

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM

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-Absent
- Dr. Quiroz
- Mrs. Marte-Absent

Also, present Council President Deauna, Mrs. Williams, Kayla Williams and Kelly Grippo.

**OPEN HEARING**

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 2022 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 Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

H.A.R.P.	5,050.00
Tyco	3,036.66
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Tyco	2,976.66
Cooper	1,163.10
Patricia August	222.62
W.B. Mason	218.96
Patricia August	174.00
Felicia Williams	127.86

**REPORTS**

**Legal and Finance**

No Report

**Medical**

Dr. Quiroz reported that although monkeypox still exists, it is not progressing.

**Personnel**

Vice-President Pfannen reported that Ms. August, Public Health Nurse Supervisor resigned in August. Vice-President Pfannen stated that they are aggressively seeking to hire a new full-time nurse and also a permanent part-time nurse. Unfortunately, there seems to be a shortage of nurses across the board but the Borough recently received a strong application that the Board reviewed, interviewed the candidate and offered her the position.

Vice-President Pfannen stated that Liezl Cruz accepted the position of full-time nurse and is scheduled to start October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Vice-President Pfannen also stated that they are in the final stages of the application process for the part-time position and that should be finalized by the end of the week.

Vice-President Pfannen stated that the two per-diem nurses Liesl Forames and Robyn Epstein have been extremely helpful in continuing to run the Child Health Clinics and the after-school programs.

Mrs. Williams stated that Mr. Fodorko has been helpful in directing our residents to other Health Departments for vaccines that we don't have in stock at this time.

Vice-President Pfannen extended sincere condolences on behalf of the Board to Dr. Quiroz on the passing of her husband. President Cheriyan also offered sincere condolences on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Quiroz thanked the Board for their kind words and grateful for their attendance.

**Publicity**

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

**Liaison To Mayor & Council**

Council President Deauna updated the Board on Borough activities such as but not limited to ground breaking at Twin-Boro Field, the status of the new Borough Hall and the cleanup of selected creeks to avoid flooding. Council President Deauna stated that the marijuana plant application has been approved but wanted to reassure the Board that there would be no selling of marijuana in Bergenfield. Council President Deauna stated that the facility will be a restricted and secure area and the income would help the taxpayers.

**Legislature & Regulatory**

"No report"

**Written Reports of the Department**

President Cheriyan stated that all the written reports were received and reviewed. President Cheriyan suggested that the COVID activity report Mr. Fedorko submits won't be necessary since people are testing at home and not reporting positive results, therefore, the numbers are not accurate. President Cheriyan asked Mrs. Williams to relay the message to Mr. Fedorko and get his feedback. President Cheriyan stated that this graph can be revisited if there's a spike in cases.

Kayla Williams reported that due to personal reasons she was not in the field much this past month but worked behind the scenes. Two other inspectors from Mid-Bergen were in the field on her behalf to conduct inspections on hair salons and barber shops. Kayla stated that she was handling the day-to-day complaints but nothing significant to report.

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried that the Written September 2022 reports of the Department be accepted as written.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A thank you card from Dr. Quiroz to the Health Department staff for their sincere condolences.
2. A thank you card from Ms. August to the Health Department staff thanking them for all their assistance and for their well wishes on her retirement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

"No unfinished business"

**NEW BUSINESS**

"No new business"

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

Kelly Grippo, a past intern with the Bergenfield Health Department is now working at Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission on a State Grant. Ms. Grippo stated that she is available to assist the Health Department with programs we may have coming up such as the Flu Clinic and Covid Booster Clinic at any capacity. President Cheriyan stated that on behalf of the Board he would like to thank Mr. Grippo for all her help in the past while working for the Bergenfield Health Department and for offering to assist us in the future. President Cheriyan stated that Ms. Grippo is a valued employer and the Board appreciates her efforts and will be happy to provide references to enhance her career.

Ms. Grippo thanked the Board.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams  
Registrar of Vital Statistics