

The meeting was called to order at 7:15PM

President Cheriyan stated that notice of this meeting held via Zoom was posted on the Bergenfield Website, sent by e-mail to the Record and Cablevision. It was placed on two bulletin boards in the Municipal Building and placed on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL

Dr. Cheriyan

Mrs. Pfannen

Mr. Cabuhat- Absent

Mr. Gerundo- Absent

Mrs. Marte-

Also, present Mr. Fedorko, Kelly Grippo, Kayla Williams, Sue Barker, Liz Cruz, Pam Lesnak, and Bergenfield resident.

OPEN HEARING

President Cheriyan discussed the email received from Ms. Stanton regarding dogs defecating at the pickleball court. Ms. Stanton mentioned the dog that is brought to the pickleball court and referred to infection control. President Cheriyan asked if a picture can be taken with the owner so that it can be used as evidence for the Police. Kayla asked Ms. Stanton if she knows the owner of the dog? Ms. Stanton said she was not aware of the owner. Ms. Stanton stated that she has reached out to the Police Department, and she does not get a response back. Mr. Fedorko said he will send Mr. Gallo an email regarding the issue discussed. President Cheriyan stated that if the Health Department brings this complaint to the Police Department some action should be taken. Ms. Stanton mentioned that the dog was a German Shepherd, and a female brings the dog to the park. President Cheriyan asked Ms. Stanton to try and find details of the individual who brings the dog to the park, since this information will be very helpful. Ms. Stanton mentioned there are no signs at the Clover Street Park. Kayla mentioned that Kelly had created a sign to be placed at the pickleball court which was denied by the Borough Administrator.

President Cheriyan mentioned that he had a conversation with the Mayor and Mr. Fedorko in reference to the pickle ball noise pollution and stated that a sound meter expert will be visiting the site to check the amount of sound that is being transmitted. Mr. Fedorko said that they have a sound meter and the noise investigation will be done at the edge of the property line and that is where the noise will be registered. Mr. Fedorko will be going over to do the readings and stated that it is difficult to do readings in the rain but this will be done when there is a good break in the weather. President Cheriyan told Ms. Stanton that if she had any neighbors who would cooperate with her it will be helpful. Ms. Stanton mentioned that she has sent copies of the exchange of emails between President Cheriyan and her neighbors but she did not receive a response. President Cheriyan advised Ms. Stanton to speak to her neighbors rather than send emails.

Ms. Stanton also stated that when she asked for a stop sign at Phelps and Chestnut the same thing happened no neighbor assisted her but the Police Department was different at that time and they assisted her with the sign. Ms. Stanton also stated that her last email shows the place where Mr. Gallo decided to put the pickle ball court in her neighborhood, whereas there were old tennis courts at twinboro acres which should have been renovated - she suggested that this park should be reverted back to a tennis court and the old tennis courts should be renovated to be a dedicated outdoor pickleball court.

Mr. Fedorko informed Ms. Stanton that this is not a Health Department issue and advised her to bring this matter to the attention of the Mayor and Council. Ms. Stanton asked Kayla if there was anyone else that who can be approached regarding the signs. Kayla stated she has spoken to everybody and recommended that Ms. Stanton voice her complaints to the Mayor and Council regarding this matter.

President Cheriyan stated that the Mayor and Council should be informed about these matters. Vice President Pfannen also relayed Ms. Stanton's complaint about the denial of the sign to Councilman Deauna and asked him if he could look into this matter. Councilman Deauna stated he will verify with Mr. Gallo and work on this matter. Kayla reiterated that the sign was not approved by Mr. Gallo, however he did inform Kayla that when the Borough gets the chance, they will put up a sign. President Cheriyan requested Councilman Deauna to follow up. Councilman Deauna requested a copy of the sign that the Health Department would recommend. Kelly elaborated on the sign that she made and mentioned that she does not have the final word. President Cheriyan stated that the content of the sign matters, and again asked Councilman Deauna to follow up with this issue.

There being no one present who wished to be heard, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by President Cheriyan and carried the time for Open Hearings was closed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by President Cheriyan seconded by Vice-President Pfannen and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of December 2023 be accepted as written.

BILLS TO BE PAID

Mrs. Delacruz stated that on behalf of President Cheriyan, Purchase Orders have been signed by Mrs. Delacruz and submitted. A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by President Cheriyan and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Tyco	3,086.66
Mid- Bergen Regional	20,870.00
Safe Sitter	375.30

REPORTS

Legal and Finance

No Report.

Medical

No Report.

Personnel

Vice-President Pfannen stated there was nothing to report.

Publicity

The Board of Health meeting was advertised on the Bergenfield Website, The Record and Cablevision.

Liaison To Mayor & Council

Councilman Deauna stated that the Mayor and Council were able to use the new court room facilities in the new Building for the swearing in ceremony of the Mayor and the newly elected councilman Domingo Almonte and Mark Pascual. Councilman Deauna also mentioned that several State Dignitaries attended the meeting including First Lady Tammy Murphy and Senator Lagana and the Commissioners. President Cheriyan thanked Councilman Deauna and congratulated the Mayor and Council.

