

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
- Dr. Quiroz-Arrived at 7:35pm
- Mrs. Marte-Arrived at 7:40pm

Also present Council President Deauna, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Kayla Williams and Ms. August. Mrs. Williams apologized on behalf of Mr. Fedorko for not being able to attend the meeting this evening.

**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 Vice-President Pfannen and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 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 Dr. Quiroz and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Tyco	2,916.66
..... Cooper Pest Control	1,097.25
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Scott Graphics	150.00

**REPORTS**

**Legal and Finance**

No Report

**Medical**

No Report

**Personnel**

Vice-President Pfannen reported that two resumes were received for the permanent part-time Public Health Nurse position that are being reviewed. There is also a third candidate they are speaking to. Vice-President Pfannen also stated that the position should be posted. Mrs. Williams stated that it is still posted on the New Jersey State League of Municipality Website and will check to see if it's still on the Borough Website.

**Publicity**

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

**Liaison To Mayor & Council**

Council President Deauna reported on the progress of the new Borough Hall. Council President Deauna stated that a ground breaking ceremony was held and well attended. The new Bergenfield Municipal Complex is expected to be completed in approximately 18 months.

Council President Deauna stated he was aware that the owner of APNA Bazaar had passed away and that the owner's brother is involved with the establishment.

**Legislature & Regulatory**

Progress

**Written Reports of the Department**

Kayla Williams reported on the plastic bag ban effective May 4, 2022. President Cheriyan asked Ms. Kayla Williams if there was a plan for APNA Bazaar at this time. Kayla responded that at this time the establishment is in transition, she met with the potential new owner and referred him to the building department for what he needs to do to move forward.

Vice-President Pfannen asked Kayla how the nail salon inspections were going. Kayla responded that Sal, another REHS from Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission has been conducting the inspections and reporting back to Kayla. The informal inspections that Kayla conducted last year were helpful in preparing the Nail Salons for the formal inspection this year. Kayla stated that there were some issues with a few salons and will re-visit to assure they are in compliance.

Vice-President Pfannen asked Kayla about the hair salon/barber shop inspections. Kayla responded that those establishments will have preliminary inspections starting in June. They were given a 90-day notice from the passing of the ordinance.

President Cheriyan spoke on the increased COVID-19 cases in Bergenfield as well as in the entire state of New Jersey. President Cheriyan stated that although cases are increasing, the death rate and hospitalization is not. President Cheriyan stated that people are reluctant to receive the booster vaccine but feels it is important to do so especially with the warmer weather and with people traveling. President Cheriyan also stated that he anticipates the CDC will recommend vaccines for younger children possibly by next week. Mr. Cabuhat stated that he believes masks should still be worn to reduce the risk of transmission. A short conversation took place regarding the effectiveness of different types of masks.

Ms. August reported that it's a very busy time right now and being short a nurse is extremely challenging. President Cheriyan asked Ms. August if she had an opportunity to speak to any of the candidates applying for the nurse's position. Ms. August stated that one of the candidates has volunteered

in the baby keep well clinic and seems well-qualified, responsible and would need little training. Ms. August stated that the afore mentioned candidate also applied for a position in another town and is waiting to hear.

Ms. August stated that she is participating in many events for the Mayor's Wellness Challenge and wishes she had more time to allow her to do more.

Ms. August reported that she received Covid-19 booster vaccines and scheduled a COVID clinic for May 24<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm at Conlon Hall. Ms. August is hoping to have some nursing students from Jersey College to assist with the clinic along with per-diem nurses. Ms. August stated that she vaccinated several home-bound residents and scheduled another day for the rest of the home-bound residents requesting the vaccine.

Ms. August also reported that she is preparing for a State vaccine audit that will take place on June 20th. President Cheriyan stated that it's important for Ms. August to get the assistance she needs and highly recommends utilizing the per-diem pool or possibly hire an intern to assist her in any capacity. After a brief discussion, it was the decision of the Board to hire and pay an intern for the summer to assist Ms. August. It was also the decision of the Board to speed up the process to hire a permanent part-time nurse.

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Mr. Cabuhat and carried that the written April 2022 reports of the Department be accepted as written.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A "Happy Nurse's Day" card was sent to Ms. August from a Bergenfield couple.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. Budget 2022**

Nothing to report at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

"No new business"

### **VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Marte seconded by Vice-President Pfannen and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams  
Registrar of Vital Statistics