

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

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
Mr. Gerundo-Absent
Mrs. Marte

Also, present AnneMarie DelaCruz, Liz Cruz, Mr. Fedorko, Kayla Williams, Sue Barker, Pam Lesnak, Val Buchmann rep from "CLAWS"

OPEN HEARINGS

Val Buchmann, a representative from CLAWS was present at the meeting and elaborated on how their organization deals with the feral cat problems in all towns including Bergenfield. She understands that Bergenfield contracts with Tyco. She stated that herself and Donna have both worked with Mr. Cabuhat in the past. Vice- President Pfannen mentioned that people were afraid to call Tyco because they think Tyco euthanized the animals. Kayla stated that there are stray cats, and that her first recommendation is to call Tyco, but she goes out to the property and finds out if they are being fed. She said that the cats don't get trapped since people are feeding the cats. Mr. Cabuhat asked Kayla what the point is of stopping people feeding the cats and asked her if it is the best way to stop the over-population of cats. Kayla explained that the solution is not to feed the cats but that the problem is trapping the cats. Mr. Cabuhat asked why the TNR program is accepted in other towns and the Bergenfield community has a different opinion. Mr. Cabuhat stated that the problem needs to be solved in a humane way. Vice- President Pfannen stated that the TNR program requires a cat colony to be established and that presents other problems. Mr. Fedorko asked Mr. Cabuhat if he wanted to have a TNR Program established in Bergenfield and asked how effective it would be if CLAWS cannot take the animals and inquired on how the neutering will be paid for and where the cats will be released. Mr. Cabuhat inquired about the 35 cats that were trapped by Tyco. Kayla mentioned that the cats get adopted out by Tyco not euthanized.

Mr. Fedorko discussed how the neutering of the cats will be paid for, he stated that the town would be responsible to pay at least \$10,000 for the neutering of the cats to a TNR agency. Mr. Fedorko asked President Cheriyan to continue with the meeting and President Cheriyan believed that this matter should be discussed at a later date after the issues of funding and what the town will decide on the future of the neutered cats.

President Cheriyan thanked the representative from CLAWS for attending the meeting.

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

MINUTES

President Cheriyan thanked Annemarie for the minutes. A motion was made by Mrs. Marte and seconded by Vice- President Pfannen and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of May 2024 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 Vice-President Pfannen and seconded by Mr. Cabuhat and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Bauer’s Sport Shop -	\$	448.00
Cooper Pest Solutions -	\$	1, 097.25
McKesson Medical-	\$	798.95
McKesson Medical-	\$	2,037.33
NJ Local Board of Health	\$	95.00
WB Mason	\$	234.56 *
WB Mason	\$	178.36 *

REPORTS

Legal and Finance

No Report

Medical

No Report due to the absence of Mr. Gerundo

Personnel

“No Report”

Publicity

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

Liaison To Mayor & Council

Councilman Deauna mentioned that there is a minor problem with the cats. Councilman Deauna also stated that an Ordinance for additional parking requirement has been proposed and if approved residents will be able to extend their driveway to accommodate additional parking. The Old Nissan building along West Church Street will be approved for re-development. There is a delay in the dredging of Coopers Pond since the Grant for \$7000.00 was insufficient.

Legislature & Regulatory

“No Report”

Written Reports of the Department

President Cheriyan mentioned that the guidelines for screening for colorectal cancer have changed. The new age for screening is 45 years since the rates are increasing for those under 50. Mr. Fedorko mentioned that Kelly Grippo our Health Educator and Liz can work together to promote Health Awareness for Colorectal Cancer. Liz mentioned that Bergen County has colon screening, and she will get in touch with the nurse in charge and how to make it available for the residents of Bergenfield. Mr. Fedorko stated that influenza and RSV are at low levels. He also mentioned that there was only one case of measles in NJ for 2024. President Cheriyan mentioned that the vaccination rate for Measles is very high and that is the reason for the low case rate. Vice-President Pfannen inquired if processed food is the cause of colorectal cancer in younger people. President Cheriyan confirmed that processed and fried food could be a factor which has not been proven. President Cheriyan explained that even excessive antibiotics could be the cause of colorectal cancer.

President Cheriyan asked Kayla if she had anything to report. Kayla mentioned that food licenses were mailed out. She mentioned the Memorial Day Parade and Family Fun Day will be on June 9, 2024. Kayla stated that only 2 food vendors have registered for Family Fun Day. President Cheriyan, asked about the delivery of milk but Kayla mentioned that it does not happen anymore, but the Ordinance needs to be updated. Nurse Liz mentioned that there was a good turnout for Zumba and Line Dancing. She mentioned that school audits for daycare, elementary and high school are almost completed. She mentioned a meeting at Somerset County regarding the VFC program and asked for permission for Robin and her to attend. She also mentioned that they need two nurses on site for the Police Youth Academy from August 12th to 16th since there will be 50 students from Middle School. President Cheriyan asked if the WIC program is funded by the Borough, Mrs. Delacruz stated that it is a federally funded program.

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Mr. Cabuhat, and carried that the written May 2024 Reports of the Department, be accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Nothing to Report”

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Delacruz mentioned that the Food License Ordinance has been edited by the Attorneys office and once the edits are approved by the board the ordinance can be finalized at next month's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution on 2024 WIC dates was passed.

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Dela Cruz mentioned that there is an influx of marriage amendments. She mentioned that she spoke with other towns, and they all charge for amendments. She stated that she would like to charge \$15.00 for amendments that are needed as a result of the applicant's errors. President Cheriyan stated this was fair and it can be discussed at the September Board Meeting. Mrs. DeLaCruz mentioned the issue with the printer, she stated that it was storing vital information on the hard drive. President Cheriyan, and the Board agreed this was not good and all preventive measures needed to be taken.

President Cheriyan thanked everyone for attending and asked for a motion to adjourn the 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 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Annemarie DelaCruz
Registrar of Vital Statistics*