

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

President Cheriyan welcomed James Fedorko, Health Officer replacing Sam Yanovich at Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission.

Also present Mr. Fedorko, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Kayla Williams, Ms. August & Mrs. DeLaCruz. 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 Mrs. Marte and carried the time for Open Hearings was closed.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Mrs. Marte and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of September 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 Mrs. Marte and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Tyco	3,216.66
Tyco	2,916.66
P. August	700.00

**REPORTS**

**Legal and Finance**

“Progress”

**Medical**

No Report due to the absence of Dr. Quiroz.

**Personnel**

“Progress”

**Publicity**

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

**Liaison To Mayor & Council**

Mrs. Pfannen reported “Progress”. Councilman Deauna reported that the Health Department is doing a great job, especially during these trying times.

**Legislature & Regulatory**

“Progress”

**Written Reports of the Department**

Mr. Fedorko thanked the Board for volunteering their time to serve on the Board of Health. Mr. Fedorko stated that an active Board such as the Bergenfield Board of Health is critical in maintaining public health in their respective town.

Mr. Fedorko stated that moving forward, he would like to have conversations with the Board and discuss where they feel his focus should be and where the public health assets should be directed. He will conduct a survey on communicable diseases and discuss with the Board how to allocate the resources.

Mr. Fedorko reported on a review he conducted of confirmed COVID-19 positive cases in Bergenfield. He reported on how many positive cases were vaccinated/unvaccinated, what vaccine was administered and the age group of the COVID-19 related deaths. Mr. Fedorko spoke on Bergen County, Municipality and State vaccination rates by age group and stated that he will be providing the Board with this data on a regular basis.

Mr. Fedorko also reported that before Mr. Yanovich retired, he wrote and was awarded a grant that will help local health departments for costs incurring throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Bergenfield was allocated \$12,846 and he expects the Borough of Bergenfield will receive half of the amount before the end of the year.

Mr. Fedorko reported that Mosquito borne illness and activity has trended above the five year average in New Jersey throughout 2021. During the month of October, the activity level has dropped significantly and below the five year average.

President Cheriyan stated that on behalf of the Board he wanted to thank Mr. Yanovich for his efforts in obtaining the Grant. The Health Department will determine what the needs are and the best way to utilize the Grant money. President Cheriyan also thanked Mr. Fedorko for his efforts.

Councilman Deauna welcomed James Fedorko and extended his thanks to Mr. Yanovich for securing the Grant. Councilman Deauna stated that he is looking forward to meeting with Mr. Fedorko and looking forward to working with him.

Ms. August reported that she has 270 doses of Moderna vaccine and ready to administer the vaccine to the general public as soon as the CDC approves the third dose (booster). The vaccine is due to expire on October 27<sup>th</sup>, Ms. August hopes it will be approved before then so the vaccine can be utilized. Ms. August also stated that she has administered the third dose to several immunocompromised residents.

Ms. August stated that she received 100 doses of the Flu vaccine and has scheduled October 14<sup>th</sup> for the Borough employees and the Library employees to receive the vaccine and stated that several residents who have no insurance have been vaccinated.

President Cheriyan spoke on the COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 year olds and reported that Phase 1 and Phase 2 are promising and expects the vaccine to be approved by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Kayla Williams reported that she received a complaint regarding dead birds near one of the establishments in town. Upon inspecting the location, she observed 8-10 dead birds. She contacted the State and they informed her that earlier in the season there was an ocular viral disease outbreak that was killing songbirds. The State was no longer testing birds at this time and advised the establishment to double bag the birds and discard them in regular trash.

Kayla Williams reported that a Bergenfield food establishment that the Health Department has consistently received complaints about recently passed inspection after meeting all requirements. Since then, another complaint was received regarding expired foods on the shelf. Summonses were issued and a lengthy discussion took place on how to move forward with the establishment to ensure the safety of the public.

Kayla Williams reported on several establishments in town that are still closed due to water damage from Hurricane Ida. Kayla is monitoring these establishments along with the building department and fire department. Kayla will inspect these establishments before re-opening.

Kayla also reported that she received complaints regarding establishments in town selling flavored-vapes. Flavored-vapes are prohibited per State Legislation. Upon investigating these establishments, it was confirmed and she observed the destruction of the product on premises. Kayla also stated that it has been a second offense for a couple of the establishments and on third offense, it would be a \$2,000 fine and their tobacco license will be revoked. Kayla also stated that the establishments were made aware of this legislation when it was passed in March of 2020 and have been constantly reminded since then.

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

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter was sent by Ms. August to the "Students of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Living". Ms. August thanked them for their donation of the Felt Monsters. Ms. August stated they are given to children at the clinic who appreciate them very much.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

At the request of President Cheriyan, Mrs. Williams stated that she is working with Ms. August on presenting the Volunteers/Interns who have assisted the Health Department with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Ms. August stated that she has interns available at this time to assist with the COVID-19 clinic/Flu clinic as soon as she is able to schedule a clinic.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No “New Business”

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Marte seconded by Mrs. Pfannen and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams  
Registrar of Vital Statistics