

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 Mr. Fedorko and Mrs. Williams

OPEN HEARING

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 Vice-President Pfannen seconded by President Cheriyan and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 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 President Cheriyan and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Tyco	2,976.66
W.B. Mason	208.46

REPORTS

Legal and Finance

No Report.

Medical

No Report.

Personnel

Vice-President Pfannen reported that Liz Cruz is adjusting well in her position as the new public health nurse. Mrs. Forames and Mrs. Epstein have been available to assist Ms. Cruz.

Publicity

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

An article on Monkeypox was posted on the Bergenfield Borough website.

Liaison To Mayor & Council

“No Report”

Legislature & Regulatory

“No report”

Written Reports of the Department

Mr. Fedorko reported that a Flu Clinic was held in Bergenfield in conjunction with Walgreens on October 18th and stated that 40 vaccines were administered, 10 regular flu vaccines and 30 high dose flu vaccines. Mr. Fedorko reported that 30 Moderna COVID vaccines were also administered at the clinic.

A conversation took place whether additional flu vaccines should be ordered but was decided that the demand is not high, therefore, the vaccines we have in stock at this time will be sufficient.

Mr. Fedorko spoke on the Influenza and Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report and stated that the current influenza activity for our area is listed moderate.

Mr. Fedorko stated that recent news reports are stating that respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is “hitting toddlers hard this year” and that infections are spiking. Dr. Quiroz agreed that there is an increase in cases. Newborns and infants are more likely to develop problems since they are immune compromised.

Mr. Fedorko reported that there is an Ebola virus occurring in Uganda with 60 confirmed cases and 44 deaths. Travelers arriving from the area are screened and monitored by the health department for 21 days. There are no cases in Bergenfield.

Mr. Fedorko submitted a pediatric Influenza Mortality graph showing pediatric cases reported to NJDOH. Mr. Fedorko also submitted a U.S. Monkeypox Case Trends reported to CDC which shows a decline in cases.

Mr. Fedorko reported on one COVID related death in Bergenfield on October 5, 2022.

President Cheriyan stated that as of two weeks ago, there has been a decline in cases on all four viruses active at this time. Rotavirus, RSV, Flu and COVID.

Mr. Fedorko stated that Kelley Grippo, a past intern for the Health Department is now an employee at Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission. Mr. Fedorko stated that Kelley is available to attend and speak at any event Bergenfield may have coming up. A short conversation took place regarding “Holiday at the Park” scheduled for December 3rd and possibly setting up a table at that event.

Vice-President Pfannen commented on the nurse’s report submitted by Ms. Cruz. Vice-President stated that she has spoken to Ms. Cruz several times, suggested looking over past reports to give her an idea on what to focus on and was pleased with the report submitted.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

“No correspondence”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

“No unfinished business”

NEW BUSINESS

Salary Ordinance – 1st Reading

Mrs. Williams reported that the salary ordinance needs to be amended to reflect the change of the Salary Range and presented the Board with a copy of the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen, seconded by Dr. Quiros and carried that the 2022 Salary Ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Board of Health of the Borough of Bergenfield on November 8th, 2022 at 7:30pm and at the same time is then ordered to be published according to law; and that said ordinance will be further considered for final passage at the next Board of Health meeting. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such said ordinance.

Mrs. Williams read as follows: (by title only)

CHAPTER 341. SALARIES AND COMPENSATION – 341-1. WAGES ESTABLISHED.
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD FIXING AND DETERMINING THE SALARY AND OTHER COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES CLASSIFIED UNDER CIVIL SERVICE”

On roll call, all members present voted “yes”
Ordinance was adopted.

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Williams reported that the rabies vaccine clinic has been scheduled for Sunday, December 11 from 10am – 1pm.

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 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams
Registrar of Vital Statistics