

Ocean County Board of Health
 175 Sunset Avenue
 Toms River, New Jersey
 February 8, 2023
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on February 8, 2023 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
 Ms. Veronica Laureigh
 Mr. Henry Mancini
 Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro
 Senator Robert Singer
 Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator
 John Sahradnik, Board Counsel

Chairman Mallon greeted everyone and stated that this is American Heart Month.

4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Jennifer Bacchione, with Ms. Veronica Laureigh and Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro abstaining, the open meeting minutes from the January 18, 2023 meeting were approved.

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

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the consent agenda on resolutions 43(23) through 65(23) with the personnel resolution amended 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 43(23) – Finance Committee Report – February 8, 2023 - \$252,808.27 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Dr. Maurice Hill abstaining on Item #23-00088; and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Items #22-03228 and #23-00184, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 44(23) – Personnel Committee Report – February 8, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 45(23) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Falasca Mechanical for HVAC preventative maintenance for the Barnegat facility – in an amount not to exceed \$4,200.00 – for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 46(23) – Authorization to execute an agreement with Falasca Mechanical for HVAC preventative maintenance for the Lakewood facility – in an amount not to exceed \$900.00 – for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 47(23) – Authorization to execute an agreement with the Friends of the Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter – in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 – and authorization to execute an agreement with The Volunteer Auxiliary for Animals, Inc. – in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 – for the period March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 48(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Community Ambassadors – to provide targeted health education outreach and messaging and to ensure equitable access to public health services – address the social concerns of integration and inequalities stagnating the growth of immigrant families – in an amount not to exceed \$6,250.00 – for the period February 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 49(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Lakewood Resource and Referral Center – to provide targeted health education outreach and messaging and to ensure equitable access to public health services – assistance in navigating both government and private-sector programs in a caring and compassionate manner to enhance the quality of life of the residents of Ocean County – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period February 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 50(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Ocean County Office for Individuals with Disabilities – to provide targeted health education outreach and messaging and to ensure equitable access to public health services – assistance to individuals with disabilities as well as to their friends and family in order to empower them through knowledge – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 – for the period February 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023 –

Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 51(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Ocean County Office of Senior Services – to provide targeted health education outreach and messaging and to ensure equitable access to public health services – advancing the well-being of Ocean County’s older adults by improving access to available services, supporting family caregivers, and promoting healthy aging – in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 – for the period February 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 52(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Sadie Vickers Community Resource Center – to provide targeted health education outreach messaging and to ensure equitable access to public health services – connects people in need to supporting programs that address their unique needs to provide support for common issues impacting home owners, veterans, men, women, children and seniors – in an amount not to exceed \$6,250.00 – for the period February 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 53(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Coastal Volunteers in Medicine – to provide targeted health education outreach and messaging and to ensure equitable access to public health services – a free non-emergent family clinic for those without insurance, residing in the parts of Southern Ocean County, who have family income of below 300% of the federal poverty level – in an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00 – for the period February 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 54(23) – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Qualtrics, LLC – to provide customer satisfaction survey and data analysis and dashboard system – in an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00 – for the period February 10, 2023 through February 9, 2024 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 55(23) – Authorization to accept the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services Youth Leadership Term One no cost extension from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – to fully expend all funds – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 56(23) – Authorization to enter into a Letter of Understanding with Yeled V’ Yalda Early Childhood Center – to provide maternal and child health services supporting the goals and objectives of the Ocean County WIC Program – at no cost to the agency – through September 30, 2023 – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 57(23) – Authorization to establish a brokerage account – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, with Senator Robert Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 58(23) – Recognition of individuals/organizations for their contribution of hats and gloves – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 59(23) – Recognition of March 2023 as National Colorectal Awareness Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 60(23) – Recognition of March 2023 as National Nutrition Month – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 61(23) – Recognition of March 6-10, 2023 as National School Breakfast Week – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 62(23) – Recognition of March 12-16, 2023 as National Flood Safety Awareness Week – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 63(23) – Recognition of March 19-25, 2023 as National Poison Prevention Week – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 64(23) – Recognition of March 20-26, 2023 as National Drug & Alcohol Fact Week – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

Resolution 65(23) – Recognition of March 24, 2023 as National World Tuberculosis Awareness Day – Motion was made by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, seconded by Senator Robert Singer, and unanimously approved.

6. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners:

Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Commissioners was absent from today's Board of Health meeting.

