeting location was at Canton City Public Health, 2nd Floor Board Room, 420 Market Ave N, Canton, OH.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Patrick Wyatt; Ms. Kimberly Kingsbury; Mrs. Cleo Lucas
Dr. Lakritz arrived at 4:45 PM.

Members Absent: None

Members Excused: Mayor William Sherer II; Dr. James Johns

Staff Present: Health Commissioner Amanda Archer, Gus Dria, and Sean Green

Others Present: John Mariol and Marlene Chipko of Canton City Building/Code

Agenda corrections and approval.

1. Motion to approve agenda.

Mrs. Lucas moved, and Ms. Kingsbury seconded a motion to approve the February 25, 2025 meeting agenda for the public nuisance hearings. A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Wyatt – Yes Mrs. Lucas – Yes Ms. Kingsbury – 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. 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 were also given opportunity to provide their testimony.

Mr. Dria also provided testimony on animal owners who failed to report vaccination records for an animal involved in a bite. No animal owners were present to provide testimony.

Next meeting date.

3. Next meeting date - Tuesday, March 25, 2025 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, March 25, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

Adjournment.

Ms. Kingsbury moved, and Mrs. Lucas seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

APPROVED:

March 25, 2025
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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2152 – 6th St NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt at 4:35 PM.

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

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, furniture, trash bags, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish, and debris, as well as the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

Mr. Postlewait testified that while the property had no running water, he had been legally collecting water from outside sources. He further explained that injuries and inclement weather had hindered his ability to abate the property, but stated he would be able to fully abate it by March 5, 2025.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by March 5, 2025. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:40 PM.



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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2503 Harmont Ave NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, President Pro Tempore of the Canton City Board of Health, at 4:41 PM.

The property owner, Tom Woosnam, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria and Marlene Chipko of Canton City Building/Code were sworn in to testify.

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of tires, scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish, and debris, as well as the failure to restore potable water service at an occupied property). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

Marlene Chipko added that while it appears someone may be living in the home, it has not yet been confirmed. She stated that if it can be verified that the property is unoccupied, the City intends to pursue demolition of the house.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by March 5, 2025. Should the deadline not be met, Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or pursue appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:45 PM.

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Hearing

The hearing for the property at 2905 – 4th St NW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt at 4:47 PM.

The property owner, Michael L. Amos, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

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

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by March 5, 2025. If the deadline is not met, Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or pursue appropriate legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:48 PM.

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The hearing for the property at 2342 – 2nd St NE, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, President Pro Tempore of the Canton City Board of Health, at 4:45 PM.

A representative of the property owner, Envy Me Enterprises LLC, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

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

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by March 5, 2025. If the deadline is not met, Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to ensure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:47 PM.

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The hearing for the property at 2514 – 15th St SW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt at 4:48 PM.

The property owner, Katessa A. Blood, was not present. Hearing Officer Gus Dria was sworn in to testify.

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

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated or vacated by March 12, 2025. If the deadline is not met, Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:48 PM.



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The hearing for the property at 1377 Lee Ct SW, Canton, Ohio, was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt at 4:49 PM.

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

Mr. Dria presented photographic evidence of the violations, which included substandard environmental conditions (i.e. the accumulation of scrap, junk, clutter, trash, garbage, rubbish, and debris). He requested this to be declared a public health nuisance.

The Board of Health ordered the property to be abated by March 5, 2025. If the deadline is not met, Canton City Public Health will be authorized to abate the nuisance or take legal action to secure compliance. The cost of the abatement will be assessed as a lien against the property taxes in accordance with the law.

There being no further testimony, the hearing concluded at 4:49 PM.



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The hearing for animal owner, Katie Reed, 1625 – 40th St NW, Canton, Ohio was called to order by Mr. Patrick Wyatt, Canton City Board of Health President Pro Tempore, at 4:49 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 March 5, 2025, 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 4:50 PM.



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