

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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 Mrs. Williams, Mrs. DeLaCruz and guest speaker Sarah Bombino.  
Arrived late: Kayla Williams, Sue Barker and Liz Cruz

**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 Mr. Cabuhat, seconded by Vice-President Pfannen and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of April 2023 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.

Mid-Bergen	20,870.00
Tyco	2,966.66
Scott Graphics	285.00

**REPORTS**

**Legal and Finance**

No Report due to the absence of Mrs. Marte

**Medical**

Dr. Quiroz reported that COVID-19 is at its lowest. Dr. Quiroz also reported that COVID-19 was the 4<sup>th</sup> cause of death in 2022.

**Personnel**

“Progress”

**Publicity**

The Board of Health meeting was advertised on the Bergenfield Website, The Record and Cablevision. President Cheriyan asked if we were able to post the Board Meeting on the Bergenfield Website since there was a problem last month. Mrs. Williams replied that we were able to post our May meeting with no problem.

**Liaison To Mayor & Council**

Vice-President Pfannen stated there was nothing to report.

**Legislature & Regulatory**

Mr. Cabuhat stated that he would like to revisit the Animal Control Contract for 2024. He would like to research a no-kill shelter. Mrs. Williams replied that she did some research and unfortunately, there aren't many “no-kill shelters” but will research further and report back. Mr. Cabuhat stated he also did some research and will forward Mrs. Williams any information he has.

A conversation took place regarding different ways of handling stray cats and dogs in town if owners are not found.

Mrs. Williams reported that Mid-Bergen received a grant in the amount of 1.5 million dollars. Mr. Fedorko stated that if approved after submitting all required information, \$20,000 can be given to each town to be used towards Animal Control Contract.

**Written Reports of the Department**

Ms. Barker reported that a “notice of violation” was sent to all unlicensed Nail Salons, Hair Salons and Barber Shops. Unfortunately, not all salons replied to the notice, therefore, summonses were issued to those who failed to license. Ms. Barker stated that at this time, we know the status of every nail salon, hair salon and barbershop in town and everyone is on a path to be licensed. The Board agreed that sufficient time was given for all salons to comply.

President Cheriyan asked Ms. Cruz if there's an increase in TB cases to which Ms. Cruz replied that there is not. Ms. Cruz stated there are no active TB cases in Bergenfield.

Vice-President Pfannen asked about the Child Health Clinic and Ms. Cruz replied that the clinic was moved from 4pm to 10am and it went smoothly. Ms. Cruz also stated that the move to the new building may impact the August Child Health Clinic but will make sure to accommodate the kids before school starts in September.

Ms. Cruz reported that she attended the Mayors Wellness Campaign Launch at Conlon Hall on April 22, 2023. Ms. Cruz stated that there was a large turnout, both Kayla Williams and Kelley Grippo attended and were a great help.

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Dr. Quiroz and carried those the written April 2023 reports of the Department be accepted as written.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. Williams sent an email to the Board of Health and Mayor & Council thanking them for their kindness and support on the passing of her mom.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No "Unfinished Business"

**NEW BUSINESS**

No "New Business"

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

Vice-President Pfannen stated that she would like to revisit the Pet Shop Ordinance. There was an Ordinance drafted back in 2016 by the Health Officer at the time but was never passed. The State was working on a Pet Shop Ordinance that encompassed what we wanted and decided to wait on the State Ordinance.

President Cheriyan asked what the status of the new building is. Mrs. Williams replied that according to Mr. Gallo; Borough Administrator, we're still on target to move mid to end of August.

President Cheriyan turned the floor to guest speaker Sarah Bombino; Public Health Planner for the Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission. Ms. Bombino explained the goals for the Health Department pertaining to the enhancing local public health infrastructure grant. Ms. Bombino stated that the goal is to enhance programming, reinstate programming in agencies and ultimately create better health outcomes for the community.

Ms. Bombino stated that based on the most current community health needs assessment, the areas of focus tend to be mental health behavioral health issues and chronic disease management. Her recommendations is to enhance programs in those areas. Some ideas include but not limited to Narcan distribution plan, Narcan training and school health programs in the fall with health educators. Ms. Bombino thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak and is looking forward to working with Bergenfield.

The Board thanked Ms. Bombino and appreciate all input from her especially regarding the current overdose problem. Ms. Cruz stated that Bergenfield is in fact a distributor of Narcan at this time and will coordinate with Ms. Bombino to possibly implement the Fentanyl test kit as well. President Cheriyan stated that it's important that we let the public know what is available to them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Felicia Williams  
Registrar of Vital Statistics