

OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Commission was held on August 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. in the office of the Commission located at 784 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Mr. David E. Ekelmann, President
Mr. Thomas Candeletti, Treasurer
Mr. John Downing, Member
Mrs. Barbara Jo Crea, Commissioner

Michael Senyk, Superintendent
Danielle M. Ekelmann, 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 Mrs. Crea, seconded by Mr. Candeletti, that the minutes of the July meeting be approved. Motion carried with Mr. Ekelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Downing	Abstained
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

4. REPORTS:

a) Treasurer's Report	Monthly Financial Report Expenditures for July Financial Report Receipts and Disbursements Payroll Account
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Motion made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mrs. Crea, that the monthly Financial Report, as received by mail, be approved and filed. Motion carried with Mr. Ekkelmann requesting Roll Call:

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

b) Superintendent's Report

RAINFALL: An average of 1.75" of rain fell over Ocean County in July. Highest rain totals for the month occurred in Barnegat (3.60") and the lowest occurred in Jackson (.70").

MOSQUITO POPULATIONS: The fresh floodwater mosquito population is minimal because of exceptionally low rainfall, particularly in the northern and western parts of Ocean County. Cedar swamps and bogs are also drying up, resulting in a low population of *Cs. melanura* and *Cq. perturbans*. *Ae. sollicitans* numbers have been kept in check through persistent larviciding on the salt marsh. The *Ae. albopictus* population is slightly lower than usual but they are still making their presence known in residential areas.

SURVEILLANCE: The top three captures in NJ Light Traps were *Aedes vexans* (951), *Culex salinarius* (848), and *Culex restuans* (282). We continue to see low numbers of *Cs. melanura* since the start of the season.

We have submitted 200 pools to date for viral testing and four (4) pools have gone positive for West Nile Virus. Viral surveillance traps are not catching many mosquitoes because of the dry conditions we have been experiencing. Despite this, we are seeing a statewide increase in West Nile Virus activity.

GROUND LARVICIDING: 231 treatments were made to our regular ground larviciding route. We also treated 19,206 storm drains, which have been our primary focus.

AERIAL LARVICIDING: 2,791 acres were treated in July. We had one tidal flooding event that produced some breeding and several rain events that produced salt marsh larvae in the southern portion of Ocean County.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: We attended the Ocean County Fair from July 13th – 17th.

5. PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

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. 563 consisting of three pages, said Master Voucher containing Check Numbers 43351-43378 in the amount of \$124,893.84 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. Downing, that the following Resolution be adopted for approval and payment of the bills. Motion carried with Mr. Eckelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye (Abstained Rumpf)
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Eckelmann	Aye

6. COMMUNICATIONS:

7.OLD BUSINESS:

a) Howard Taylor – Resolution

A motion was made by Mrs. Crea, seconded by Mr. Candeletti to adopt the following resolution for the hire of Howard Taylor:

RESOLUTION 2022-17

**OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO
EXTERMINATION COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, as follows:

WHEREAS, it is established that the position of Equipment Operator needs to be filled.

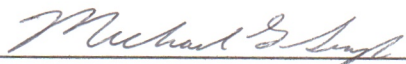
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commission to appoint Howard Taylor to the position of Equipment Operator;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission, County of Ocean and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Effective August 8, 2022, Howard Taylor shall be appointed Equipment Operator of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission.
2. Effective August 8, 2022, Howard Taylor shall receive an annual salary of \$42,600.00.

CERTIFICATION

I, MICHAEL SENYK, Executive Secretary of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission, in the County of Ocean, hereby certifies that the above is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the said Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission on the 15th day of August, 2022.


MICHAEL SENYK, Executive Secretary
Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission

Motion carried with Mr. Ekkelmann requesting Roll Call:

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

b) Bid Opening

Mr. Senyk let the commissioners know that no bids were received for the bid opening and that research was being done into what other options for vehicles may be available to the commission and that it would be revisited another time.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Approve 6 Year Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Senyk distributed a copy of the proposed County Capital 2023 Budget to the commissioners. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Downing, to approve the following 2023 County Capital Budget:

6-Year Ocean County Capital Budget & Capital Improvement Program

YEAR	ITEM	COST
2023	Installation of Standby Generators for Main Office, Shop, and Heliport	\$450,000.00
2024	Helicopter Landing Gear Tubes, Tail Rotor Blades for Helicopter	\$150,000.00
2025	Helicopter Main Rotor Blades	\$160,000.00
2026	Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) with spray gear	\$125,000.00
2027	Helicopter Storage and Maintenance Building	\$1,200,000.00

2028	Marsh Master Amphibious Machine	\$245,500.00
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Motion carried with Mr. Ekelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Downing	Aye
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

b) Patrick Nyhan

Mr. Senyk reminded the commissioners that the 6-month evaluation period of Patrick Nyhan, who was hired as an inspector trainee, will be ending in early October. Mr. Senyk reported that Mr. Nyhan has exceeded the commissions expectations as far as being a competent inspector during the evaluation period and proposed the thought of increasing his base salary by \$2,000.00, in addition to the \$4,000.00 salary increase Mr. Nyhan would receive when promoted to inspector. The \$4,000.00 promotion to inspector is contingent on the passing of the commercial pesticide applicator exam for core and category 8B (Mosquito Control). This topic will be revisited at our next commission meeting upon the performance review of Mr. Nyhan.

9. DISCUSSIONS: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mrs. Crea that the meeting be adjourned at 5:32 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Senyk
Superintendent