The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM

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

Also Present, AnneMarie DelaCruz , Jim Fedorko, Susan Barker, Sarah Bambino , Ruby Parra and Hernando Rivera was absent.

OPEN HEARINGS

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 Dr. Cheriyan seconded by Mrs. Aquino and carried that the minutes of the regular meeting of **June** 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

Amazon Services	$92.01
Amazon Services	$280.68
Mid -Bergen Regional Health Commission (quarterly 04/26-06/26)	$ 23,929.00
Mid -Bergen Regional Health Commission (quarterly 10/26-12/26)	$ 23,929.00
McKesson Health	$489.11
McKesson Health (restitution of vaccines)	$18,283.82
MGL Forms	$684.00
Pyramid imprints	$337.00
Safe Sitter -New Course Materials	$614.00
Safe Sitter- Class Books	$325.00

A motion was made by Dr. Cheriyan and seconded Mrs. Aquino and carried that the following bills were reviewed and approved.

REPORTS

Legal and Finance

"No Report"

Medical

Dr. Cheriyan provided updates on several health issues, reporting that the HANTA virus outbreak is controlled with surveillance likely to be lifted by month's end. He mentioned ongoing Ebola-related travel restrictions affecting countries like Congo, South Sudan, and Uganda, as well as a listeria outbreak from ricotta cheese affecting Maryland and New Jersey. Dr. Cheriyan also noted that Moringa powder and capsules are under surveillance due to salmonella reports, and discussed preparations for the FIFA World Cup with Hackensack Meridian Health serving as the referral center for infectious disease concerns

Dr. Cheriyan updated the board that a New Jersey-owned hospital will serve as the referral center and pilot hospital for World Cup needs. Councilman Rivera reported that the Health Dept Nurse needs to be replaced. Susan provided a routine monthly report, mentioning usual inspections, upcoming summer events in Bergenfield, and early rat complaints that were being addressed.

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

Mr. Fedorko discussed his report on disease surveillance, highlighting a chicken pox outbreak in a Wallington school where unvaccinated students had to stay home for 21 days. He explained the transition from monitoring influenza-like illnesses to insect-borne diseases like tick and mosquito-borne illnesses.

Mr. Fedorko also detailed the two types of mosquitos spraying methods and mentioned that Bergen County is conducting preventive spraying near Over peck Park and areas around the FIFA World Cup stadium to prevent potential local transmission of diseases like malaria or dengue fever.

Dr. Jojy discussed the expected increase in West Nile virus cases during harsh summers and suggested spraying in Bergen County due to the high number of visitors staying in local Airbnb homes and hotels.

Mr. Fedorko explained the differences between helicopter and ground spraying methods, noting that helicopter spraying uses a bacterial agent targeting mosquito larvae in wetlands, while ground spraying uses Duet insecticide, which he criticized as ineffective and harmful to non-target insects.

The discussion highlighted the ongoing debate about mosquito control methods, balancing public health concerns with environmental impacts.

Sarah Bambino updated the Board on health education programs, including Project Healthy Bones and completed diabetes self-management programs, and discussed the transition of communicable disease surveillance responsibilities following the Nurses departure. Susan Barker discussed the Massage Parlors and stated that the health department should reevaluate the ordinance, to work in conjunction with the Police Dept Building Dept and Administration office.

Mrs. Delacruz updated the Board on the activities with the CHC and SAC programs for the month of June. The nurses reported administering 5 vaccines in June and participating in various health initiatives including Safe Sitter programs and Senior center services. Mrs. Delacruz stated that she will be presenting the Board with the Nursing reports and will accurately provide the Board with ongoing programs and accurate record keeping and vaccine administration for the clinics. Mrs. Delacruz advised the Board of the State audit scheduled for June 12, 2026.

Mrs. Delacruz stated that progress has been made with Food Licensing, she stated that 113 Food licenses were issued and 20 were remaining, cosmetology licensing was reported to have been successfully completed on time this year.

The massage parlor ordinance discussion was postponed to September, with only one remaining massage establishment in Bergenfield that may soon close.

A motion was made by Dr. Nath and seconded by Dr. Cheriyan and carried that Verbal Communications be closed.

CORRESPONDENCE

"No Report"

NEW BUSINESS

"No Report"

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

"No Report"

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

The board briefly discussed the upcoming closed session on June 30, 2026. Post the notice for the closed session meeting on June 30th next week. Mrs. Delacruz noted that she will be posting the meeting as required.

Mrs. Delacruz stated that she has been certified with CDRSS and NJIIS and is able to assist with disease investigations as needed and input data on NJIIS, in coordination with Mid Bergen Regional Health Commission and the Nurse.

A motion was made by Dr. Nath and seconded by Dr.Cheriyan and carried that Verbal Communications be closed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being nothing further to come before the Board, on a motion by Mr. Rivera and seconded Mrs. Aquino and carried, that the meeting be at adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annemarie DelaCruz
Registrar of Vital Statistics