

OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting  
December 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Commission was held on December 20, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. in the office of the Commission located at 784 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ.

1. ATTENDANCE:  
2.

Mr. David Ekelmann, President  
Mr. Michael Mathis, Vice President  
Mr. Thomas Candeletti, Treasurer  
Mr. Ralph Lanuto, Member

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

2. CHAIRMAN:

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

Mr. Mathis	Aye
Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

4. REPORTS:

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

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

Mr. Mathis	Aye
Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Eckelmann	Aye

b) Superintendent's Report

**RAINFALL:** 1.15" of precipitation were recorded at the Commission's weather station in Barnegat in November.

**MOSQUITO POPULATIONS:** Our top three species taken in our 28 NJ Light Traps in 2021 were *Ae. vexans* (7,894), *Cx. salinarius* (7,169), and *Ae. sollicitans* (3,754). It was a banner year for fresh flood water mosquitoes with the heavy rain events that we had throughout the summer. *Culiseta melanura* and *Coquillettidia perturbans* were pretty much a no-show this season. A ton of *Ae. atlanticus* were collected over the summer and saved in our freezer. We are going to take a better look at the samples over the winter to see if any are actually *Ae. tormentor*.

**WATER MANAGEMENT:** Our active amphibious rotary ditcher completed a short project in Lacey Township involving the restoration of tidal flow to an impounded area of salt marsh near Pensacola Road.

Crews have been dispatched throughout the county to clear debris from ditches, creeks, and basin grates using hand tools. We will continue this work throughout the winter months as long as the weather cooperates.

**OTHER:** The NJMCA annual convention is set to take place on March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Atlantic City. The event is planned to be an in-person meeting. The Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission has been asked to present a talk involving the changes in our aerial larviciding program in response to sea-level rise and climate change.

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. 555 consisting of four pages, said Master Voucher containing Check Numbers 43037-43076 in the amount of \$33,779.27 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. Lanuto, that the following Resolution be adopted for approval and payment of the bills. Motion carried with Mr. Ekelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Mathis	Aye
Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

6. COMMUNICATIONS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Request 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022 Appropriation

After a brief discussion a Motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Lanuto for approval to request the 1st quarter appropriation in the amount of \$572,366.00. Motion carried with Mr. Ekelman requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Mathis	Aye
Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

b) Special Landing Certificate Letter & Resolution

Mr. Senyk Read aloud the Resolution and Letter being sent to the County Freeholders office requesting the commissions Special Landing certificate for the year. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Lanuto 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. Candeletti requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Mathis	Aye
Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

10. DISCUSSIONS: None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made by Mr. Lanuto, seconded by Mr. Candeletti that the meeting be adjourned at 5:10 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Senyk  
Superintendent