

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REGULAR MEETING OF February 28, 2022  
Via In person & Conference call**

Mr. Coronato called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 7:32 pm. The meeting was conducted in-person and by conference call due to COVID-19.

Mr. Coronato announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of New Jersey. Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was published in issues of The Bergen Record and The Ridgewood News on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Board members present (in person & via conference call) were; Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Dr. Goujani, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Tyburczy. Along with Mr. Vozeh, Mr. Bacolo, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Corrison, Councilwoman Judy Cusick and Mrs. Sylvester. Mr. Brian Slater from Crew was also present.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion by Mr. Coronato seconded by Mayor Dillon to receive and file with review the Committee reports. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of January 24, 2022 reorganization meeting and regular meeting were accepted. Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Carried.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	02/02/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Payment request #2 from OnQue Technologies Inc. for contract 21-3.</b>
2.	02/24/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Revised site plan review of drawings for 236 Shadyside Rd.</b>
3.	02/18/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Lead Replacement information and permission form for residents</b>
4.	02/25/2022	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Engineers report</b>
5.	02/28/2022	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	<b>Operations report</b>
6.	02/28/2022	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	<b>Management Report</b>

Motion by Mr. Coronato to go out of order and to open public comment earlier in meeting due to residents present at meeting, second by Dr. Goujani, carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion by Mr. Coronato to open the floor for public comment, second by Dr. Goujani.

Eric Washofer & Ryan Glynn of 221 Momar Drive were present. They are in process of renovation of home. Water line to home was disconnected. Resident is requesting line be reconnected with no cost to them. Mr. Skorupa will discuss with Building Inspector.

No other public present for public comment in person or on conference call.

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Coronato, second by Mr. Hewitt.

Motion to return to meeting agenda by Mr. Coronato, second by Mayor Dillon.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bacolo provided update on the Poplar & Christopher St. water main project. The construction for this project has been completed except for the trench paving repair work and lawn restoration. This work will be completed in the Spring. Additional select backfill material and pipe fittings were needed to complete the project work with an added cost of approximately \$27,000, work was performed under the unit prices bid and incorporated in the contract.

Brookfield Well - an updated progress report is due to the NJDEP in March. Crew is working on report.

236 Shadyside Road requested approval for water & sewer connection. Crew recommends approval of this connection after review of submitted plans.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve water & sewer connection at 236 Shadyside Rd, second by Mr. Hewitt. Carried.

Lead service line replacement project update- a inventory for all services was completed by the Borough and submitted to the NJDEP on January 22, 2022. Notices went out on February 22, 2022 to affected residents to let them know their line was up for replacement, a permission form for the replacement was included in the mailing. From the initial inventory of 5,900 water customers in Ramsey, Crew has narrowed it down to approximately 2,700 unknown service lines; predominantly for the portion owned by the customer. The current plan is to complete the investigation for all unknown service line materials with focus on the replacement of services on Wyckoff Ave & Main St first, since these streets are slated to be paved by the county in late summer or fall of this year. Bids will be received in May for the replacement work of the affected lines on Wyckoff Ave. and Main St.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

The water dept had five water main breaks in the last month.

Working with Mr. DeBlock and Crew on the lead line replacement.

Brookfield well update – Old pump was removed. A pump test was conducted with positive results. A new pump will be designed and installed at this location.

**OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT** – Mr. DeBlock continues to work on the lead line replacement with Mr. Skorupa and Crew. This replacement list will continue to be a living document.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** One item for executive session.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** The Mayor thanked Mr. Skorupa, Mr. DeBlock & Crew for their hard work on the lead line replacement. It is the intention of the Board to complete the necessary replacement ahead of the 10-year limit.

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT** Ms. Cusick thanked Mr. Skorupa, Mr. DeBlock & Crew for their hard work on the lead line replacement. She also reiterated that there is no PFAS issue in Ramsey. This is affecting other towns including Mahwah.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** Mr.. Vozeh presented the 2022 budget. He asked the Board to approve a resolution to be presented at the next mayor & council meeting.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve the 2022 Board of Public Works budget in the amount of \$8,285,000. Seconded by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

**AYES:** Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Coronato,  
Dr. Goujani, Mr. Tyburczy, Mr. Emmett  
**NAYS:** none  
**ABSENT:** none

Update on the E. Oak St. Pod façade. The project went out to bid. The lowest bid came in at \$220,000 from Spartan Construction. He recommends that Board approve this bid after review.

An ordinance was passed by Mayor & Council to put these funds in place.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve the contract to Spartan Construction for the E. Oak St façade project. Seconded by Dr. Goujani. Carried.

**AYES:** Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Coronato,  
Dr. Goujani, Mr. Tyburczy and Mr. Emmett  
**NAYS:** none  
**ABSENT:** none

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** nothing to report

**FINANCE**

Budget and Revenue/Expense Reports were submitted to Board members.

**Resolution by: Mr. Tyburczy**

**Seconded by: Mr. Emmett**

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following bills be paid and charged to the current Water/Sewer 2022 Budget:

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>\$ 214,366.16</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 184,671.86</b>
<b>WIRED</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following bills be paid and charged to the Capital Account: \$0

**AYES:** Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Coronato,  
Dr. Goujani, Mr. Tyburczy, Mr. Emmett  
**NAYS:** none  
**ABSENT:** none

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 8:20 PM, motion by Mr. Coronato, second by Mr. Tyburczy.  
Carried.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey believes such circumstances exist; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey wishes to discuss matters of litigation, personnel, and contract negotiation; and

**WHEREAS**, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer exist, then the minutes can be made public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey, that the public be excluded from this meeting. The outcome of the meeting will be disclosed when a course of action is determined, or a decision is reached.

Motion by Mr. Coronato to end executive session at 8:40 PM, second by Mr. Tyburczy.

**AYES:** Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. Hewitt, Mr.  
Tyburczy, Dr. Goujani and Mr. Emmett  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Motion by Mr. Coronato to approve two license agreements for Lincoln Motors on Rt 17 N.  
Second by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Coronato made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 PM. Seconded by Mr. Emmett. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester