

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
- Mrs. Marte-Absent

Also, present Mr. Fedorko, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. DeLaCruz

**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 Vice-President Pfannen seconded by Mr. Cabuhat and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of November 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 Mr. Cabuhat, seconded by Vice-President Pfannen and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Tyco	2,976.66
Munidex	671.00
MGL	594.00
Scott Graphics	275.00
R.R. Donnelley	207.75
McKesson Medical	176.50
R.R. Donnelley	85.90
North Jersey Media Group	32.4

**REPORTS**

**Legal and Finance**

No Report due to the absence of Mrs. Marte.

**Medical**

Dr. Quiroz stated there was nothing to report.

**Personnel**

Vice-President Pfannen stated there was nothing to report.

**Publicity**

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

The Rabies Clinic scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> was advertised.

A conversation took place regarding the outcome of the clinic since it was moved from January to December. Mrs. Williams stated that the number of vaccines administered were lower this year than past years but that could be for various reasons. As residents register their pets this January, we will make them aware that moving forward, the rabies clinic will be held in November as opposed to January. DPW was extremely helpful in coordinating the paths for the cars to drive in and exit without a problem due to the construction going on at this time.

**Liaison To Mayor & Council**

“No Report”

**Legislature & Regulatory**

Mr. Cabuhat stated there was nothing to report.

**Written Reports of the Department**

Mr. Fedorko reported on the current influenza activity for our area. Mr. Fedorko stated our area is listed High. The number of new influenza cases remains elevated in our area and throughout the State of New Jersey. One severe case of pediatric influenza (Type 2009 H1N1) occurred in Mid-Bergen’s jurisdiction but fortunately no deaths have been reported.

Mr. Fedorko reported that RSV started earlier this year than in the previous five years. However, the number of new RSV cases began decreasing in mid-November. The percent positive is not as high as in 2017 and 2018.

Mr. Fedorko reported that COVID activity level report published on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for our general area is listed HIGH. However, Bergenfield is listed as having Moderate (Yellow) COVID disease transmission levels. Bergenfield has a 14% bivalent COVID booster rate.

President Cheriyan stated that it’s possible in the future that one vaccine will be administered for both Flu and COVID. Something that Pfizer is working on.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

“No correspondence”

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS****Salary Ordinance - Second Reading**

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

**CHAPTER 341. SALARIES AND COMPENSATION – 341-1. WAGES ESTABLISHED.  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED, “AN  
ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD  
FIXING AND DETERMINING THE SALARY AND OTHER COMPENSATION OF THE  
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES CLASSIFIED UNDER CIVIL SERVICE”**

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 person present who wished to be heard, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Mr. Cabuhat 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 December 13, 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS****Contracts 2023**

Mrs. Williams reported that the yearly contracts for 2023 are being submitted to the Health Department. Mrs. Williams requested permission from President Cheriyan to sign them on his behalf unless there is a significant change from 2022. President Cheriyan agreed.

Mrs. Williams submitted the 2023 contract for shared services between Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission and the Borough of Bergenfield to the Board for review. After a brief discussion, it was the decision of the Board to renew the contract as presented.

A conversation took place regarding the on-going inspections of the nail salons/hair salons and barber shops.

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

Mrs. Williams reported that the Health Department set up a table at the “Holiday at the Park” event held at Cooper’s Pond on 12/4/022 as Mr. Fedorko suggested. Kelley Grippo and Kayla Williams conducted the event and reported it was a huge success. They provided the residents with health-related information as well as give some give-a-ways to the kids.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams  
Registrar of Vital Statistics