

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Due to the current state of emergency and public health emergency declared by Governor Murphy pursuant to Executive Order No. 103, and in an effort to prevent further spread of COVID-19, the Board of Health meeting was held via Zoom. Notice was posted on the Bergenfield Website, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Borough Clerk's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present Mr. Yanovich, Ms. August, Mrs. Williams, Councilman Deauna and Bergenfield resident Ms. Debbie.

OPEN HEARING

Bergenfield resident Ms. Debbie inquired on why the numbers for COVID-19 cases are no longer being posted daily on the Bergenfield Website. Ms. August responded that the Health Department keeps track of the stats and stated that numbers reported on a weekly basis are more accurate than daily. Mrs. Williams will follow up with the OEM Coordinator to ensure they will continue to be posted. Ms. Debbie also wondered whether there will be a second wave of the virus in the fall. Dr. Cheriyan stated that it's difficult to predict how it will evolve but stated that safety protocol should continue to be followed. Dr. Cheriyan spoke on the movement of vaccines and time frames anticipated and stated that there's new information being given on a daily basis. Ms. August assured that the Health Department is doing their part in trying to keep the numbers down, contact tracing is in full force. There being no one else present who wished to be heard, on a motion by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Mrs. Marte and carried the time for Open Hearings was closed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Mrs. Marte and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 2020 be accepted as written.

BILLS TO BE PAID

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen, seconded by Mrs. Marte and carried that the following bills were paid.

MidBergen	\$18,084.00
Labreco, Inc.	\$ 3,958.00
Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceutical	\$ 976.72
P. August	\$ 204.19
Tyco	\$ 2,916.66
Dr. Rothenberg	\$ 1,750.00
Positive Promotions	\$ 1,227.46
Felicia Williams	\$ 127.86
Tyco	\$ 3,276.56

REPORTS**Legal and Finance**

“Progress”

Medical

“Progress”

Personnel

“Progress”

Publicity

“No Publicity”

Liaison To Mayor & Council

Councilman Deauna reported that Mayor Amatorio is very active in town with the Food Bank. Councilman Deauna stated that he’s aware of how involved the Health Department is and thanked them for doing a great job handling the situation. .

Legislature & Regulatory

“Progress”

Written Reports of the Department

Mr. Yanovich reported on the following which include but not limited to the positivity rate for Covid 19 for Bergenfield, quarantine protocol for travelers from impacted States/areas, and trained contact tracers that will be assigned to Bergenfield if needed once their “in the field” training is complete.

Mr. Yanovich reported that he received the State guidance on the opening of schools in the Fall which he forwarded to Ms. August to share with the School Superintendent. Mr. Yanovich also stated that the NJ Dept of Health’s Office of Communication sent out a Public Awareness toolkit in order to get out the message about the importance of testing and contact tracing, specifically geared to young adults.

Mr. Yanovich also stated that Mid-Bergen will be receiving funding over a two year time period to hire a Vulnerable Population Outreach Coordinator to ensure at-risk residents have access to testing and support services such as housing, insurance coverage, and unemployment compensation to allow them to quarantine effectively. The Coordinator will be assigned to towns where there is a need.

Mrs. Pfannen asked Mr. Yanovich to address the issue of the difference in numbers between what Bergenfield is showing and what the County reports. Mr. Yanovich replied that he spoke to Mr. Whiting at the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management who stated that he gets his numbers daily from the State Database as does Bergenfield. Ms. August stated that although everyone collects the data from the same database, the method of recording them varies, therefore, creating some difference in the numbers.

Mr. Yanovich's recommendation is that Ms. August's numbers are what we should be looking at since she's the person doing the investigation and has direct contact with the cases. Ms. August's approach is clinical and by talking to the person knows the symptomatology necessary for a diagnosis of a positive case.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Mrs. Marte and carried that the written July 2020 Reports of the Department be accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Pfannen stated to the Board that Ms. August sent a thank you card for their support during her most difficult time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Nail Salon Inspection Ordinance/Fees

It was the decision of the Board to prepare an ordinance for first reading at the September Board of Health meeting to be effective January 2021.

2. Day Care Inspections/Fees Ordinance

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NEW BUSINESS

1. MOU-HIV Contract **(Memorandum of Understanding for HIV Counseling and Testing)**

Ms. August reported that the County had requested Bergenfield to provide a "testing site" for regularly scheduled HIV testing. Ms. August also stated that she was recently notified that another facility is being used therefore no need to review this contract.

2. Flu Program

Ms. August reported that Influenza vaccine has been provided by the State of NJ. Ms. August asked if additional vaccines should be purchased from what the State gives us. A brief discussion took place and it was the decision of the Board that since the vaccine is easily available through their doctor and most pharmacies and supermarkets, the demand for us is low, therefore, we will not order additional vaccines at this time.

3. Covid 19 Vaccines

Ms. August reported that many pharmaceutical companies are working on developing effective COVID-19 vaccines. As of now, the expected date is sometime in early winter.

4. Nurse Intern

Ms. August stated that she received a resume from a registered nurse interested in Interning at the Health Department. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to add her to the Intern file.

VERBAL COMMUNITON

Mrs. Williams asked the Board if the Rabies Clinic normally scheduled in January should be cancelled due to COVID-19. After a brief discussion, the Board felt it may be risky to have a crowd that size if safety protocol couldn't be attained but to wait a little longer since we have some time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Felicia Williams
Registrar of Vital Statistics