Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
December 11, 2019  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on December 11, 2019 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:**

   **Moment of Silence:** Mr. John J. Mallon asked for a moment of silence following the Pledge of Allegiance to remember Mr. Warren Wolf, who had been a member of the Board of Health for many years and recently passed away.

   Chairman Mallon stated that Mr. Warren Wolf had an extensive list of public service and noted that the obituary failed to mention Mr. Warren Wolf’s service as a member of the Ocean County Board of Health.

3. **Roll Call:**

   - Ms. Jennifer Bacchione
   - 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 Sahradnik, Board Counsel
   - Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders

   **Congratulations:** Chairman Mallon congratulated Senator Robert Singer for being honored by the New Jersey Local Board of Health Association as the Local Board of Health Member of the Year. Senator Robert Singer thanked Chairman Mallon and his wife, Ms. Veronica Laureigh and her husband, and Mr. Regenye for attending the awards dinner.

   Chairman Mallon asked Senator Singer about his new cat that was adopted from the Ocean County Animal Facilities. Senator Singer stated that the cat is doing well, and
thanked the staff at the animal facilities for doing a wonderful job, adding these animals bring so much joy.

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Henry Mancini, the open meeting minutes from the November 13, 2019 meeting were approved.

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Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 335(19) through 356(19), and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 335(19) – Ratification of Finance Committee Report – November 27, 2019 – $49,455.32 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 336(19) – Finance Committee Report – December 11, 2019 – $433,415.90 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Items #19-02631, #19-02726, #19-02795, #19-02902, #19-02906, and #19-02907; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #19-02787 and #19-02941; Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #19-02631, #19-02726, #19-02795, #19-02902, #19-02906, and #19-02907; and Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Item #19-02949, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 337(19) – Personiel Committee Report – December 11, 2019 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 338(19) – Salary increments for part time personnel – effective December 12, 2019 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 339(19) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Conner, Strong & Buckelew for insurance broker services – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – with the option to extend one additional one year term – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 340(19) – 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, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 341(19) – Award of bid for Animal Feed to The Hungry Puppy – in an amount not to exceed $40,000 – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – rejection of items #9 and #10 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 342(19) – Authorization to enter into a contract with Monmouth Feed Supply, Inc for cat litter – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Signer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 343(19) – Authorization to enter into contracts with participating municipalities – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Ms. Jennifer Bacchione abstaining on Berkeley; Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Toms River; Ms. Veronica Laureigh abstaining on Lacey; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Berkeley, Brick, Jackson, Lacey, Lakehurst, Little Egg Harbor, Seaside Heights, Seaside Park, Stafford and Toms River; Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman abstaining on Beachwood, Berkeley, Lacey, Lakewood, Ocean Gate, Pine Beach, Plumsted and Tuckerton, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 344(19) – Authorization to enter into contracts with non-participating municipalities – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Signer, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 345(19) – Authorization to enter into a contract with United Communities, McGuire/Dix/Lakehurst – for animal facility services – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Signer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 346(19) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Visiting Homecare Service of Ocean County for certified home health aide services, indigent care – calendar year 2020 is the third year of the total five years – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 347(19) – Authorization to accept the ARCH nurse funding from the New Jersey Department of Health State Funded Opioid Prevention Grant – in an amount not to exceed $125,000 – for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 348(19) – Authorization to accept funding from the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO) for the purpose of Hepatitis A disease prevention, response and containment – in an amount not to exceed $42,850 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 349(19) – Authorization to accept an increase in the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Health Division of Community Health Services – in an amount not to exceed $5,000 – for a total amount not to exceed $42,710 – for the period October 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 350(19) – Authorization for Kimberly Reilly to attend the 2020 Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit – in Nashville, Tennessee – from April 13-16, 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 351(19) – Authorization to apply for the Hackensack Meridian Health Take Vape Away Grant – in an amount not to exceed $7,000 – for the period November 30, 2019 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 352(19) – Authorization to execute agreements with community partners for the delivery of community-based public health services on the mobile clinical unit – for CY 2020 – at no cost to the agency – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 353(19) – Adoption of the 2020 holiday schedule – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 354(19) – Recognition of January 2020 as Cervical Health Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 355(19) – Recognition of January 2020 as National Birth Defects Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 356(19) – Authorization to forward four (4) vehicles for public auction – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

