

OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Commission was held on July 18, 2022, at 5:00 P.M. in the office of the Commission located at 784 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Mr. David Ekelmann, President
Mr. Michael Mathis, Vice President
Mr. Thomas Candeletti, Treasurer
Mr. Ralph Lanuto, Member
Mrs. Barbara Jo Crea, Commissioner

Michael Senyk, Superintendent
Danielle M. Ekelmann, Accts. Clerk
Brian 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. Lanuto, seconded by Mr. Mathis, that the minutes of the June meeting be approved. Motion carried with Mr. Ekelmann requesting Roll Call:

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| Mr. Mathis | Aye |
| Mr. Candeletti | Abstained |
| Mrs. Crea | Abstained |
| Mr. Lanuto | Aye |
| Mr. Ekelmann | Aye |

4. REPORTS:

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| a) Treasurer's Report | Monthly Financial Report Expenditures for June |
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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. Ekkelmann requesting Roll Call:

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| Mr. Mathis | Aye |
| Mr. Candeletti | Aye |
| Mrs. Crea | Aye |
| Mr. Lanuto | Aye |
| Mr. Ekkelmann | Aye |

b) Superintendent's Report

RAINFALL: An average of 4.66" of rain fell over Ocean County in June. Highest rain totals for the month occurred in Waretown (7").

MOSQUITO POPULATIONS: Adult mosquito numbers dropped off in June because of dry conditions. Humidity levels were so low following rain events that many breeding areas would dry before mosquitoes had a chance to emerge.

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* for the start of the season.

We have submitted 111 pools to date for testing and all have been negative for Ocean County. Viral surveillance traps caught plenty of *Culex restuans* and *pipiens* in the first half of the month, but numbers dwindled near the end. *Aedes albopictus* are increasing slowly in our residential trapping areas.

GROUND LARVICIDING: 631 treatments were made to our regular ground larviciding route. We also treated 9,856 storm drains.

AERIAL LARVICIDING: 4,211.07 acres were treated in June. We had one tidal flooding event that produced some breeding and several rain events producing breeding on a smaller scale.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: We attended Stafford Township Founders Day on June 11th.

OTHER: Our Unleaded/Diesel Fuel underground storage tank was successfully removed and soil testing around the tank was within standards. The project is now progressing to the reconditioning of our bulkhead and preparation to install the replacement aboveground tank.

We are pressing the NJ DEP to create a policy for pesticide application by drone. Currently, we cannot utilize drones to dispense pesticides in New Jersey. Our recommendations are to allow drone application under the Category 11 (Aerial Application) License, allow any pesticide product approved for aerial application to also be allowed for use by drone, and have anyone operating a drone strictly follow the regulations already in place by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Bill A4344/S2883 was introduced to State Legislation on June 20th, 2022, which requires all counties to establish mosquito control commissions, increase reporting to the State Mosquito Control Commission (SMCC), and to have the SMCC develop guidelines to aid county commissions. This bill has created concern among the NJ mosquito control community because

the idea of 21 mosquito commissions sounds very intriguing, the reality is not probable.

5. PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

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

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. 562 consisting of three pages, said Master Voucher containing Check Numbers 43320-43350 in the amount of \$26,519.05 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. Mathis, that the following Resolution be adopted for approval and payment of the bills. Motion carried with Mr. Eckelmann requesting Roll Call:

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| Mr. Mathis | Aye |
| Mr. Candeletti | Aye |
| Mrs. Crea | Aye (Abstained from Rumpf) |
| Mr. Lanuto | Aye |
| Mr. Eckelmann | Aye |

6. COMMUNICATIONS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a) New Hire - Howard Taylor

Mr. Senyk let the commissioners that he had interviewed Mr. Taylor as discussed at the last monthly meeting. He let the commissioners know that he would like to hire Mr. Taylor as an Equipment Operator with a salary of \$42,600 and a start date of August 8th. A resolution will be adopted at the next meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS: None

9. DISCUSSIONS: None

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Lanuto that the meeting be adjourned at 5:07 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Senyk
Superintendent