

**Board of Health
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
Hybrid Meeting / Penn Room**

Members Attending: K. Schorn – in person; B. Hospidor, K. Wang, J. Henning - virtually

Others Attending: S. Smith – in person; C. Reed - virtually

Dr. Wang called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. She stated that a quorum is present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Wang stated that she had one correction to the June 3, 2025 minutes. She stated that during the measles discussion, she noted that there had been a few cases of measles statewide in PA but that she had not seen any cases locally.

Motion was made by Mr. Hospidor, seconded by Mr. Henning, to approve the June 3, 2025 meeting summary as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- Health Inspections

Mr. Reed provided the following update:

- 71 Health Inspections with 13 needing reinspection
- 4 Animal Complaints with ARL with one building being placarded for unsanitary conditions

Mr. Reed stated that he has been contacted by the Coroner's Office to report that there has been one case of Legionnaire's Disease on Court St and to let him know that there may be follow up by the PA Department of Health.

Dr. Wang questioned if this was a private residence. Mr. Reed stated that the property has 24 rental units.

- Lead Abatement Program

Mr. Melendez provided an email noting that he had a schedule conflict and provided the following information:

Accomplishments:

- Start up on partnership with RHA 7/28
- New contractors on board to start new projects

Metrics as of 7/29/2025

- Currently have 54 total HUD projects completed
- 2 projects currently underway
- 9 state grant lead projects completed
- 3 ARPA grant lead projects completed

Challenges

Getting more referrals

- EMS

Deputy Chief Sninsky stated that he is unavailable due to National Night Out and provided the following information via email:

- 1) We have 6 candidates that are to start paramedic school in the next couple weeks, the schooling takes about a year to complete. This is a pilot program for the City, in which the schooling is paid for and the individuals are employees, this helps us gain paramedics, which is a very limited commodity within PA, and nationally.
 - 2) Over the past several heat waves, we had very few heat-related incidents. A reminder to all to stay out of the heat whenever possible and to hydrate with water
 - 3) Narcan events remain around 20-25 encounters a month on average
- National Night Out on Penn Street is Tuesday August 5th, 2025. We will have an ambulance present, which will showcase our equipment and be on hand so the public can see our equipment and what we are able to do to treat the citizens and visitors to the City of Reading.

OLD BUSINESS

- County Health Department

No report.

- Fluoride in Drinking Water

Ms. Smith explained that a resident has been in contact with Dr. Dethoff regarding this topic and that she would like Reading to keep fluoride in its water. She stated that the person has provided documentation to Dr. Dethoff which he will review and will provide an update to the Board at the next meeting.

- Measles Outbreak / Tick-borne Illnesses

Dr. Wang stated that there have been no local cases of measles or tick-borne illnesses locally. She stated that cases may increase in the fall.

Dr. Wang noted the need for follow up on the Legionnaire's case. She also stated that changes to those eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine may also cause increases in COVID-19 cases.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2025 at 4 pm hybridly via Zoom and in the Penn Room.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Smith, CMC
Deputy City Clerk