

Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
December 14, 2022
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on December 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room, at 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey, with Chairman John J. Mallon presiding.

1. Reading of “Open Public Meeting Act:”

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman asked everyone to join him in honoring our military service members who protect our freedom every day.

3. Roll Call:

Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
Dr. Maurice Hill
Dr. Theresa Kubiak
Ms. Veronica Laureigh
Mr. Henry Mancini
Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
Senator Robert Singer
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
John Sahradiak, Board Counsel
Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners

4. Retirement Presentation: Millie Ortiz

Chairman Mallon presented Ms. Millie Ortiz a plaque recognizing her 26 years of service at the Ocean County Health Department. Chairman Mallon thanked Ms. Ortiz for her service and wished her the best in her retirement. Ms. Ortiz thanked everyone and wished everyone Happy Holidays. Photos were taken. Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer thanked Ms. Ortiz for all her years of service. Mr. Regenye stated that Ms. Ortiz has helped many people during her tenure with the Health Department; it has been much appreciated. Mr. Regenye added that Ms. Ortiz has always been a pleasure to work with. Mr. Regenye congratulated Ms. Ortiz.

5. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the November 9, 2022 meeting were approved.

Name	Bacchione	Hill	Kubiel	Laureigh	Mancini	Scaturro	Singer	Mallon
Ayes	X	X	X	X			X	X
Abstain					X			
Nays								
Absent								

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 284(22) through and including add-on resolution 348(22) and amended resolution 330(22) and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 284(22) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – November 30, 2022 - \$80,410.99 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 285(22) – Finance Committee Report – December 14, 2022 - \$631,770.14 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel abstaining on Item #21-01766, #21-01903, #22-02100, #22-02101, #22-02626, #22-02647, #22-02705, #22-02799, #22-02801 and #22-02804; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Item #22-02631; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #22-02646; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #22-02631 and #22-02646; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #21-01766, #21-01903, #22-02100, #22-02101, #22-02626, #22-02647, #22-02705, #22-02799, #22-02801 and #22-02804, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 286(22) – Personnel Committee Report – December 14, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 287(22) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Summit Benefit Consultants – in an amount not to exceed \$8,100.00 – for the actuarial period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 288(22) – Authorization for Kimberly Reilly to attend the 2023 Rx and Illicit Drug Summit – in Atlanta Georgia – from April 10-13, 2023 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 289(22) – Appointment of Board of Health Counsel – Berry, Sahrndnik, Kotzas & Benson, P.C. – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 290(22) – Appointment of Board Labor Counsel – Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky, P.C. – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 291(22) – Appointment of Broker of Record – Conner, Strong & Buckelew – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 292(22) – Appointment of Auditor – Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. – in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for annual audit – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 293(22) – Appointment of Hearing Officer – Bonnie R. Peterson, Attorney at Law – in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 294(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Silver Hammer Associates, Computer Consultant – in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 295(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with DiPersia Technology Solutions, LLC for Information Technology Systems Monitoring and Maintenance – in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 296(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract for Clinical Services – Isabel Guerrero, MD – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 297(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract for Consulting Physician – Andrew King, MD – in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 298(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract for Consulting Physician – Travis Hendricks, DO – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 299(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract for Clinical Services – Margaret Uy Chung, MD – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 300(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Christine Filippone – for Nurse Practitioner Services for Clinics – in an amount not to exceed \$41,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 301(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with MES Diagnostic, LLC – in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 302(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with University Radiology Group, P.C. – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 303(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Optometrist Frank A. Miele, OD – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 304(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Visiting HomeCare Service of Ocean County – for Adult Day Care – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 305(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with National Screening Services for Background Searches, Consulting and Training Matters – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 306(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with RWJBarnabas Health Corporate Care for fitness for duty testing – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Theresa Kubiel and Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 307(22) – Authorization to renew the agreement with AFLAC/Maestro Health for elective benefit plans – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 308(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Becht Engineering – Engineering Services – on a when and as needed basis – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 309(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Colliers Engineering – Engineering Services – on a when and as needed basis – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 310(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with T&M Associates – Engineering Services – on a when and as needed basis – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 311(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Production House for General Media and Marketing Services – in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 312(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Edmunds and Associates, Inc. for maintenance for proprietary software and hardware – in an amount not to exceed \$14,399.91 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 313(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with TimeTrak Systems, Inc. – Time Management System Equipment and Maintenance (State Contract #41264) – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 314(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Suppression Systems, Inc. for fire suppression system maintenance services – in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 315(22) – Authorization to execute documents to purchase from the Home Depot Pro through OMNIA Partners contract #16154 – for cleaning supplies, equipment and custodial