Legislature & Regulatory

Nothing to report

Written Reports of the Department

Mr. Fedorko requested Kelly to speak on health education. Kelly stated that there are programs geared towards the Mayors Wellness campaign. Kelly does the meditation in the New Milford library and stated that it is going well and she will try to get the bingo size as well, and if people are interested the cost will be \$5.00 for the day which includes winning prizes and some exercises. Mr. Fedorko thanked Kelly and stated that even though it is the beginning of the year these programs will bring us ahead when Spring comes and also asked Kelly if Nurse Liz will be working Kelly on the Mayor's wellness campaign. Mr. Fedorko stated Bergen County went from low to medium with Covid and the report was from December 30, 2023. Mr. Fedorko stated that there are about 200 people hospitalized from covid. In addition to Covid Mr. Fedorko also stated RSV was on the decline and flu cases are high even though flu started off late. No pediatric flu fatalities in New Jersey, Mr. Fedorko commented on Lyme disease cases he stated that Lyme disease has increased with a West Nile case locally and Malaria case from a resident which Nurse Liz mentioned was person who had travelled to Morocco. Mr. Fedorko thanked Kelly and Liz for their input. He also thanked the board members for volunteering their time. Councilman Deauna asked Mr. Fedorko if RSV is related to covid, Mr. Fedorko confirmed that RSV is not related to covid. President Cheriyan said that the common cold is related to covid that covid currently has 72 strains. He mentioned that Covid will be evolving even up to 2028 but not as severe as the initial or the delta strain. President Cheriyan stated that we are currently in a tripledemic.

Nurse Liz stated that the safe sitter program will be starting every 3rd Saturday beginning on Saturday, January 20th, 2024. 7 kids have been registered. Nurse Liz stated, Health Force a CPR BLF ACLS company located at 81 N. Washington Avenue, Bergenfield is willing to volunteer 45 minutes of their time to show the kids proper training for CPR and choking. Nurses Liz and Robin will be starting the school and daycare audits. Nurse Liz stated that there are 17 Daycares, 4 Elementary Schools the Middle and High School. Nurse Liz also stated that the Mayor's wellness will be starting in April 2024.

Kayla mentioned that she will be submitting her Annual Report at the next board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

"No correspondence"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

All unfinished business was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions were passed for the 2024 Meeting Dates and Advertising of the Board Meetings.

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Vice President Pfannen commented on the turnover of the Health Department in the past year. She mentioned nurse Liz, Annemarie assuming role of Registrar, Pam Lesnak and the support team of Susan, Kayla, Kelly and Mr. Fedorko. President Cheriyan thanked everyone and wished everyone all the best in the coming year. President Cheriyan also thanked the Mayor and Council for their support

ADJOURNMENT – SINE DIE

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by President Cheriyan and carried, the meeting was adjourned Sine Die at 8:10pm.

The Board then proceeded to reorganize for 2024.

Mrs. Delacruz congratulated Mr. Gerundo on being appointed as a new member to the Board of Health.

ROLL CALL

Dr. Cheriyan
Mrs. Pfannen
Mr. Cabuhat- Absent
Mr. Gerundo-Absent
Mrs. Marte-

Also, present Mr. Federko, Kelly Grippo, Kayla Williams, Sue Barker, Liz Cruz, Pam Lesnak, and Bergenfield resident.

Dr. Cheriyan appointed Mrs. DeLaCruz as Temporary Chairperson.

Mrs. DeLaCruz opened the floor for nominations for the office of President. Nomination was made by Vice – President Pfannen that Dr. Cheriyan be elected President. There being no further nomination, on a motion by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Mrs. Marte and carried, the nomination for the office of President was closed.

Mrs. Delacruz opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Nomination was made by Dr. Cheriyan that Mrs. Pfannen be elected Vice-President. There being no further nomination, on a motion by Dr. Cheriyan seconded by Mrs. Marte and carried, the nomination for the office of Vice-President was closed.

Mrs. DeLaCruz declared results of the election.
Dr. Cheriyan – President
Mrs. Pfannen – Vice-President
Mr. Cabuhat– Secretary.

Mrs. Delacruz opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary. Nomination was made by Dr. Cheriyan that Mr. Cabuhat be elected Secretary. There being no further nominations, on a motion by Dr. Cheriyan seconded by Mrs. Pfannen and carried the nomination for the office of Secretary was closed.

The Chair was then turned over to President Cheriyan.

President Cheriyan made the following committee appointments.

Legal & Finance	Mrs. Marte
Medical	Mr. Gerundo
Personnel	Mrs. Pfannen
Publicity	Mrs. Delacruz
Liaison to Mayor & Council	Mr. Deauna
Legislative & Regulatory	Mr. Cabuhat

Mrs. Pfannen offered a resolution, seconded by President Cheriyan as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Borough of Bergenfield, that the meetings of the Board of Health for the year 2024 will be held on the following dates at 7:00PM via zoom.

January 9 th	July – No Meeting
February 13 th	August – No Meeting
March 12 th	September 10 th
April 09 th	October-8 th
May 14 th	November 12 th
June 11 th	December 10 th

Mrs. Pfannen offered a resolution, seconded by President Cheriyan as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Borough of Bergenfield, that the following media be designated by the Board of Health to receive meeting notices.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by President Cheriyan, seconded by Vice-President Pfannen and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

***Annemarie Delacruz
Registrar of Vital Statistics***