

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM

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 in compliance with the "The Open Public Meetings Act". It was placed on one Bulletin board in the Municipal Building and placed on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

**ROLL CALL**

- Dr. Cheriyan
- Mrs. Pfannen
- Mr. Cabuhat- **Absent**
- Mr. Gerundo
- Mrs. Marte-

Also, present AnneMarie DelaCruz, Liz Cruz, Mr. Fedorko, Sue Barker, Pam Lesnak, Councilman Deauna.

**OPEN HEARINGS.**

President Cheriyan asked Ms. Stanton and Mrs. Landon if they had anything to share or bring to the attention of the Board. President Cheriyan stated that Ms. Stanton had expressed issues regarding pickle ball at the previous meetings, President Cheriyan asked Mr. Fedorko to provide an update on the pickle ball issue. Mr. Fedorko confirmed that he went to the locations on two occasions with the noise meter and he did not find any violations to the rules of pickle ball. Mr Fedorko stated that he will submit his final report to the Board.

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

**MINUTES**

President Cheriyan thanked Annemarie for the minutes. A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Mrs. Marte, and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting of June 2024 be accepted as written.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Mrs. Delacruz stated that on behalf of President Cheriyan, Purchase Orders have been signed by Mrs. Delacruz and submitted. A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Mrs. Marte and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Amazon Services -	\$	323.37
Amazon Service -	\$	211.16
McKesson Medical-	\$	16.50
McKesson Medical-	\$	660.69
Madharshini DeLaCruz	\$	127.86
Tyco	\$	3,086.66
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WB Mason	\$	97.99

**REPORTS****Legal and Finance**

“No Report”

**Medical**

“ No Report”

**Personnel**

“No Report”

**Publicity**

The Board of Health meeting was advertised on the Bergenfield Website, The Record and Cablevision. Mrs. DeLaCruz stated that the Amendment to the Ordinance #24-002 was published in the Bergen Record.

**Liaison To Mayor & Council**

Councilman Deauna updated the Board on the demolition of the old building. Councilman Deauna stated that the project should be completed by the Spring of 2025.

**Legislature & Regulatory**

“No Report”

**Written Reports of the Department**

Mr. Fedorko hoped everyone had a good summer. Mr. Fedorko thanked Mrs. Pfannen for volunteering additional time to be a Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission Board Member. Mr. Fedorko stated that her attendance meets the requirement for Bergenfield to be part of the Mid-Bergen Regional Commission voting. Mr. Fedorko discussed HARP, which is run by Hackensack Hospital and will no longer be providing the services of public Health Nursing and Education. The program which covers 22 towns in Bergen County will be ending and it affects 10 of the Mid Bergen’s towns one of which is Bergenfield because they have a contract with HARP. The last day for HARP will be December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the plan right now is that Mid Bergen will pick up the Health Education for Bergenfield and Holy Name Hospital will provide public health supervision. Nurse Liz does the CDRSS case investigation and Nurse Liz and Robin do the school audits for Bergenfield. Valley Hospital refused and Holy Name took on a few towns. The contract with HARP for Bergenfield is \$5,250 annually.

Mr. Fedorko mentioned that there were no West Nile virus cases in Bergenfield, however there were cases in Wallington and Garfield. The two patients were 79 and 84 years old and were hospitalized. The patients had not travelled and were bitten in the backyard of their home. Mr. Fedorko stated that Dr. Fauci was hospitalized from West Nile Virus, and confirmed he was bitten in his backyard. Mr. Fedorko stated that the Bergen County mosquito control will be spraying within a ½ mile radius around the persons home. No dengue cases were reported, Mr. Fedorko referred to his 10-page report. Mr. Fedorko stated that Mrs. DeLaCruz sent him an article which stated that covid cases are high in 42 states and he discussed this in detail. He also mentioned that Mrs. DeLaCruz mentioned there was a covid death of a man in his late 70's. President Cheriyan thanked Mr. Fedorko and the staff. President Cheriyan briefly, mentioned the disparity in the wastewater sampling of sewage and clinical reports for covid. Vice-President Pfannen stated that she and her husband got covid at the beginning of August and it was not good.

Nurse Liz discussed her report and updated the Board on the upcoming Flu / Covid Clinic and on the influx of students coming from the school's for vaccines. Nurse Liz stated Dr. Rothenberg would like to have one additional clinic per month. Mr. Fedorko stated there will be a voucher program for the uninsured for the Flu and covid vaccine. Nurse Liz mentioned that September is suicide prevention month, there will be two presentations at the High School for students and teachers Chief Rabboh will be the guest speaker at the presentations.

President Cheriyan asked Kalya for any updates on her report. Kayla stated that family fun day, summer concert series and Latin Nights were a success. Kayla stated the DPW has been very helpful with the grease trap inspections. Kayla also stated that all the retail establishments, including daycare and cosmetology establishments have all been licensed. Vice President Pfannen thanked Kayla since she said grease traps have been issues for years.

A motion was made by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Mrs. Marte, and carried that the written reports for September 2024 of the Department, be accepted as written.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A brief discussion took place regarding the TASE program (Tobacco Age Sale and Enforcement program). Kayla stated that Katherine Fabrizio REHS for Mid-Bergen visited the smoke shops that sell retail tobacco products with a minor to ensure that the owners were following protocol and were asking for age and IDS. Kayla stated that 6 of the establishments failed and that they were given summonses, one of the establishments were given a verbal warning with a notice of violation since the minor lied about his age. Kayla mentioned that the smoke shops were not observed. Mr. Fedorko stated the fines will be \$ 250.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense, \$500.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense and \$ 1000.00 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> offense. President Cheriyan inquired about who will receive the money from the fines. Kayla stated that she is not sure who will receive the funds. Kayla stated that she will provide an update regarding the program at the next meeting. Kayla confirmed the court system did not allow for input under the current statute, she will follow up with the state and get back to the Board.

Mr. Fedorko received an email from a college student who would like to conduct a blood drive in Bergenfield. Mr. Fedorko stated that he will assist with the facilitation of the blood drive if the Board approves. President Cheriyan and the Board agreed to move forward with the Blood Drive if Mid- Bergen will facilitate and promote the program. Mr. Fedorko agreed and stated that once all the logistics are in place for the program, he will notify the Board and Mr. Gallo.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mrs. DeLaCruz read Ordinance No. 24-002 Amending and Supplementing Chapter 344-26A of the code of the Borough of Bergenfield. The code was introduced, had the first reading on June 11, 2024, was advertised according to law and a hearing was held thereon second reading and was adopted on September 10, 2024.

President Pfannen made a motion to accept the Amendment's to the Ordinance Chapter 344-26A as written and it was seconded by Mrs. Marte. Mrs. DeLaCruz proceeded with the Roll Call:

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
CHERIYAN	X			
PFANNEN	X			
CABUHAT				X
GERUNDO	X			
MARTE	X			

**Ordinance # 24-002 was Introduced on June 11, 2024 and adopted on September 10, 2024.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

Mrs. DeLaCruz stated that the flu clinic will be October 8<sup>th</sup> from 2pm -4pm and the Rabies drive thru clinic will be held on December 8th 11 am-1 pm. Mrs. Delacruz also stated that she will be providing the Board members with the bylaws for adoption at the next board meeting which will be on October 8, 2024. President Cheriyan, apologized and condemned the actions of the zoom attendee disrupted the meeting, President Cheriyan stated that he will be filing a report with the police department for investigation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Vice-President Pfannen, seconded by Mr. Gerundo and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Annemarie DeLaCruz  
Registrar of Vital Statistics*