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

   **Comments:** Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders remembered Mr. Warren Wolf. Freeholder Little stated that Mr. Wolf was truly a classic man, one of the finest people he has known. Mr. Wolf helped to develop the lives of so many young men through his coaching of football, teaching discipline, hard work, how to get off the ground when you get knocked down, how to be tough, how to be fair, and play by the rules. Freeholder Little stated that the passing of Mr. Wolf is a tremendous loss.

   Freeholder Little wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

   Dr. Maurice Hill stated that Mr. Warren Wolf was truly a gentleman, great sportsmanship. Dr. Hill stated that Mr. Wolf was a councilman, a mayor, a freeholder, an assemblyman, and he served on the Ocean County Board of Health. Dr. Hill added that Mr. Wolf left a lifelong legacy that his players can follow and be proud to have played for him.
Dr. Hill wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holiday, and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Senator Robert Singer stated that he had a chance to serve with Mr. Wolf and he was a great man. Mr. Wolf had helped Senator Singer when the Senator came to the assembly. Senator Singer also recalled Mr. Wolf helping the Lakewood football team turning their losing streak into successful wins. Senator Singer stated that Mr. Wolf is part of our legacy and was an outstanding individual.

Senator Singer congratulated Dr. Hill on his upcoming oath of office for becoming mayor of Toms River.

Senator Singer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah.

Freeholder Little added that Mr. Wolf was able to turn around Lakewood football team not only because of his coaching skills but also because Mr. Wolf was a great role model that the students admired.

7. Other Matters:

Awards: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer congratulated Senator Singer on his award as Local Board of Health Member of the Year. Mr. Regenye also thanked the individuals and collectively the group of many staff at the Ocean County Health Department for the awards and recognitions within the State of New Jersey and awards and recognitions nationally in the year 2019. Mr. Regenye stated that the agency is faced with more and more complex challenges. Mr. Regenye concluded that the agency is looking forward to 2020 and thanked the Ocean County Board of Health for all their support in 2019.

Member: Mr. Regenye provided an update regarding Ms. Carol Blake and she is looking forward to when she will return since Ms. Blake is passionate about the work that is done here at the Ocean County Board of Health.

Joint Networking: Mr. Regenye referred to a flyer included in the Board packet regarding a Joint Networking Session to be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Mr. Regenye explained this joint networking includes LACADA, PACADA, and CASS which is the local advisory committee on alcohol and drug abuse and all the providers, as well as the municipal alliance coordinators. Mr. Regenye extended an invitation to the Board members.

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:

Ms. Kaylan Lorenz of Point Pleasant stated that she is here today because she will be in Trenton tomorrow regarding the vote to remove religious exemptions for immunizations. Ms. Lorenz questioned what the Ocean County Board of Health has planned since this will affect the students in the State of New Jersey.

Senator Singer and Chairman Mallon did respond that if it is going to be law the Ocean County Board of Health must comply.
Senator Singer explained the process of the bill becoming law and provided information regarding this bill.

Ms. Lorenz thanked Senator Singer.

Mr. Regenye provided information regarding the role of the Ocean County Board of Health regarding immunizations. Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is the enforcement agency of immunization compliance therefore following the regulation of the law and enforcing that law.

Mr. Regenye also explained the regulations regarding communicable disease and that we are seeing an increase in vaccine preventable diseases; losing some protective factors on some very serious and potentially deadly diseases.

Chairman Mallon thanked Ms. Lorenz for coming to the meeting. Ms. Lorenz responded thank you.

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

10. Adjournment: A motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.