

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM

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. Nath
- Mr. Cabuhat
- Ms. Aquino
- Mr. Rivera

Also Present, AnneMarie Delacruz , Liz Cruz absent, Jim Fedorko, Susan Barker councilman Hernando Rivera was absent.

**OPEN HEARINGS**

Dr. Cheriyan made a motion to open the Open Hearings. Mrs. Stanton congratulated Mrs. DeLaCruz on her certification as Registrar. She said she noticed that the new members do not have their credentials on the website. Mrs. Delacruz stated that she will follow up with AJ regarding updating the credentials of the Board Members.

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

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Aquino seconded by Dr, Cheriyan and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of **February 2026** 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 Mrs. Aquino and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

Cooper Pest Control-	\$ 501.57
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Dr. Liu-	\$ 300.00
Safe Sitter-	\$ 206.00

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

"No Report"

**Medical**

Dr. Cheriyan mentioned that he was at the Department of Health - Local Public Health Meeting, he met the new Health Commissioner - an Epidemiologist from North Carolina who introduced himself and explained programs regarding infectious diseases and Dr. Cheriyan mentioned that sexually transmitted diseases have doubled over the last eight in New Jersey. Dr. Cheriyan explained that there will be programs to control this. Mrs. Nath inquired where she can find a summary of this report and Dr. Cheriyan gave her details of where this information can be found.

**Personnel**

"No Report"

**Publicity**

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

**Liaison To Mayor & Council**

"No Report"

**Legislature & Regulatory**

"No Report"

**Written Reports of the Department**

Sue Barker informed Mrs. Nath that she could look at NJ [DOH.gov](http://DOH.gov) where there is a lot of information and videos about the new Commissioner. She mentioned that since the beginning of the year 4 of the restaurants that have been pending have been opened- a new coffee shop on North Washington, a new Mexican grocery store, and the New farmers market at 26 Portland Avenue is due to be opened. Mr. Fedorko discussed his reports and explained in detail the causes of death and mentioned that suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States he also mentioned that Lung Cancer was the leading cause of death for Bergenfield residents. Mrs. Delacruz mentioned that before covid 'failure to thrive' was used as a cause of death but after covid the State required the Doctors to use a primary and secondary cause of death. Mrs. Nath asked Mr. Fedorko if these numbers can be compared with national numbers and Mr. Fedorko explained this in detail. Dr. Cheriyan discussed the benefits of the Lipo Protein a test to prevent cholesterol. Dr. Cheriyan mentioned the changes to writing of Summonses and Sue explained that the court clerk has requested that the way summonses are issued need to be changed and that she wanted to inform the Board of this change. Sue mentioned that in the past the summons was written to the business and most of the time summonses were ignored. She said that the Court could not issue warrants to the business hence going forward summonses will be written to the individual named on the retail food establishment license and that the court will be able to issue a bench warrant to the individual. Sue explained this in detail. Dr. Cheriyan agreed that the summons should be written to the individual. Mr. Fedorko was in agreement with this too.

A motion was made by Dr. Cheriyan and seconded by Mrs. Aquino and carried that the written reports for **February 2026** be accepted as written.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mrs. DeLaCruz stated there was no correspondence.

**NEW BUSINESS**

"No Report"

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

"No Report"

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. DeLaCruz mentioned that at the next meeting year end reports will be available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Dr. Cheriyan seconded by Mrs. Aquino and carried, that the meeting be adjourned Sine Die at 8:30pm

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Annemarie DeLaCruz  
Registrar of Vital Statistics*