

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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
- Mrs. Marte- Late

Also, present, Mrs. Delacruz, Mr. Fedorko, Councilman Deauna, Pamela Lesnak, Sue Barker, Kayla Williams

OPEN HEARING

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

MINUTES

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

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

Hackensack Meridian Health-	\$ 3,862.50
Mid-Bergen Regional-	\$ 20,870.00
MGL Forms-	\$ 619.00
Treasure State of NJ-	\$ 85.00
Tyco-	\$ 3,146.66
WB Mason-	\$ 254.70

REPORTS**LEGAL & FINANCE**

Mrs. Marte "Absent"

MEDICAL

Dr. Quiroz mentioned that the public should be informed of the importance of the flu vaccine. Dr Cheriyan mentioned that Covid was increasing. He also mentioned that he has been looking at predictive models and that next month with the Thanksgiving holiday we could be seeing a spike of the new variant.

PERSONNEL

"Progress"

PUBLICITY

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

LIAISON TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Deauna observed a vaccination clinic with Walgreens on September 26, 2023, Councilman Deauna was pleased with the outcome and congratulated the Health Department on doing a great job. Councilman Deauna stated the inauguration of the new building will be tentatively scheduled for December 2023, he stated that currently there is \$11,000,000 dollar surplus in the budget.

LEGISLATURE & REGULATORY

Mr. Cabuhat and Mr. Fedorko will have some input on the Feral Cat Ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE

No "Correspondence"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Cabuhat and Mr. Fedorko will be discussing the Feral Cat ordinance. Mr. Cabuhat and Mr. Fedorko will review the Ordinance and Animal Control Contract regarding the Feral Cats. Mr. Cabuhat mentioned he would like to focus on the population issue of the Feral Cats.

WRITTEN REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Fedorko mentioned he was unable to attend last month's meeting due to a family emergency. Mr. Fedorko discussed vector borne diseases, he stated that there were 4 cases of West Nile virus in Bergen County 2 in mid Bergen, one of which was a fatality. Mr. Fedorko also discussed Airborne diseases flu and covid, he stated that at this time Bergen County is green and measured differently now. Metrics were based on hospital admissions, breakdown by age, and deaths. The report also shows the different variants. Bergenfield's specific data shows that the large spike from two years ago decreased and now cases are in the single digits as of September 30, 2023. Mrs. Pfannen stated that less people are reporting, and Dr. Cheriyan confirmed that there is a gap in testing data as a result of non-reporting home tests. Dr. Cheriyan thanked Mr. Fedorko for working on and securing the Grant of \$35,600 and requested that Councilman Deauna mention this at the next Mayor and Council meeting.

Nurse Liz discussed that the Walgreens flu/covid clinic went well there were 75 people. Mr. Fedorko asked if there was a breakdown of the flu and covid. Liz mentioned she is awaiting covid vaccine data from the pharmacy on how many people took the covid vaccine. Dr. Cheriyan asked if there was an influx of people looking for the new covid vaccine. Nurse Liz stated that the Health Department in conjunction with the Barrier Free Committee held a dance at the High School for children with Disabilities. Nurses Liz, Lisa, and Robin were visiting local area businesses to obtain food donations. Dr. Cheriyan asked Nurse Liz if the RSV vaccine will be available in Bergenfield. Nurse Liz mentioned she will be verifying with state regarding the RSV vaccine.

Kayla Williams mentioned she had a significant number of complaints in the month of September, and she is available to answer any questions regarding her report. No questions were asked at this time.

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded Dr. Quiroz and carried that the September 2023, reports of the Department be accepted as written.

NEW BUSINESS**RESOLUTION TO APPOINT REGISTRAR FOR 3 YEAR TERM**

The Board voted to pass a resolution to appoint Annemarie DeLaCruz as the Registrar of Vital Statistics For the Borough of Bergenfield for a three-year term effective October 1, 2023- October 1, 2026.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Kayla Williams discussed that she went to a Fall seminar that was attended by the State Dept of Health. She mentioned that Ms. Jessica Swiff will be taking over the position of Bill Manley. Ms. Swiff is looking to do standardization of Inspectors as well as specialized Temporary Events. Ms. Williams stated all applications are reviewed thoroughly, much of the information that goes into the application is requested by the event coordinator which then must be submitted by the vendor and that should include but is not limited to the inspection report or satisfactory evaluation placard from their local health department, this is a requirement to ensure that the business is in good standing. If the establishment is operating outside of Bergenfield, they are required to provide a Commissary Agreement. Each vendor is vetted via the application and additional information is usually necessary. Ms. Williams stated that she would like to add additional requirements to the current ordinance. Concern is food safety. Ms. Williams spoke to Ms. Swiff at the State regarding the re-standardization of temporary events since the frustration is for all inspectors not just in the North but also in the South. The State of NJ is currently looking into standardizing applications for all Municipalities

Mrs. DeLaCruz stated that the Nurses will be participating in a coat drive on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at Conlon Hall in conjunction with The Stigma Free Committee.

Dr. Cheriyan inquired about blood pressure screening for young adults and adolescents at the High School. Dr Cheriyan commented on strokes in young adults, and he feels that this screening is very important. Dr. Quiroz mentioned that all students are required to submit a physical exam prior to attending school. Dr Cheriyan also suggested diabetes testing for high schoolers, he inquired about the funding for this type of program. Mr. Fedorko commented that diabetes testing is harder since it involves bloodwork. Dr. Cheriyan stated that this test would be a simple SPT (skin prick test) this screening is more complicated since disclosures and parental permission would be required prior to testing. Nurse Liz stated she agrees that the testing should be done, and she will follow up with Dr. Tully at their meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Mr. Cabuhat and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

AnneMarie DeLaCruz
Registrar of Vital Statistics