

OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

March 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Commission was held on March 20, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. in the office of the Commission located at 784 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Barbara Jo Crea, Commissioner
Mr. David E. Ekkelmann, President
Mr. Thomas Candeletti, Treasurer
Mr. Ralph Lanuto, 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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion made by Mr. Lanuto, seconded by Mr. Candeletti, that the minutes of the February meeting be approved. Motion carried with Mr. Ekkelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Abstained
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekkelmann	Aye

4. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS: David Ekermann

Mr. Senyk let the commissioners know that a letter and resolution from the county accepting the recommendation that Mr. Ekermann be reappointed for another 3 year term. Mrs. Rumpf Swore Mr. Ekermann in for another 3 year term expiring March 31, 2026.

5. REPORTS:

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

Motion made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Lanuto that the Monthly Financial Report, as received by mail, be approved and filed. Mr. Ekermann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekermann	Aye

- b) Superintendent's Report

RAINFALL: 1.87" of rain fell at the Commission yard in February.

WATER MANAGEMENT: We are continuing to recondition a basin off Old Hooper Avenue in Brick Township. This project involves heavy equipment.

GROUND LARVICIDING: Our inspectors are currently reviewing the ground larviciding routes and making changes and additions. Any new spots, including storm drain runs, are being mapped and included into our system.

Mosquito larvae (*Ae. canadensis* and *Ae. grossbecki*) can be found throughout our routes but are still in the early stages of development. We are planning on beginning larval treatments the first week of April, but temperatures will dictate whether we start larviciding earlier or hold off to a later date.

OTHER: The Commission has received Special Use Permits to conduct helicopter operations and larviciding on the Edwin B. Forsythe National Refuge for the 2023 season.

We are still waiting on our temporary landing certificates from the New Jersey Department of Transportation so our helicopters can land on the salt marsh and Patriots Park in Jackson

Township (for Jackson/Plumsted larvicide loading).

The Superintendent attended the February 17th State Airspray Meeting, which was a requirement to participate in the State Airspray Program in 2023. We mainly use this program for aerially larviciding the westside of Island Beach State Park after a significant rain event. This program is also utilized as a backup to our in-house aerial larviciding operations.

6. PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

Motion made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Gormley, that the following Resolution be adopted for approval and payment of the bills:

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. 570 consisting of four pages, said Master Voucher containing Check Numbers 43602-43637 in the amount of \$205,297.23 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 carried with Mr. Ekermann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye (Abstained Rumpf)
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekermann	Aye

7. COMMUNICATIONS: None

8. OLD BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Request 2nd Quarter Appropriation:

After a brief discussion a Motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Downing for approval to request the 2nd quarter appropriation in the amount of \$580,951.50. Motion carried with Mr. Eckelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Eckelmann	Aye

b) Permission to go out to bid for trash pickup

Mr. Senyk explained to the commissioners that the cost for the trash pick up has continued to rise through out the years which is causing a concern, he let the commissioners know that he would like to be able to explore his options, and requested to go to out to bid if needed for trash pickup. A motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Lanuto to approve to go out to bid for trash pick up if need be. Motion carried with Mr. Eckelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Eckelmann	Aye

c) Seasonal Pay Increase for Edwin Hammond and Evan Tominberg

Mr. Senyk let the commissioners know that with the adjusting of that starting seasonal pay to \$16.50-\$20.50 he would like to raise the pay for our returning seasonals to an appropriate rate. Mr. Senyk let the commissioners know that he would like to bring Edwin Hammond back this season with a pay rate of \$19.50, and Evan Tominberg with a pay rate of \$17.50. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto, seconded by Mr. Candeletti to approve the recommended pay rates with a resolution to be adopted at the following meeting. Motion carried with Mr. Eckelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye

Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekermann	Aye

d) Permission to Apply for Aviation Fuel Cards (on state contract)

Mr. Senyk let the commissioners know that with the current ongoing work with the installation of the new above ground storage tanks for the Fuel a concern is growing for the upcoming season, and getting fuel for the helicopters. As a precaution Mr. Senyk would like to apply for Aviation Fuel Cards which are on the state contract as a backup solution for fueling the helicopters. A motion was made by Mr. Downing, seconded by Mr. Candeletti to approve Mr. Senyk to apply for aviation fuel cards. Motion carried with Mr. Ekermann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekermann	Aye

10. DISCUSSIONS;

11. ADJOURNMENT;

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made by Mrs. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Downing that the meeting be adjourned at 5:27 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Senyk
Superintendent