

Ocean County Board of Health
175 Sunset Avenue
Toms River, New Jersey
March 18, 2020
9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on March 18, 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. Jennifer Bacchione
Mr. Christopher Dasti
Ms. Veronica Laureigh
Mr. Henry Mancini
Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
Senator Robert Singer
Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer
John Sahradiuk, Board Counsel

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, the open meeting minutes from the March 4, 2020 meeting were approved.

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

5. Introduction of the Proposed 2020 Ocean County Board of Health Budget: Resolution 106(20)

Chairman Mallon stated that the public hearing for the 2020 Ocean County Board of Health budget is scheduled for April 15, 2020 to be held here at the Ocean County Health Department, 175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, New Jersey.

Resolution 106(20) – Introduction of the Proposed 2020 Ocean County Board of Health Budget – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on Resolutions 107(20) through 124(20), with several amendments, and to follow the abstention list. Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer as amended, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti as amended, and unanimously approved.

6. Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 107(20) – Finance Committee Report – March 18, 2020 – \$243,372.26 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining on Item #20-00330; Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #20-00609; and Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Items #20-00266, #20-00437 and #20-00490, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 108(20) – Personnel Committee Report – March 18, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Item #6, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 109(20) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Garden State Laboratories, Inc. – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500 – for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 110(20) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Shred-it USA LLC subsidiary of Stericycle, Inc. – to dispose of documents as well as hard drives – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 111(20) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with B.W. Recycling – x-ray disposal services – at the rate of \$0.20 per pound of x-ray film payable to the Ocean County Health Department – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 112(20) – Authorization to amend resolution 23(20) for engineering services with Yezzi Associates – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, with Mr. Christopher Dasti abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 113(20) – Award of bid for Hemopoint H2 Photometer Supplies to EFK Diagnostics dba Stanbio Laboratory – in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 – for the period April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2022 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 114(20) – Authorization to accept the County Environmental Health Act Program Grant – in the amount of \$276,687 – and matching funds in the amount of \$190,876 – for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 115(20) – Authorization to prohibit Ocean County Health Department staff from any and all out of state travel – including all previously approved travel – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 116(20) – Authorization to change the accumulation and usage of Administrative Leave time for exempted and nonunion affiliated employees – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 117(20) – Recommendations to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders for reappointments to Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA) – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 118(20) – Recognition of March 30 – April 5, 2020 as National Public Health Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 119(20) – Recognition of April 19-25, 2020 as Administrative Professional’s Week – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 120(20) – Recognition of April 2020 as Autism Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 121(20) – Recognition of April 2020 as National Alcohol Awareness Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 122(20) – Authorization to adopt and incorporate all recommendations and procedures adopted by the County of Ocean in connection with all matters of employment impacted by COVID-19 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 123(20) – Authorization for employees to perform work duties outside their typical office environment or work site – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 124(20) – Authorization to procure and issue personal protective equipment (PPE) and other preparedness and response items at no cost to the first responders, healthcare workers and others serving residents and visitors to Ocean County if they are unable to procure such resources on their own – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and unanimously approved.

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

Comments from Freeholder Little: Freeholder Gerry Little, Liaison to the Board of Chosen Freeholders was not present at today’s meeting.

8. Other Matters:

Message: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer conveyed a message from Freeholder Little who was not present at today’s meeting. The Freeholder is limiting interaction with others due to the fact he is a caretaker of a family member with a compromised immune system.

Coronavirus: Mr. Regenye updated the Board on the number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Ocean County. Also Mr. Regenye informed the Board of the numerous actions and communications by the Ocean County Health Department. Mr. Regenye stated that the Ocean County Health Department hot line has received over 1,200 calls. Mr. Regenye also stated that there have been daily conference calls with the Governor's office, other conference calls with the State Department of Health, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the mayors in Ocean County, the Police Chief's Association, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Municipal Office of Emergency Management Coordinators, and the Superintendents of School. Also Mr. Regenye stated that he has been working with the Superintendent of Schools, providing guidance on the school closures.

Mr. Regenye stated that the Health Department is working with the two hospital systems in Ocean County, the Ocean County Sheriff, and the County of Ocean to set up testing stations. Mr. Regenye added that the CDC, the New Jersey Department of Health, Lab Corp, Quest, and other labs are able to do the testing. Mr. Regenye stated that the number of positive cases will increase and the increase may not necessarily indicate a wider spread, there is a lot more testing that is available.

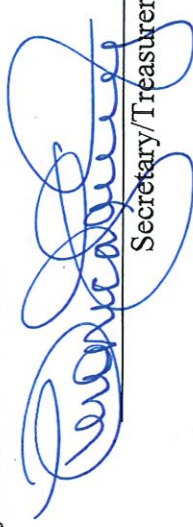
Mr. Regenye noted that staff at the Health Department has been restructured to improve operations addressing Coronavirus. Mr. Regenye stated that all of the six sites of the Health Department are closed to the public, and WIC services are being conducted online or by phone.

OCHD staff: Chairman Mallon expressed his gratitude to the staff of the Ocean County Health Department for doing a remarkable job. Senator Robert Singer added that the Ocean County Health Department is making a difference. Senator Singer stated that he was able to get the Early Intervention providers authorization by the New Jersey Department of Health to utilize the phone or telemedicine for their clients, the same as what New Jersey Department of Health did for the staff of the Ocean County Health Department Early Intervention program. Senator Singer thanked Mr. Regenye and the staff at the Ocean County Health Department for doing a phenomenal job. Senator Singer added that the staff should be very proud.

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 Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Mr. Christopher Dasti, and the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer