Ocean County Board of Health  
175 Sunset Avenue  
Toms River, New Jersey  
February 5, 2020  
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on February 5, 2020 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 remember our military servicemen and servicewomen who protect our freedom every day.

3. Roll Call:

   Ms. Jenniffer Bacchione  
   Ms. Carol Blake  
   Dr. Maurice Hill  
   Ms. Veronica Laureigh  
   Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro  
   Senator Robert Singer  
   Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

   Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development  
   John Sahradnik, Board Counsel  
   Freeholder Gerry P. Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

   On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, the open meeting minutes from the January 22, 2020 meeting were approved.

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Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 67(20) through 81(20), and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
5. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 67(20) – Finance Committee Report – February 5, 2020 – $211,785.50 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Item #20-00106; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Item #20-00106, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 68(20) – Personnel Committee Report – February 5, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 69(20) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Versatile Physicians Solutions (VPS) – to provide insurance billing and coding – not to exceed $17,500 – for the period March 8, 2020 through March 7, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 70(20) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Linda Dziedzic, DVM, LLC – to provide veterinarian services – at a rate $85.00 per hour – not to exceed $17,500 – for the period March 8, 2020 through March 7, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 71(20) – Authorization to execute an agreement with the Friends of the Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter – not to exceed $6,000 – and authorization to execute an agreement with The Volunteer Auxiliary for Animals, Inc. – not to exceed $6,000 – for the period March 5, 2020 through March 4, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 72(20) – Authorization for CPR training to staff and residents of Ocean County with Oceanside CPR – in an amount not to exceed $7,000 – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 73(20) – Authorization to accept donated rapid HCV tests and serologic testing from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Department of Pathology – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 74(20) – Authorization to accept New Jersey’s Communities Network grant – in an amount not to exceed $20,000 – for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 – $10,000 per year – year two contingent upon compliance in year one and availability of funding – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 75(20) – Recognition of March 2020 as National Colorectal Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 76(20) – Recognition of March 2020 as National Nutrition Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 77(20) – Recognition of March 2-6, 2020 as National School Breakfast Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.
Resolution 78(20) – Recognition of March 15-21, 2020 as National Poison Prevention Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 79(20) – Recognition of March 12-16, 2020 as National Flood Safety Awareness Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 80(20) – Recognition of March 30 – April 5, 2020 as National Drug & Alcohol Fact Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 81(20) – Recognition of March 24, 2020 as National World Tuberculosis Awareness Day – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro, and unanimously approved.

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

   Comments: Freeholder Gerry Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders welcomed Ms. Carol Blake back.

   Freeholder Little stated that the Board of Chosen Freeholders will be introducing the County of Ocean budget at a future Board of Chosen Freeholders meeting. Freeholder Little noted that the County of Ocean tax rate will be reduced and all programs will be fully funded. Dr. Maurice Hill discussed the State of New Jersey reducing funds to the Toms River school district. Freeholder Little added that Ocean County overall, including schools, municipal and county, taxes are among the lowest in the State of New Jersey and the County of Ocean tax rate is the fourth lowest in the State of New Jersey.

7. Other Matters:

   Topics: Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development stated that there are two matters for the Board’s consideration, first Ms. Jennifer Crawford, Supervisor, Field Rep Disease Control informed the Board regarding the Coronavirus.

   Coronavirus: Ms. Crawford provided background information regarding the Coronavirus. Ms. Crawford also provided many statistics about the Coronavirus, which are constantly changing with new data. Ms. Crawford stated that 23 countries are affected but the nearly all the cases are in fact in China. An in-depth conversation followed discussing what has been reported as it relates to the Coronavirus.

   Ms. Crawford informed the Board of the actions taken in the United States regarding monitoring individuals traveling from China (higher risk travelers from the Hubei Province) that may potentially be affected with the Coronavirus by implementing enhanced screenings at 11 airports. Ms. Crawford added that one of those 11 airports included Newark Liberty Airport and the State of New Jersey is making preparations for the travelers going through the screenings.

   Ms. Crawford updated the Board regarding the Ocean County Health Department preparedness for possible Coronavirus cases, including participation in conference calls and webinars to stay up to date with the most current information. Ms. Crawford also stated that on Friday, an internal meeting was held with key staff that has been identified potentially
having a role in responding. Ms. Crawford noted that inventory was taken of supplies on hand in the event a response would be needed. Ms. Crawford added that the Ocean County Health Department has been prepared in the past with other emerging threats that have come to Ocean County.

Event Ocean County Mall: Mr. Rumpf stated that for the last ten years, the Ocean County Health Department has been conducting an event at the Ocean County Mall regarding drugged and drunk driving prevention. Mr. Rumpf introduced Mr. Peter Curatolo, Chief Administrative Services to brief the Board on the event this year.

Chairman Mallon stated that this event in the Ocean County Mall will be held on February 21, 2020. Mr. Curatolo added that a great number of people are expected to attend. Mr. Curatolo did recognize RWJBarnabas for making it possible to have two-time Super Bowl Champion, former New York Giant, David Diehl speak at the event.

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 Dr. Maurice Hill, and the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.