

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM

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 – Arrived at 6:40PM
- Mr. Cabuhat
- Dr. Quiroz
- Mrs. Marte - Absent

Also present Councilman Deauna, Mr. Yanovich, Mrs. Williams, Ms. August arrived at 6:50PM and Kayla Williams arrived at 6:50pm. Bergenfield residents were also present.

OPEN HEARING

There being no one present who wished to be heard, on a motion by Mr. Cabuhat seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried the time for Open Hearings was closed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Quiroz seconded by Mr. Cabuhat and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 2021 be accepted as written.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

Tyco Animal Control	2,916.66
LabRepc	5,195.00
McKesson	85.90
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REPORTS

Legal and Finance

Mr. Cabuhat reported “Progress”.

Medical

Dr. Quiroz reported that the COVID-19 vaccine for children 12-17 year-olds will be available very soon. Dr. Quiroz also reported that the COVID-19 Delta Variant is increasing in the United States.

Personnel

“Progress”

Publicity

An article was published in the “Twin-Boro News” entitled “Bergenfield aims for herd immunity”. A list of COVID-19 Vaccine clinics was posted on the Bergenfield Borough Website.

Articles regarding “How to Avoid Tick Bites”, “Tickborne Diseases in Dogs and Cats” and “Tickborne Diseases in People” was posted on the Bergenfield Borough Website.

Liaison To Mayor & Council

Councilman Deauna reported that he attended a COVID-19 clinic at Conlon Hall. Councilman Deauna stated that several people he spoke to at the clinic were very pleased at the way the Board of Health is addressing the pandemic. Councilman Deauna also stated that he was pleased to hear that Bergenfield is at 90% vaccination rate.

Councilman Deauna stated that the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign is coming to an end and invited everyone to attend the closing ceremony being held on June 12th at 5PM. The event will take place between W. Main Street and W. Clinton Ave.

Legislature & Regulatory

“Progress”

Written Reports of the Department

H.O. Sam Yanovich reported that the latest Regional COVID-19 Activity Level has a “moderate” level of COVID-19 activity in all regions of the State. The overall State vaccination rate is 54%. Mr. Yanovich reported that the State will be scaling down the number of contact tracers and case investigators due to the decrease of cases.

Mr. Yanovich spoke on the Delta variant which is considered more transmissible than previous strains. Mr. Yanovich also stated that the Moderna vaccine clinical trials on 12-17 year-old adolescents have evidenced no cases of symptomatic COVID-19 in the fully vaccinated. A 93% efficacy in the Moderna vaccine resulted after only one dose.

Mr. Yanovich also reported that parents can enroll adolescents ages 12 and older in the V-Safe after Vaccination Checker, and complete health check-ins on their behalf after COVID-19 vaccination. It is a smartphone-based tool whereby participants can quickly tell CDC if they have side effects after the vaccination.

Mr. Yanovich reported that vaccination rates continue to be lowest in communities of color, although a little less than in previous months. He stated that the vaccine outreach coordinator will be retained through a State grant possibly until June of 2022. Mr. Yanovich also spoke on several State grants that are waiting approval that will also benefit Bergenfield. One particular fund will be used to reach the hard to reach population for the COVID-19 vaccine.

A discussion took place regarding the two fires that occurred in May at two establishments in town. Ms. Kayla stated that she was called to the fires and although there was heavy grease accumulation observed, the fires in both establishments was not caused by the grease. One of the food establishments

had repeated violations and a "conditional" was posted and vent-less fryer to only be professionally serviced going forward on a monthly basis. Summonses were issued.

The second establishment also had heavy grease build up on cooking equipment and kitchen items. Kayla stated that establishment is inoperable with heavy water and fire damage. Establishment closed until further notice.

A conversation took place regarding inspecting and maintaining grease traps. Kayla stated that there are a few establishments in town that she regularly checks on to ensure they are in compliance since those restaurants continue to have some issues.

Kayla was asked on the status of the nail salon inspections. Kayla responded that she will begin inspecting nail salons within the next week and continue through the summer. Since the nail salon ordinance is new for Bergenfield, Kayla will make them aware of what's expected from them moving forward.

Although Ms. August was present at the zoom meeting, she seemed to be having difficulty with her computer. Mrs. Williams reported on her behalf on the following: Covid Cases have been very low for Bergenfield. Contact tracing has scaled down for worker's assignments. The State asked to decrease our contact tracer list at this point. Ms. August reported she will keep them on reserve at no cost to the Borough in case there's a need down the road. The Board agreed.

Ms. August also reported that she plans on continuing with Holy Name Medical Center twice a month at Conlon Hall for Covid vaccines. Vaccination is available for ages 12 years and older. The Health Department has 100 doses of Moderna vaccine that will be offered at each clinic. She will continue with home visits for vaccinations after each clinic date. This will prevent loss of viable vaccine. Ms. August feels that in the future, it may be best to utilize HNMC as our vaccine supply. They save us on staff pay, as they do all the paperwork.

Ms. August also reported that since the Borough is now opened to the public, WIC clinics may return in some capacity. This will be evaluated by St. Joseph's Hospital WIC director after September.

Adult Health consultation has been on hold and will continue to be until the Bergen County Housing Commission allows us to use the rooms again at the Murray Hill Terrace Facility.

Ms. August stated that she scheduled her summer vacation as she's done in the past by taking days off during the week as opposed to full weeks. She feels this is best way for the least disruption to the Health Department.

President Cheriyan stated since the COVID cases have decreased, he suggests that moving forward, Ms. August should send the COVID activity report weekly instead of daily and only with new cases and vaccination rate.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried that the written May 2021 reports of the Department be accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence between Ms. August and State Department of Health regarding who and how to transfer unused vaccine. At this time, the State did not have a plan in place.
2. An email from the State Department of Health stating that the ethnicity outreach rate in Bergenfield is high.
3. Two emails from a Bergenfield resident stating how pleased she was with the COVID-19 vaccination clinic held at Conlon Hall.
4. An email from the State Registrar to Mrs. Williams stating that effective July 4, 2021, Executive Order 135 issued by Governor Murphy will expire. Executive Order 135 allowed video marriage ceremonies, virtual marriage applications, deputizing another office to receive marriage applications, an automatic 90 day extension of license validity and waiving of the 72 hour waiting period. Pre-pandemic procedures will be resumed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No "Unfinished Business"

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Williams reported that the term for the position of the Registrar and the Deputy Registrar will expire and a resolution needs to be passed to re-appoint Mrs. Williams and Mrs. DeLaCruz.

Mrs. Pfannen offered a Resolution, seconded by Dr. Quiroz as follows:

WHEREAS, the term of the position of the Registrar will expire:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health, that Felicia Williams be and is hereby re-appointed to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics to a three-year term effective April 10, 2021 through April 10, 2024 as prescribed by N.J.S.A26:8-11 through 26:8-22.

All members present voted "yes". Resolution was adopted.

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

WHEREAS, the term of the position of the Deputy-Registrar will expire:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health, that AnneMarie DeLaCruz be and is hereby re-appointed to the position of Deputy-Registrar of Vital Statistics to a three-year term effective April 10, 2021 through April 10, 2024 as prescribed by N.J.S.A26:8-11 through 26:8-22.

All members present voted "yes". Resolution was adopted.

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Pfannen stated that the COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach has been extremely strong. Mrs. Pfannen thanked Councilman Deauna and asked to relay a thank you to Mayor Amatorio and to all council members for their part in reaching out to their community and different organizations. Their efforts were very strong and effective. President Cheriyan thanked the Health Department and Mrs. Pfannen for her active part in the COVID programs and clinics.

Mrs. Williams reported that Mr. Gallo sent an email stating that since the Borough is now opened to the public, he requested that all meetings starting in September be in person.

Mrs. Williams stated that although the Board doesn't usually meet in July and August, Mrs. Pfannen suggested to continue to meet to stay updated on COVID activity specifically.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Pfannen Seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams, CMR

Felicia Williams
Registrar of Vital Statistics