

The meeting was called to order at 7:44PM

President Cabuhat 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
Ms. Aquino
Mrs. Plan

Also, present AnneMarie DeLaCruz, Susan Barker, Jim Fedorko, Liz Cruz, Pam Lesnak, Kayla Williams, Councilman Rivera and residents.

OPEN HEARINGS

A resident inquired about the two new Board Members and their credentials. She stated that the borough website does not list their credentials and she wondered if it was an oversight. Mr. Cabuhat asked Mrs. DeLaCruz about this and she mentioned that she can email AJ to have this added to the website. Ms. Aquino mentioned that she is a Registered Nurse which could be added on the Website. Dr. Cheriyan welcomed Councilman Rivera to the meeting.

Mrs. DeLaCruz introduced Ms. Ruby Parra, the new Health Inspector for Bergenfield. Ruby Param introduced herself and said she was happy to be working in Bergenfield. Mr. Fedorko said he was Ruby's Supervisor when she was an Intern and he has worked with her for many years. The Board welcomed Ruby.

Mr. Rivera asked Ruby how many hours and on what days she will be working in Bergenfield. She mentioned that she will be working 21 hours in total on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, in addition To any special events. Mrs. Pfannen welcomed Ruby and stated that Kayla worked together with all the Departments in the Borough.

Sue mentioned that she will miss Kayla and she looks forward to working with Ruby. Sue stated that She and Ruby have worked together in the past and confirmed all of Bergenfield's work will be covered.

Dr. Cheriyan mentioned that it will be good if Ruby got some advice from Kayla however Ruby mentioned that Mrs. Delacruz has been very helpful and is very is knowledgeable of the Departments daily business.

There being no one present who wished to be heard on a motion made by Mrs. Pfannen and seconded by Dr. Cheriyan the time for Open Hearings was closed.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Dr. Cheriyan, and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 2025 be accepted as written.

BILLS TO BE PAID

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

Amazon -	\$ 51.02
Amazon-	\$ 44.49
Amazon-	\$ 36.06
Pyramid Imprints-	\$ 283.00
Scott Graphics Print-	\$ 1170.00
WB Mason	\$ 106.44

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.

Liaison To Mayor & Council

Councilman Rivera stated that the Mayor’s Wellness Campaign is ongoing and has been working well. Councilman Rivera also discussed the Bergenfield 5K Run and mentioned that there were about 700 participants. Mr. Fedorko congratulated President Cabuhat for winning first place in the Run.

Legislature & Regulatory

“No Report”

Written Reports of the Department

Mr. Fedorko thanked Mrs. DeLaCruz for researching the numbers of Dogs and putting the together the graph showing the trends for dog licensing. Mr. Fedorko mentioned that rabies and licensing has been decreasing in the last couple of years throughout Mid Bergen’s jurisdiction, he stressed that the purpose of getting the dogs licensed and vaccinated. Mr. Fedorko stressed the importance of the rabies vaccine. Mr. Fedorko mentioned that he had finished with the smoke investigation he stated he did not witness smoke in the area and he met with Homeowner and Complainant.

Mr. Fedorko also investigated another area that was discussed with Sue Barker. Sue Barker discussed her report and discussed the importance of dog licensing, she stated that there were a lot of Dog Bites and mentioned the two dog and cat bite cases and the pets were not vaccinated.

Mrs. Pfannen mentioned a campaign to publicize animal vaccinations and licensing. Mrs. DeLaCruz confirmed that the cost of licensing is \$11 if the dog is not neutered and \$8 if dog is neutered. Mr. Fedorko mentioned that in other towns grant money from Mid Bergen has been used for postage, handling and production of a flyer in Korean and English and the outcome was phenomenal, he suggested this can be done Bergenfield as well. Mrs. DeLaCruz mentioned that the importance of pet and that a reverse 911 is sent out and also advertised in the bulletin that goes out to all the homeowners and also on the Borough website.

Mr. Fedorko stated that a campaign could cost a few thousand dollars. Mrs. DeLaCruz suggested that we can try and add an extra page in the bulletin regarding the dog licensing and rabies. Councilman Rivera said there are 8000 houses in town and at least ten percent of them have a pet he stated it is important to stress licensing and vaccinations. Mrs. DeLaCruz mentioned that in the past the Health Inspector was given a list and he would visit the apartment buildings and give owners of pets a time frame to license their pets and if they did not, they would get a summons. Mrs. DeLaCruz suggested giving out dog license applications at Family Fun Day.

Sue discussed the fire at Tony's Bar and Pizza Restaurant which was smoke damage. The Restaurant was closed for 24 hours for cleanup. She also mentioned that there was a dog bite to a ground hog. She also mentioned a dog and cat bite in which both animals were not vaccinated. The owner of the cat surrendered the cat to the Bergen County Shelter where the cat was confined. The dog was off the leash and bit another dog, the biting dog was not vaccinated, the owner of the dog voluntarily surrendered the dog to the Animal Shelter where the dog was also confined.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pfannen seconded by Vice President Plan and carried that the written reports for May 2025 be accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. DeLaCruz stated there was no correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Cabuhat stated the TNR program is still under review.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. DeLaCruz mentioned the flyer regarding wood smoke and health she stated she needed approval to publish it on the Bergenfield Website and would also like to have it published in the Quarterly Bulletin.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

President Cabuhat thanked Kayla for attending the meeting and invited her to Family Fun Day. Kayla stated she will be coming to family fun day and also to the annual rabies clinic.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Dr. Cheriyan seconded by Mrs. Pfannen and carried, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Annemarie DeLaCruz
Registrar of Vital Statistics, CMR*