

TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN SEWERAGE AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING

Oakhurst, NJ

October 28, 2025

The meeting of the Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority was held on the above date at the Authority Administration Building, 224 Roosevelt Avenue, Oakhurst, New Jersey.

Present: Galvin, Miller, Theodora, Johnson

Others: Executive Director Timothy Shea, General Counsel Carol A. Berlen, Esq, Recording Secretary Amy Stewart

Absent: Commissioner Valentino, Deputy Executive Director Anthony Dimino, Engineer Keith Chiaravella

Chairman Theodora called the meeting to order and all recited The Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Theodora announced that the Meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and adequate notice had been duly posted where required and sent to the Asbury Park Press and the Coaster, mailed to its service communities and posted on its website. The Minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.

The meeting is available in real time to the public by logging into meet.google.com/hvy-nivn-pdi or calling 857-323-2408, PIN 182 159 490#.

There are no attendees on Zoom.

Executive Director's Report- No report

Attorney's Report- No Report

Engineer's Report- No Report

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Communications- No Report

Resolutions

25-59 is a resolution to Authorize the Termination of Participation in the NJ SHBP program.

25-60 is a resolution to Authorize TOSA to join the NJ Solutions Joint Health Insurance Fund.

Chairman Theodora explains that the State Health Benefits rising costs made it necessary for the Authority to seek other Insurance options for their employees. In order to keep costs down the Executive Director has shopped other possibilities and has landed on choosing a Health Insurance Fund rather than a Joint Insurance Fund. Vice Chairman Galvin reflects on changes in the insurance over the years. Tim Shea distributed a table analyzing the costs differences between staying with the current SHBP plan verses the proposed NJ Solution plan for 2026. Despite saving the Authority over \$94,000 next year, the Authority will still see an 18% increase in rates from last year. There are no other Commissioner comments at this time.

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Public Comment- Tom DiOrio, a TOSA retiree, has some concerns with the insurance switch-over and the lack of communication throughout the process. He just wants to confirm that the benefits will remain the same for the retirees during the switchover and he is told by Mr. Shea that the plan remains the same it is just the administrator of the plan that will change. Basically, unless they make changes to their own coverage everything else will stay the same. There are some differences once Medicare becomes primary. Mr. Shea goes on to assure the retirees that the literature will be sent out tomorrow if the resolutions are approved at tonight's meeting. Sal Lagrotteria, also has concerns with his medical cards etc. he just wants reassurance that there is no action needed on his part and the switch over will just be done. Mr. Shea assures him that it will all be taken care of, and there is no paperwork to do, unless they want to make changes.

No more comments at this time.

Resolution

A motion to approve Resolution 25-59, Authorizing the Termination of the Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority Participation in the NJ State Health Benefits Program, is made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

25-59

AUTHORIZATION TO TERMINATE PARTICIPATION IN THE NJ SHBP

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority Group # 147600 hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the Program (Medical Plan, Prescription Drug Plan, and/or Dental Plan coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the SHBP (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all its active and retired employees.
2. We shall notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the Program.
3. We understand that the New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB) will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage.
4. We understand that all COBRA participants will be notified by the NJDPB and advised to contact our office concerning a possible alternative health, prescription drug, and dental insurance plan.
5. We understand that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission.

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Roll Call, Miller, Galvin, Johnson, Theodora

Yes Yes Yes Yes

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Galvin			X			
Johnson		X	X			
Miller	X		X			
Theodora			X			
Valentino						X

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority at its Meeting held on October 28, 2025.

DAVID MILLER, Secretary

Resolution

A motion to approved Resolution 25-60, Authorizing the Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority to Join the NJ Solutions Joint Health Insurance Fund, is made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

25-60

**A RESOLUTION OF TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN SEWERAGE
AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN SEWERAGE
AUTHORITY TO JOIN THE NJ SOLUTIONS JOINT HEALTH
INSURANCE FUND.**

WHEREAS, a number of public entities in the State of New Jersey have joined together to form the NJ Solutions Joint Health Insurance Fund, hereafter referred to as the “Fund”, as permitted by N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.1 et. seq., N.J.S.A. 17:1-8.1 et. seq., and N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Fund was approved to become operational by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs (collectively, the “Departments”) and has been operational since that date; and

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WHEREAS, the statutes and regulations governing the creation and operation of a joint insurance fund in the State of New Jersey contain certain restrictions and safeguards in connection with the administration of the public interest entrusted to such a Fund; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Township of Ocean Sewerage Authority, hereinafter referred to as “Local Unit” has studied the feasibility of joining the Fund and has determined that membership in the Fund is in the best interest of the Local Unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Local Unit hereby agrees and authorizes the following:

- i. Execution of the application for membership to the Fund, including any and all documents and/or certifications as may be necessary, in order for the Local Unit to complete the application process and join the Fund.
- ii. The Local Unit shall become a member of the Fund for an initial period outlined in the Local Unit’s Indemnity and Trust Agreement, subject to the approval of the Fund Commissioners, which in no event shall exceed three (3) years as prescribed in N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.3(a).
- iii. The Local Unit shall participate in the following type(s) of coverage(s) offered by the Fund: Health Insurance and/or Prescription Insurance and/or Medicare Advantage/Employer Group Waiver Program as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the Fund’s Bylaws, and Plan of Risk Management.
- iv. Adoption and approval of the Fund’s Bylaws, a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Attachment A, which has been approved by the Departments.
- v. Execution of the Local Unit’s Indemnity and Trust Agreement, a true and correct copy of which is annexed hereto as Attachment B, which has been approved by the Departments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Local Unit certifies, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.3(a), that the Local Unit has never defaulted on claims under a self-insured plan and that it has not had its insurance canceled for nonpayment of premium for a period of at least two (2) years prior to this application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Local Unit is authorized and directed to execute the Indemnity and Trust Agreement and such other documents signifying membership in the Fund as required by the Fund’s Bylaws, and to deliver these documents to the Fund’s Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon on acceptance of the Fund’s By-laws as prescribed in N.J.A.C. 11:15-3.3(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Roll Call, Miller, Galvin, Johnson, Theodora

Yes Yes Yes Yes

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	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Galvin			X			
Johnson		X	X			
Miller	X		X			
Theodora			X			
Valentino						X

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DAVID MILLER, Secretary

There were no additional comments at this time.

A motion to adjourn the public meeting was made by Commissioner Miller and seconded by Commissioner Johnson, an all-in-favor vote followed.

	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Galvin			X			
Johnson		X	X			
Miller	X		X			
Theodora			X			
Valentino						X

This Special Meeting ended at 6:45 PM.