7. Other Matters:

New Board of Health Member: Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer informed the Board that the Ocean County Board of Commissioners has appointed a new Board of Health member, Dr. Avinash Gupta. Mr. Regenye stated that Dr. Gupta was away and will be present at the next Board of Health meeting. In addition, Mr. Regenye stated that he has spoken with Dr. Gupta and will meet with Dr. Gupta before the next meeting.

8. Recognition of staff/volunteers involved in the response to Brick Hoarding/Animal Rescue:

Staff/Volunteers Recognition: Mr. Regenye discussed the hoarding situation in Brick and phenomenal work from the staff and volunteers at the Ocean County Animal Facilities. Mr. Regenye explained the quick response, and the dedication from the staff who cancelled

vacations they had arranged and staff who came in on their days off to put the animals first, to care for and treat these 180 rescued dogs and cats.

Mr. Regenye noted that not all the staff was able to attend the Board of Health meeting to be recognized for their outstanding response because this is a rabies vaccination day and also the animal facilities are very busy in the mornings. Mr. Regenye introduced Mr. Brian Rumpf, Director of Administration and Program Development, who oversees the animal facilities.

Mr. Rumpf stated that it is a great pleasure to be associated with this tremendous group of people running the Ocean County Animal Facilities. Mr. Rumpf continued that Senator Robert Singer together with other Legislators in Ocean County had requested a joint resolution from the Senate and the Assembly to honor the work that the Ocean County Animal Facilities staff and volunteers did in connection with this hoarding case. Mr. Rumpf read the resolution. Mr. Rumpf stated that it is his understanding that copies of the resolution will be framed to be displayed at each facility and in the Boardroom.

Mr. Rumpf addressed the staff stating that it is an honor to present this (Joint Legislative Resolution) to all the employees that are here and those that are not present today who are working to do their jobs at the facilities. Mr. Rumpf thanked them all.

Chairman Mallon expressed his gratitude stating that the staff has opened their hearts to those poor animals. Chairman Mallon stated that they all had done a great job and thanked them.

Senator Robert Singer stated that it is his pleasure to be part of the resolution honoring these wonderful people. Senator Singer stated that this is a labor of love. Senator Singer recalling the horrific condition of the animals when they came to the shelters. Senator Singer also noted that many donations were made to the shelters for the animals. Senator Singer added that it is amazing and wonderful that when it comes to animals, people are always giving. The Senator stated that he gets positive feedback about the animal facilities staff from people who have gone to the Ocean County Animal Facilities. Senator Singer stated that it makes us proud to know the staff at the facilities take excellent care of our four legged friends.

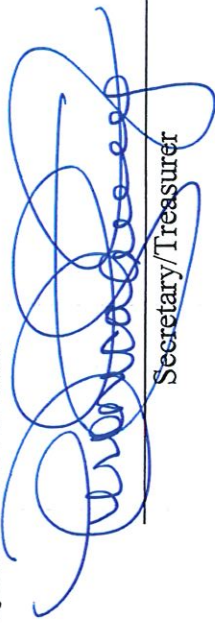
Ms. Ruthanne Scaturro stated that she lives in Brick and has lived in Brick all of her life. Ms. Scaturro stated that many people had reached out to her when this was going on. Ms. Scaturro expressed that Brick Township is so thankful for all the work the Ocean County Animal Facilities has done and it is very much appreciated.

Dr. Maurice Hill acknowledged the staff for the exceptional job. Dr. Hill thank the staff for all they do.

Ms. Veronica Laureigh stated that it touched her heart that the staff gave up their time, their family time, they were home, they were involved in their personal life, and they came in right away when they were called. Ms. Laureigh added that this is not just a job, the staff came in to care for the animals. Ms. Laureigh stressed that many animals were adopted because of the care they received. Chairman Mallon stated that many of the animals have been adopted. Mr. Regenye added that 155 have been adopted to date.

Mr. Regenye thanked the Board for the ongoing support that makes it possible for the leadership of the Ocean County Health Department and the staff to be able to operate and provide great work and services for the residents of Ocean County. Mr. Regenye expressed his gratitude to the County of Ocean who do a great job maintaining the Ocean County Animal Facilities buildings that are county buildings and allow the Ocean County Health Department to provide that service and function to the county in state-of-the-art facilities.

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. Ruthanne Scaturro, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer