

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, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Kayla Williams, Councilman Deauna, Mrs. DeLaCruz, Christine Flanagan and guests.

OPEN HEARING

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

MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried that the Minutes of the regular and reorganization meeting of January 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	3,156.66
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Rothenberg, N	2,500.00
Stericycle, Inc.	924.00
W.B. Mason	261.46
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REPORTS

Legal and Finance

Vice-President Pfannen reported that she submitted the Board of Health employees 2022 salary proposal to Mr. Gallo, Board Members as well as Councilman Deauna for review.

Medical

A short discussion took place regarding masks and facial covering no longer being mandated effective March 7th, 2022.

Personnel

Vice-President Pfannen introduced Christine Flanagan, the new permanent part-time nurse. Vice-President Pfannen stated that Ms. Flanagan's position will be finalized at the Mayor & Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 15th, 2022.

Vice-President Pfannen asked Mr. Fedorko if he can provide a nurse to assist Ms. Flanagan in getting acclimated since Ms. August is still not available. Mr. Fedorko stated that he will contact Vice-President Pfannen and make a plan for next week.

Everyone welcomed Christine and wished her luck. Ms. Flanagan stated she is excited to learn public health and looks forward to incorporate her experience to the community.

Publicity

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

Liaison To Mayor & Council

Councilman Deauna congratulated Vice-President Pfannen on her re-appointment to the Board. Councilman Deauna welcomed Christine Flanagan to the Board of Health as the new Permanent Part-time nurse and stated he was pleased at the performance of the Health Department especially during the Pandemic.

Councilman Deauna spoke on the marijuana ordinance. Councilman Deauna stated that just because the council approved the introduction, it doesn't mean it is going to happen. Councilman Deauna stated that the facility would be highly secured and the income would help the taxpayers.

Dr. Quiroz stated that marijuana should be only for medicinal purpose and President Cheriyan stated that if the Mayor & Council wants any input from the Board on the pros and cons, they would be happy to contribute.

Legislature & Regulatory

No report

Written Reports of the Department

Mr. Fedorko stated that his January report was primarily COVID-19 statistics. The number of COVID-19 related deaths of people vaccinated vs. unvaccinated, hospital admissions and new COVID-19 confirmed cases in Bergenfield. Mr. Fedorko also stated that the majority of people that died from COVID-19 were people with underlying medical conditions.

Ms. Kayla Williams reported that at the request of President Cheriyan on behalf of Councilman Marte, she researched indoor & outdoor smoking legislation and the legal aspects. President Cheriyan stated he would review the information and have a conversation with Councilman Marte.

Ms. Kayla Williams reported that inspections were conducted this month focusing on establishments with repeat violations and informed them moving forward to display placards in a public location such as the window or door.

Ms. Kayla Williams reported on the establishment in town that has been a constant problem. Ms. Kayla Williams stated that her chief inspector inspected the establishment, observed and wrote several pages of violations that included expired goods resulting in him receiving another conditional satisfactory.

Ms. Kayla Williams stated that the owner was given a Notice for repeat violations stating that if any of the violations were observed moving forward, a suggestion would be made to the Board of Health for suspension of his license.

Vice-President Pfannen stated that she read Ms. Kayla Williams' summary report on the establishment and that the same violations occurred in 2018 even after his license had been revoked. Another concern was the understanding that he conducts weekend catering and that a visit to the establishment on a Monday should be conducted. Ms. Kayla Williams stated that she doesn't believe he is still catering at the capacity he was in 2018. The Board requested to be kept updated.

President Cheriyan thanked Ms. Kayla Williams for providing the Board with a timeline of the violations and stated that the owner has been given many opportunities to comply but still continues to receive violations. President Cheriyan stated that Bergenfield is a business-friendly town and always wants businesses to succeed but there have been too many repeat violations on this establishment and feels that based on his history and lack of compliance, a firm decision needs to be made going forward to ensure the safety of the public.

A conversation took place regarding the process to revoke or suspend his license. Ms. Kayla Williams stated that Mr. Fedorko will speak to the Borough Attorney.

President Cheriyan thanked Felicia for regularly providing the Board with the Influenza & Respiratory Illness Surveillance Report as well as the Covid-19 Variant Surveillance Report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. An email from a Bergenfield resident thanking Annemarie DeLaCruz, Deputy Registrar/Social Service Coordinator for all her efforts in assisting her family during these difficult times.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Cosmetology Ordinance – Second Reading

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded Dr. Quiroz and carried that the Cosmetology Ordinance be read for the second and final reading by title only.

ORDINANCE 22-003 – AN ORDINANCE TO SUPERSEDE AND PRE-EMPT THE CURRENT CHAPTER 312-COSMETOLOGY ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE HAIR SALONS/BARBER SHOPS.

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried that the time for hearing be opened. There being no one present who wished to be heard, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried the time for hearings was closed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Borough of Bergenfield that the aforesaid ordinance be and the same is hereby passed on second reading and adopted and that the Secretary of the Board of Health be authorized to advertise in The Record, a newspaper in this county, the passage of said ordinance as required by title only.
On roll call, all members present voted "yes". Ordinance was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

"No new business"

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Vice-President Pfannen asked Ms. Kayla Williams the status of the Nail Salons and Day Care inspections and licensing. Ms. Kayla Williams responded that we received a few licenses this year from the nail salons and day cares and will be sending out reminders shortly. Ms. Kayla Williams will be sending out notices to all hair salons and barber shops to inform them of the new Cosmetology Ordinance and will be conducting inspections moving forward.

Mrs. Williams reported that as previously mentioned, a grant was awarded to Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission from the State to help local health departments for costs incurred throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mrs. Williams stated that the Borough received the first installment of the money allocated to Bergenfield in the amount of \$3,211.50.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Dr. Quiroz seconded by Vice-President Pfannen and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams
Registrar of Vital Statistics