

OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
December 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Commission was held on December 18, 2023 at 5:03 P.M. in the office of the Commission located at 784 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Mr. David Ekkelmann, President
Mr. Thomas Candeletti, Treasurer
Mr. Gary Cottrell, Member
Mr. John Downing, Member

Michael Senyk, Superintendent
Danielle M. Ekkelmann, Accts. Clerk
Debra Rumpf, Esq., Rumpf, Rumpf

2. CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Ekkelmann read the following public notice before officially opening the regular meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

In compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission has been provided in the manner prescribed by law.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion made by Mr. Cottrell, seconded by Mr. Downing, that the minutes of the November meeting be approved. Motion carried with Mr. Ekkelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cottrell	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekkelmann	Aye

4. REPORTS:

a) Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report
 Expenditures for November
 Financial Report
 Receipts and Disbursements
 Payroll Account

Motion made by Mr. Downing, seconded by Mr. Candeletti, that the monthly Financial Report, as received by mail, be approved and filed. Motion carried with Mr. Ekkelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cottrell	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekkelmann	Aye

b) Superintendent's Report

RAINFALL: 2.0" of rain for the Ocean County average in November.

MOSQUITO POPULATIONS: There were still some adult mosquitoes lingering in coastal areas on very warm afternoons in late November. Activity has died down after temperatures fell well below freezing at the end of the month. Containers were found with larvae and pupae as late as November 25th this year.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE: A travel related human Dengue case was reported for Ocean County on November 29th. That brings the total number of travel-related Dengue cases up to four (4) for the 2023 calendar year.

WATER MANAGEMENT: We are currently working on a project involving Tide Creek in Toms River Township. We are bringing in heavy equipment to restore drainage to the lower portion of the creek which eventually drains into Barnegat Bay.

OTHER: Our Chief Inspector, Steve Longo, will be retiring from the Ocean County Mosquito Commission on January 1st. Steve has been with the Commission just shy of 34 years.

5. PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Mr. Candeletti presented the Bill Committee Report for approval and payment of the bills incurred during the month of November.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission that the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to execute Master Voucher Certificate of Certification of Payment No. 579 consisting of four pages, said Master Voucher containing Check Numbers 43912-43955 in the amount of \$63,571.46 are deemed to be valid claims as recommended by the Chairman of the Bill Committee.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission is hereby authorized and directed to pay each and every one of the aforesaid bills attached to this Master Voucher Certificate of Certification of the Payment. Upon execution of same by said Superintendent, if and when funds are available.

Motion made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, that the following Resolution be adopted for approval and payment of the bills. Motion carried with Mr. Ekkelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cottrell	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekkelmann	Aye

6. COMMUNICATIONS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Request 2024 1st Quarter Appropriation

After a brief discussion a Motion was made by Mr. Downing, seconded by Mr. Cottrell for approval to request the 1st quarter appropriation in the mount of \$592,570.50. Motion carried with Mr. Ekkelman requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cottrell	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekkelmann	Aye

b) Special Landing Certificate Letter & Resolution

Mr. Ekkelmann Read aloud the Resolution and Letter being sent to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners office requesting the commissions Special Landing certificate for the year. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Downing, seconded by Mr. Cottrell to approve the letter being sent, and to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission is the agency established and funded by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners to control mosquitoes; and

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission is authorized to apply pesticides from aircraft to control mosquitoes; and

WHEREAS, all pesticides used will be approved for aerial application by both the State of New Jersey and Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, prior to every application over populated areas of Ocean County the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission has agreed to notify the local police department and the governing body of the affected municipality and to provide public notice to the local news media as required by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, areas of Ocean County to be treated by pesticides are only those which have significantly high mosquito populations, as verified by the surveillance records of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission, and have been determined to be either a nuisance or a health hazard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY that the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission is hereby authorized to aerially apply approved pesticides for the control of mosquitoes in accordance with applicable regulations and permit requirements in order to conduct necessary mosquito control activities in Ocean County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ocean County Board of Commissioners does not object to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics issuing a temporary Helistop license to the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission as required to conduct mosquito control activities on the salt marshes of Ocean County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be made available to the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

Motion carried with Mr. Ekermann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cottrell	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekermann	Aye

10. DISCUSSIONS:

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made by Mr. Cottrell, seconded by Mr. Downing that the meeting be adjourned at 5:13 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Senyk".

Michael Senyk
Superintendent