related products, services and solutions – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 316(22) – Authorization to execute document to purchase from CINTAS Corporation through OMNIA Partners Cooperative contract #R-BB-19002 – for First Aid & Safety Supplies – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 317(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Banquest Payment Systems – credit card services – in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 318(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with EasyPay – credit card services – clinics – in an amount not to exceed \$8,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 319(22) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Elavon – credit card services – animal care facilities – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 320(22) – Authorization to execute a contract with LogMeIn – for Information Technology Support – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 321(22) – Authorization to renew the agreement with Apple, Inc. to access and have the ability to download the Ocean County Health Department Public Health app – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 322(22) – Authorization for leases and purchases through the New Jersey State Contract Awards – for the calendar year 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 323(22) – Authorization to make purchases under the County Cooperative Contract – for the calendar year 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 324(22) – Authorization to enter into Affiliation Agreements to accept referrals, as well as provide referrals – at no cost to Ocean County Health Department – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 325(22) – Authorization to enter into Business and/or HIPAA Business Associate Agreements – at no cost to Ocean County Health Department – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 326(22) – Authorization to enter into various agreements to secure space at various health fairs/expos – for a total budget not to exceed \$3,000.00 – for the calendar year 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 327(22) – Authorization to execute agreements with community partners for the delivery of community-based public health services on the mobile clinical unit – at no cost to the agency – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 328(22) – Authorization to execute agreements with any appropriate retailer or agency for loaner or rental equipment which is deemed necessary on an emergent basis – at an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 329(22) – Authorization to extend contract with Orchard Hill Memorial Park, Inc. dba Abbey Glen Memorial Park for Animal Crematory Services – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 330(22) – Award of bid to Monmouth Feed Supply, Inc. for the furnishing of Animal Feed – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 331(22) – Authorization to enter into contract with Bright Harbor Healthcare – Access to Transportation Study Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 – for an initial period of January 1, 2023 through September 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 332(22) – Authorization to enter into contract with Hope Sheds Light – Recovery High School Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for an initial period of January 1, 2023 through September 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 333(22) – Authorization to enter into contract with Hope Sheds Light – Recovery Housing Support Enhancement Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 – for an initial period of January 1, 2023 through September 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 334(22) – Authorization to enter into contract with Mental Health Association – Recovery Support Enhancement Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$39,936.00 – for an initial period of January 1, 2023 through September 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 335(22) – Authorization to enter into contract with Hope Sheds Light – Support Individuals on a Path to Recovery: Stigma Reduction Events Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 – for an initial period of January 1, 2023 through September 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 336(22) – Adoption of the Cash Management Plan for the Ocean County Board of Health – for the calendar year 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 337(22) – Designation of Bank Depositories for the fiscal year 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 338(22) – Authorization to forward six (6) vehicles for public auction – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 339(22) – Authorization to accept the Alternative Approaches to Pain Management for Older Adults – in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 – for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 340(22) – Authorization to approve the expansion of services provided by CureMD Healthcare to include Revenue Cycle Management – in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00 – for the existing five year period until December 31, 2025 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 341(22) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Transact-EDI Inc. – insurance billing services for COVID-19 vaccine administration – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period December 24, 2022 through December 23, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 342(22) – Authorization to bill all insurance plans for reimbursement of administration fee in the distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations – for the period December 24, 2022 through December 23, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 343(22) – Authorization to amend resolution 331(21) with DiPersia Technology Solutions, LLC – in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 – for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 344(22) – Authorization to apply for the NJACCHO Enhancing Local Public Health Infrastructure Grant – in an amount not to exceed \$4,706,386.03 – for the period October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 345(22) – Authorization for Kimberly Reilly and Amanda Gan to attend the 2023 National Forum on Overdose Fatality Review – in Washington D.C. – from January 19-20, 2023 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 346(22) – Recognition of January 2023 as Cervical Health Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 347(22) – Recognition of January 2023 as National Birth Defects Prevention Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 348(22) – Authorization to apply for the NJACCHO Project Firstline Train the Trainer – in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 – for the period January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

7. Comments: Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:

Comments from Commissioner Gary Quinn: Commissioner Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners congratulated Ms. Ortiz for her 26 years with the Ocean County Health Department and wished Ms. Ortiz the best in her retirement, good health and happiness.

