

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REGULAR MEETING OF June 17, 2019**

Mr. Emmer called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 7:35PM.

Mr. Emmer 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 4, 2019.

Board members present were Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Dugan, Mr. Coronato and Dr. Goujani. Along with Mr. Vozeh, Mr. Bacolo, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Kilman, Mr. Corrison and Mr. Skorupa. Mrs. Richards was present for Secretary, Mrs. Sylvester who was absent. Mr. Martin and Mr. O'Rourke were absent.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion by Mr. Emmer seconded by Dr. Goujani to receive and file with review during Committee reports. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of May 20, 2019 meeting were accepted. Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve, seconded by Mr. Dugan. Carried. Mr. Coronato Abstained.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	5/10/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Construction of Water &amp; Sanitary service for Ramsey Municipal Pool by John Garcia Construction Co.</b>
2.	5/15/19	NJDEP	Board of Public Works	<b>NJDEP Renewed Physical Connection Permit approval.</b>
3.	5/17/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>CFM Construction submission of drawings for Spring St. well replacement.</b>
4.	5/30/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Sanitary Manhole Inspection report for 2019 Road Resurfacing Program</b>
5.	6/10/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>CFM Construction payment request #2 for Woodland Well renovation.</b>
6.	6/10/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Water &amp; Sanitary service for Ramsey Municipal Pool Maintenance Bond from John Garcia Construction Co.</b>
7.	6/12/19	Crew/M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	<b>Management report</b>
8.	6/15/19	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	<b>Management report</b>
9.	6/15/19	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	<b>Operations report</b>

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bacolo discussed the 2018 Consumer Confidence Report. The water meets all standards and there were no violations. The 2018 water report will be made available to residents online July 1<sup>st</sup>. Postcard notices to customers for the Report were also mailed out.

Spring Street well pump replacement project first phase update. CFM has submitted all shop drawings. Project is expected to begin June 22<sup>nd</sup> and be completed at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> week in July. CFM will be replacing pump and piping.

The Arsenic treatment replacement design package. Contract for the purchase of the packaged water treatment facilities is being worked on and design was approved by NJDEP on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Crew is following up with NJDOT regarding the application to construct the treatment facility at the Rt. 17 off ramp. DOT intends to approve permit then will go to NJDEP for Flood Hazard Area approval.

Ramsey's application to the NBCUA was submitted in April to connect to sewers for discharge of backwash was approved conditionally. There will be an annual charge from sewer authority and metered fee for backwash. Crew completed and submitted hardship waiver for flood hazard at Orchard well to the NJDEP for the water treatment facility. Crew requested that the NJDEP review and expediate waiver so Ramsey can pre-purchase treatment pods. Bid for purchase of treatment units will be July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Crew is continuing with the design and preparation for phase three for treatment units and is looking to complete towards end of July so that project can be advertised.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Skorupa presented his monthly written report to the Board.

The water department assisted with preparation for the milling and paving on S. Franklin Turnpike by the county.

They also performed their daily duties, along with inspecting, marking, cleaning and repairing water valves and manholes.

Working with Crew on Capital improvement projects.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> NJDEP will be conducting a facility and well permit inspection. This an annual scheduled visit.

## **OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Mr. DeBlock reported that the NWBC annual report and Allendale annual report will be sent to NJ Sewer authority on Friday, June 28.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** nothing to report. One item for executive session regarding potential litigation.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Franklin Turnpike paving is moving along. NWBM met with Orange and Rockland regarding storm recovery improvements. They will have a Municipal portal which will be available to residents and new smart meters will help to report problems to Orange and Rockland.

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT** nothing to report.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Vozech discussed the well reactivation treatment project. An ordinance was introduced for funding for purchase of capital equipment at the June 12th Mayor & Council meeting. The adoption of the ordinance will be at the June 26<sup>th</sup> Mayor & Council meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion by Mr. Emmer to open the floor for Public comment, seconded by Mr. Coronato.

Mr. Braggin AB, Ramsey NJ, commented and inquired on several items. He asked if there were any updates from NJDEP about 83 Grant St. Regarding the well reactivation and treatment project: he inquired about the actual process of treatment, estimated costs of the project, Crew Engineering compensation and impact on BPW's purchase agreement with Suez.

Mr. Vozech responded to 83 Grant Street remediation status.

Regarding the Arsenic treatment system, Mr. Bacolo responded that it is an absorption system.

Mr. Corrison responded that the information on arsenic treatment project is available via OPRA request.

Mr. Vozech responded that the 2 wells are off line and treatment system is being changed, the 2 wells will increase capacity by 36% and as a result will be taking less from Suez. Crew is being compensated separate from the annual agreement for their work on the special project related to the well reactivation and treatment system.

Chance Parker of Park Place. Discussed concerns regarding water quality. Also discussed concerns over closed gun range site and ground water quality in this area.

Mr. Emmer asked Mr. DeBlock to clarify violations on EPA report.

Motion by Mr. Emmer to close the floor for Public comment, seconded by Mr. Coronato.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** nothing to report.

**FINANCE**

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

**Resolution by: Mr. Dugan**  
**Seconded by: Dr. Goujani**

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following bills be paid and charged to the current Water/Sewer 2019 Budget:

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>\$ 175,857.12</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 96,026.46</b>
<b>WIRED</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following bills be paid and charged to the Capital Account:  
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**AYES:** Mr. Emmer, Dr. Goujani, Mr. Dugan, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** Mr. O'Rourke and Mr. Martin

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 8:05 PM, motion by Mr. Emmer, second by Dr. Goujani. 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 is of the opinion that 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. