

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM

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

Also present Ms. August and Ms. Williams. Councilman Deauna sends his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting due to family obligations.

Bergenfield resident was also present.

OPEN HEARING

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Mr. Cabuhat and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 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

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Medical

Mr. Cabuhat stated that due to the increase of COVID-19 cases, the efforts to vaccinate more people should be intensified. Ms. August responded that the vaccine is readily available but unfortunately, the demand is not there at this time. President Cheriyan stated that more information regarding the vaccine should be posted on the Borough Website so residents can be further educated

on the importance and the safety of the vaccine. Dr. Cheriyan also stated that although Bergenfield has a high level of vaccinations, there are neighboring towns that we need to be concerned with. Mr. Cabuhat stated that the focus should be on vaccinating.

Ms. August stated that she can set up vaccine clinics, speak at schools, the library and any organization in town that would be interested in having a presentation. Ms. August also stated that she would reach out to Superintendent Christopher Tully to discuss the possibility of speaking at "Back to School night". It was the consensus of the Board for Ms. August to speak with Mr. Tully and possibly set up an information table at a school meeting so parent's concerns can be addressed. Mr. Cabuhat suggested Board Members possibly joining Ms. August at the school to assist in the presentation.

President Cheriyan questioned if the schools installed an HVAC system per CDC guidelines, what the air quality is at this time and would the schools require an inspection from Bergenfield's Building Department. He stated that there's a COVID-19 recovery fund to upgrade schools and local government buildings. Mrs. Williams said she would talk to Kayla and report back.

Dr. Quiroz stated COVID-19 Delta variant cases are increasing and therefore highly recommends continuing safety protocols such as hand washing and social distancing. A conversation took place regarding changes made on quarantine guidelines regardless of vaccination status, vaccines for children ages 5-11 and booster vaccines.

Personnel

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Publicity

An article was published in the "New Jersey Nurse & Institute for Nursing Newsletter" regarding Bergenfield Public Health Nurse Patricia August. Ms. August spearheaded the COVID-19 vaccination drive for the residents of Bergenfield with the assistance of Felician University's senior students.

Liaison To Mayor & Council

Mrs. Pfannen stated that she forwarded information to Mayor Amatorio at his request regarding vaccination rate in Bergenfield so he could present it at the Mayor & Council meeting. Mrs. Pfannen also stated that she asked Mayor Amatorio on behalf of the Board to thank the Council for being very proactive in reaching out to various committees regarding getting the vaccine. Their efforts were very effective.

Legislature & Regulatory

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Written Reports of the Department

Mrs. Williams stated that Kayla sends her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. She was tied up with inspections. She asked that if the Board has any questions regarding her report to please call her.

Mrs. Pfannen wondered how the Nail Salon inspections were going. Mrs. Pfannen stated that with the addition of Nail Salon inspections and possibly starting the hair salon/barber shop inspections, Kayla's hours may need to be increased from her current 28 hours/week. President Cheriyan suggested discussing this topic at the next Board of Health meeting and also to let Kayla know she is doing a great job and is appreciated.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An email from a Bergenfield resident praising Kelley Grippo; Public Health Intern on the video education she created on COVID-19 vaccines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No "Unfinished Business"

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ramapo College Intern Contract Renewal

Ms. August presented the Board with the Ramapo College Intern Contract Renewal. A discussion took place stating that the interns are a great asset to the Health Department. They will be available if the need arises to assist in any programs and specifically if there's a need for more COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

2. Covid-19 Rapid Testing

Ms. August asked President Cheriyan his opinion on the At-home Rapid Test kits. Dr. Cheriyan responded that those kits are easily available to the public and have a 92% accuracy rate. If the person tests positive, the recommendation is to follow up with a PCR test.

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

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 7:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams
Registrar of Vital Statistics