Commissioner Quinn discussed the Brick Hoarding incident that had many, many animals rescued. Commissioner Quinn stated that the Board of Health has been omitted in some of the articles written about this rescue. Commissioner Quinn recognized all the staff and volunteers for the phenomenal job, noting that all the shelters did a fantastic job. Commissioner Quinn added that the Ocean County Board of Health is number one in their eyes (the Ocean County Board of Commissioners).

Commissioner Quinn wished everyone a very Healthy, Happy New Year, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and thanked everyone for all the hard work and dedication. Chairman Mallon added that our staff is exceptional and dedicated.

8. Other Matters:

Brick Hoarding/Animal Rescue: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer also discussed the Brick Hoarding/Animal Rescue. Mr. Regenye thanked the Board of Health and the County Commissioners and Administration for their support, vision and preparedness planning for over two decades. Mr. Regenye explained that about 14 years ago, they looked at the needs here within Ocean County in preparedness, on not only the human side, as done with COVID and other matters, but also the animal rescue response. Mr. Regenye added that not many people know about the Barnegat site and the Ocean County Health Department does have the capacity for all the animal rescues, about 100 rescued animals are currently at the Barnegat site, about 50 at the Northern Ocean County Animal Facility and about 30 are at the Southern Ocean County Animal Facility.

Mr. Regenye stated that the staff and volunteers are doing an outstanding job at all the sites. Mr. Regenye discussed the challenges on Saturday morning, December 3, 2022, to care for the animals that were rescued from the Brick residence. Mr. Regenye added that the staff stepped up, coming in on their days off, cancelling vacation; that is a testament to the work and the dedication. Mr. Regenye also stated that the Health Department is following their normal standard operating procedures for all the animals to be adopted and rescued.

Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro inquired to the size range of the rescued animals. Mr. Regenye responded that we have all shapes and sizes. Senator Robert Singer recognized the generosity of people that donated money, blankets and more. Senator Singer stated that the volunteers have helped tremendously and our staff is excellent; adding that it is more than a job, it is the love for the animals.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department has a number of volunteers that serve at the shelters, we have our Friends of the Southern Animal Facility and we have our Volunteer Auxiliary at the Northern Animal Facility. Mr. Regenye added that the Sheriff has been phenomenal; he delivered a storage unit that he was able to bring on site (Barnegat) to help store all the donations.

Board Packet: Mr. Regenye stated that the Board Packet for today's meeting is very large and Mr. Regenye thanked Ms. Margherita Zadroga for help in preparing the packet before her vacation last week, thanked Ms. Mary Kaminski for getting the very large packet finalized, and out to the Board in preparation for today's meeting.

Mr. Regenye referred to the Board packet, which included the influenza and respiratory virus report, which indicates very high activity. Mr. Regenye stated that the flu vaccine does seem to be a good match for what is circulating. Mr. Regenye added that the Ocean County Health Department has been encouraging residents to get their flu vaccination and has numerous vaccination clinics scheduled to provide that access.

Mr. Regenye stated that also in the Board packet is the 2021 Annual Report. Mr. Regenye thanked Ms. Patricia High, Assistant Public Health Coordinator for putting the report together. Mr. Regenye stated that the report is a testimony to all the work that was done and included is a COVID supplement that goes prior to 2021 with some of the COVID response in 2020 and current.

Holiday Wishes: Dr. Maurice Hill wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

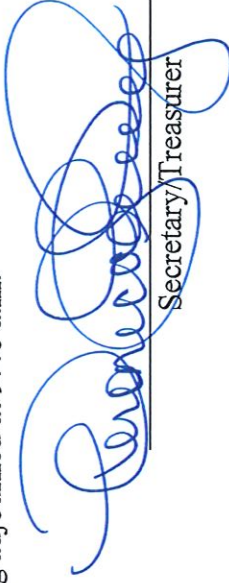
Retirement Wish: Ms. Veronica Laureigh wished Ms. Ortiz well in her retirement and to enjoy every day.

Chairman: Chairman Mallon wished everyone Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa.

9. Comments from the Public: Comments from members of the audience were invited at this time with a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker: Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. No one wished to speak.

10. Authorization to Enter Into Closed Session If Necessary: Closed Session was not needed at this time.

11. Adjournment: A motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.


Secretary/Treasurer

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