The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on December 12, 2018 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 asked everyone to remember our military servicemen and servicewomen who protect our freedom every day.

3. Roll Call:

   Ms. Jennifer Bacchione  
   Mr. Christopher Dasti  
   Dr. Maurice Hill  
   Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
   Mr. Henry Mancini  
   Senator Robert Singer  
   Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

   Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer  
   John Sahrachnik, Board Counsel  
   Freeholder Director Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

   On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, the open meeting minutes from the November 7, 2018 meeting were approved.

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   Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 307(18) through 321(18), and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

   Resolution 307(18) – Ratification Finance Committee Report – November 28, 2018 – $48,175.14 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining on Item #18-02860, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 308(18) – Finance Committee Report – December 12, 2018 – $504,739.90 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining on Items #18-02588, #18-02593 and #18-02778; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #18-02155, #18-02632, #18-02660, #18-02784, #18-02803, #18-02804 and #18-02870; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #18-02778; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #18-02588, #18-02777, #18-02778, #18-02814 and #18-02926; Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #18-02155, #18-02632, #18-02660, #18-02784, #18-02803, #18-02804, and #18-02870; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Items #18-02473, #18-02593, #18-02777, #18-02778 and #18-02779, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 309(18) – Personnel Committee Report – December 12, 2018 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining on Item #4; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Item #4; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #4; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item #4, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 310(18) – Salary increments for part time personnel – effective December 13, 2018 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 311(18) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Conner, Strong & Buckelwe for insurance broker services – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – with the option to extend two additional one year terms – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 312(18) – Award of bid for the furnishing of Animal Feed to Monmouth Feed Supply, Inc. – in an amount not to exceed $50,000 – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 313(18) – Award of bid for Animal Crematory Services to Orchard Hill Memorial Park, Inc. dba Abbey Glen Memorial Park – in an amount not to exceed $35,000 – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 314(18) – Award of bid for GPS Units for Motor Vehicles to NexTraq LLC – in an amount not to exceed $35,000 – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 315(18) – Authorization to enter into a contract with United Communities, McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 316(18) – Authorization to enter in contracts with non-participating municipalities – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Christopher Dasti and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 317(18) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Visiting Homemcare Service of Ocean County for certified home health aide services, indigent care – currently in the second year of the one year extensions – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 318(18) – Authorization to apply for the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) 2018-2019 Model Practices Program – application will
focus on the Ocean County Overdose Fatality Review Pilot Program – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved

Resolution 319(18) – Adoption of the 2019 holiday schedule – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 320(18) – Recognition of January 2019 as Cervical Health Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 321(18) – Recognition of January 2019 as National Birth Defects Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

6. Comments: Freeholder Director Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders:

   Comments: Freeholder Director Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders expressed his appreciation to the Board for all their support.

7. Other Matters:

   Board of Health travel reimbursement: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer noted that travel reimbursement forms were in front of each member, if interested, please sign, they will be processed and ready at the next Board meeting.

   IDRC Affiliate: Mr. Regenye provided an update regarding Patricia Healy of Healy Counseling speaking at the last Ocean County Board of Health meeting relating to the changes the State of New Jersey has made pertaining to who may be an affiliated provider for IDRC (Intoxicated Driver Resource Center). Mr. Regenye stated that the situation has temporarily resolved itself as the Department of Human Services, Intoxicated Driving Program was not ready to roll out the new process. As a result, the Department of Human Services, Intoxicated Driving Program has extended the current affiliate providers for six months which allows additional time to meet the new requirements of licensure.

   Measles: Mr. Regenye stated that the Measles outbreak is still going strong. Mr. Regenye noted the enormous commitment to the Measles outbreak by the Health Department staff. Mr. Regenye recognized Ms. Jennifer Crawford, Supervisor, Field Rep Disease Control leading the effort and doing a fantastic job.

   Dr. Hill noticed on the Communicable Disease report a Measles case in Barnegat and a case in Stafford. Ms. Crawford explained those were listed as reportable and were ruled out. Mr. Regenye added that there are confirmed cases and cases under investigation, as of this date there are 18 confirmed cases (15 in Ocean County and 3 in Passaic) and five (5) cases under investigation. Mr. Regenye stated the number of cases under investigation will fluctuate.

   Mr. Regenye informed that Board of a situation occurring outside Ocean County and outside New Jersey which had 86 residents from Ocean County attending this event. Mr. Regenye explained that now each of these individuals has to be contacted. Mr. Regenye added that the Ocean County Health Department had to contact individuals attending three weddings with 300/400 guests at each wedding.
Mr. Regenye stated that the Measles outbreak response has been very well planned out and everyone is cooperating very well with all the proper Public Health measures that have been put in place. Chairman Mallon thanked Ms. Crawford for all the time she has put in, going above and beyond the call of duty.

Senator Robert Singer stated that the Measles is serious and was happy to see that the pediatricians in Lakewood were very supportive. Mr. Regenye reiterated that there is very strong Public Health support with the clinicians, the Rabbis, the faith based institutions, and the community in general.

Substance abuse: Mr. Regenye introduced two guests at today’s meeting, Mr. Christopher Jakim, Assistant Special Agent in charge of the New Jersey HIDTA and DEA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area & Drug Enforcement Administration) and Ms. Nava Bastola, Public Health Analyst with HIDTA. Mr. Regenye stated that they have been involved with the Ocean County Health Department Fatality Review Team for the last two years. Mr. Regenye added that they had proposed the initial concept for this project.

Mr. Regenye stated that Mr. Jakim and Ms. Bastola recognized the commitment at the Ocean County Health Department starting with the Board of Health subcommittee and extended an invitation to attend the Annual Heroin Response Strategy Symposium in Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Regenye provided details of the impressive and productive conference. Mr. Regenye stated that he is looking forward to applying some of the efforts and initiatives in Ocean County. Mr. Regenye thanked Mr. Jakim and Ms. Bastola for attending today’s meeting, for the invitation to the event, for the support the last two years and is looking forward to our future endeavors.

Senator Singer stated that he is working on legislation with the DEA. Chairman Mallon added that cooperation and communication is very important. Chairman Mallon thanked Mr. Jakim and Ms. Bastola. Mr. Henry Mancini also thanked both Mr. Jakim and Ms. Bastola for their efforts.

Holiday greetings: Freeholder Little stated that to remember Hanukkah which ended on Monday, December 10, 2018, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Seasons Greetings. Freeholder Little added that he appreciates everything the Board does and the great job performed by the staff.

Chairman Mallon stated that on behalf of the Board of Health, he wishes everyone Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas. Chairman Mallon thanked everyone and wished all a Healthy New Year.

8. 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.

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

10. Adjournment: A motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Ms. Christopher Dasti, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.