

Ocean County Board of Health  
 175 Sunset Avenue  
 Toms River, New Jersey  
 Minutes  
 October 23, 2024  
 9:30 AM

The Regular Meeting of the Ocean County Board of Health was called to order on October 23, 2024, 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:**

- Dr. Avinash Gupta
- Dr. Maurice Hill
- Ms. Veronica Laureigh
- Mr. Henry Mancini
- Senator Robert Singer
- Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman

Daniel E. Regenye, Public Health Coordinator  
 Mr. Steve Zabarsky, Board Counsel  
 Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health

**4. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:**

On motion made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, the open meeting minutes from the September 25, 2024, meeting, were approved.

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

2025 Holiday Schedule- Chairman Mallon asked for a motion to approve the 2025 Holiday Schedule Resolution 270(24), correcting the year on the resolution from 2025 to 2024- Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer and seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

Mr. John J. Mallon, Chairman, asked for a motion for the amended consent agenda on resolutions 276(24) through 291(24) 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 276(24)** – Finance Committee Report – Emergent Bill list- October 8, 2024, \$241,721.47 -Motion made by Senator Robert Singer, second by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item #24-02651 and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 277(24)** – Finance Committee Report – October 23, 2024 - \$590,280.32– Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Avinash Gupta abstaining on Item #24-02400, 24-02485, 24-02673, Senator Robert Singer abstaining on Item # 24-02400, 24-02485, 24-02673 and Mr. Henry Mancini abstaining on Item # 24-02331, 24-02332, 24-02354, 24-02355, 24-02436, 24-02626 and 24-02759 and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 278(24)** – Personnel Committee Report – October 23, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 279(24)** – Authorization to grant an increase to permanent part time employees effective December 5, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 280(24)** – Authorization to enter a contract with Winner Ford for the purchase of fifteen (15) Ford Escapes and four (4) Ford Rangers for a total amount not to exceed \$550,000.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 281(24)** - Authorization to amend Resolution 351(23) with Barnabas Health Corporate Care for certain professional medical services related to Fitness for Duty in a new amount not to exceed \$28,675.00 for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, with Dr. Gupta, and Senator Singer abstaining, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 282(24)** – Authorization to enter a contract with Yezzi Associates and Colliers Engineering and Design for architectural services for the period from November 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 283(24)** – Authorization to enter a contract with Laboratory Corporation of American Holdings for clinical laboratory services for an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00 for the period of October 24, 2024, through October 23, 2026 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veroncia Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 284(24)** – Authorization to purchase a record destruction service from Iron Mountain Incorporated for a total amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 285(24)** – Authorization to transfer ownership of HD108-2020 Ford Fusion – VIN 3FA6POHD7LR199734 to the Ocean County Sheriff's Department effective October 23, 2024, to provide security services during the Ocean County Health Department operations at no cost to the agency- Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 286(24)** – Authorization to accept the FFY25 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program Grant in a n amount of \$4,307,215.00 for the period of



October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 287(24)** – Authorization to enter into an agreement with Edmunds Gov Tech to provide Proprietary Software and Hardware for the period of January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$23,779.54 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 288(24)** – Authorization to extend the lease agreement with Carol E. King for clinic space of 1163 Route 37 West in Toms River, New Jersey for one month for a new total amount not to exceed \$53,000.00 – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 289(24)** – Authorization to accept the recommendation to enter into a ten (10) year lease agreement with two (2) additional five (5) year renewal options with Cooks Bridge Equities, LLC. - Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 290(24)** – Recognition of November 2024 as American Diabetes Month – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

**Resolution 291(24)** – Recognition of November 21, 2024, as the Great American Smokeout – Motion was made by Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and unanimously approved.

## **6. Comments: Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health:**

**Comments from Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn:** Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, Liaison to the Board of Health wants the public to be aware that the ARPA funding from the federal government has been put to good use towards services we provide, improvements that are being made, the butler building that is going to be built and the funding for rebuilding the freight elevator have been approved. This funding was offered to all towns throughout the county as well.

**EMS Program Study:** Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn spoke about this study that was started about six months ago to assess what the needs are for the County. Based on findings, Ocean County has one of the largest senior and veteran populations in the Country and the southern part of the county seems to be lacking acceptable response times, which could be up to an hour at times. We want to present this study to the public in the next few weeks so we can come up with a solution and prioritize the needs of our residents in Ocean County. Also, a thank you to Scott Carter from the Health Department who has been participating in this study and with his background and knowledge we feel we can make improvements.

Dr. Hill asked about the Northern Barrier Islands because that area has always been an issue and Commissioner Deputy Director Gary Quinn, realizes that this has been a problem from the Northern Barrier Island and from Waretown South there is little or no coverage, so we are looking to make improvements there. We are also looking to put devices in the ambulances when looking at our 9-1-1 screens we know the location of the closest ambulance to the area that can respond quickly to reduce wait times.



## 7. Other Matters:

Mr. Daniel Regenye, Public Health Coordinator/Health Officer thanked Commissioner Quinn for his leadership and advocacy over the years and to the County Commissioners and Administration which has allowed us to make improvements to all our facilities and the Ocean County Health Department will be well positioned from a building's perspective for the next 10-20 years once these projects are done.

On the agenda there is Resolution 289(24) authorization for a long-term lease at the Jackson Health Village for WIC but also other programs that will benefit that area.

Toms River Animal Shelter- we are still waiting on some documents and clarification on the certification of funds which is a little different from what we were told

Fall Fur Fest-Jackie Strawder explained this event which takes place on Saturday October 26, 2024. It's a great family event for the past fifteen years where we had a record number of 46 dogs come dressed in costumes. A fun day, animals and families come dressed in costumes, there is a parade and costume contest, and prizes are awarded. It is also a good event because it brings people to the facilities to see the animals waiting to be adopted which we had four get adopted last year.

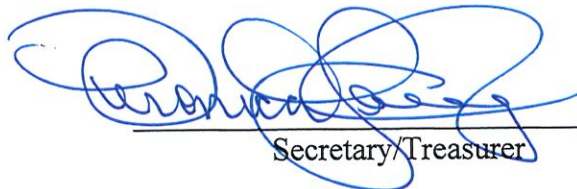
Last month we had our 10<sup>th</sup> annual Clear the Shelter Day- a month-long adoption campaign where we adopted out 179 pets. Thank you for your support in making these events a success.

Dr. Hill mentioned the new VA clinic in Toms River opened yesterday, and the official grand opening is tentatively scheduled for November 18, 2024. The location in Brick is now closed. It is double the size of the Brick location and there is ample parking and its in a great location in Toms River in front of the County Building which gives the people access to Social Services and offers public transportation so it's a great addition to the County

**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 Senator Robert Singer, seconded by Ms. Veronica Laureigh, and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



Secretary/Treasurer