

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-Absent  
Mrs. Marte-Absent

Also present Mr. Yanovich, Mr. Fedorko and Mrs. Williams.  
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 August 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.

Mid-Bergen	18,355.00
McKesson	245.24
Cooper	235.00
F. Williams	127.86

### REPORTS

#### Legal and Finance

“Progress”

#### Medical

No Report due to the absence of Dr. Quiroz.

**Personnel**

President Cheriyan stated that the Board would like to discuss Ms. Kayla Williams's hours with Mr. Fedorko; the new Health Officer for Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at the next Board of Health meeting.

**Publicity**

The following articles were posted on the Borough Website:

1. Health Advisory: Help Prevent Heat-Related Illness and Death Among People Most At Risk of Heat –Related Health Impacts.
2. NJDOH Public Health Recommendations for K-12 Schools – 2021-2022 School Year.
3. COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools.
4. Public Health Recommendations for Implementing COVID-19 Screening Testing in K-12 Schools.

**Liaison To Mayor & Council**

Mrs. Pfannen reported "Progress"

**Legislature & Regulatory**

"Progress"

**Written Reports of the Department**

Mr. Yanovich reported that vaccination rate as of last week shows 86% of Bergenfield residents over 18 years of age are completely vaccinated. The State vaccination rate for persons over 18 is 71%. 99% of positive COVID cases are from the Delta variant in the State.

Mr. Yanovich spoke on the third dose of the vaccine approved for people with "moderate to severe" immunocompromised condition, or for those taking immunosuppressive medication or treatments. Mr. Yanovich also stated that a booster dose is expected to start at the end of September for those who completed their primary course between January-March.

A voluntary school testing program that is being funded in the amount of \$260 million from the CDC will allow school districts to test both students with parental consent, and staff once a week. This program is expected to reduce in-school infections by about 50%.

The NJDOH Communicable Disease Service's updated K-12 school guidance is available on their website. Some key points include: Screening: How and when home testing can be applied. Outbreak definition: three or more cases epidemiologically linked, not from same household, and not identified as close contacts in another setting. Close contact definition: indoors excludes children who were within 3-6 feet of a case whereby both infected student and exposed student(s) wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This does not apply to teachers.

Mr. Yanovich stated that there has been a lot of mosquito activity due to the wet summer. There has been some West Nile activity but no human cases in our area. A team from the CDC will be visiting New Jersey in September in order to coordinate with the Communicable Disease Service and Mosquito control agencies in order to evaluate the existing Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) surveillance program. New patterns of EEE have been noted in the past few years, with a trending pattern to the Northern part of the State forecasted.

Mr. Yanovich stated that he will be retiring effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Mr. Yanovich expressed his thanks for the mutual satisfying relationship between himself and the Board of Health. He stated it was a pleasure working with Bergenfield. The Board expressed their thanks to Mr. Yanovich for the great services he provided and wished him well on his retirement. Mr. Yanovich introduced Jim Fedorco, current Health Office in Englewood who will be the new Health Officer for Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission. Mr. Fedorco has been with Englewood for the last eight years, very involved with many organizations and is looking forward to working with Bergenfield. Mr. Fedorco introduced himself and stated he was looking forward to working with the Borough of Bergenfield. Mr. Fedorco stated he has met several Board Members, Felicia Williams and has worked with Patricia August on several programs. He is looking forward to meeting everyone else. Mr. Fedorco will start with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission effective October 1, 2021.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Mr. Cabuhat and carried that the written August 2021 reports of the Department be accepted as written.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A thank you note was sent to Mrs. Williams for assisting a couple on their marriage license.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No "Unfinished Business"

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Certificate of Appreciation – Volunteers/Interns**

President Cheriyan recommended presenting the Volunteers/Interns that have assisted the Health Department through this pandemic with a Certificate of Appreciation. On behalf of Ms. August who was not able to attend the meeting, Mrs. Williams reported that Ms. August agreed with President Cheriyan's recommendation and will look into setting it up.

### **VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Cabuhat inquired on the status of Ms. August setting up a presentation at the school to educate the parents and address their concerns. Ms. Williams responded that Ms. August has been in constant communication with Superintendent Tully but isn't sure if a date has been scheduled at this time. President Cheriyan stated that an email went out from Ms. August stating that she is working on a date with Superintendent Tully. Mrs. Williams stated she would ask Ms. August to email the Board with an update.

A discussion took place regarding the Booster vaccine and what population qualifies. Vice-President Pfannen stated that Clinics were tentatively scheduled, Ms. August is waiting on vaccine authorization from the State to move forward.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Pfannen Seconded by Mr. Cabuhat and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams  
Registrar of Vital Statistics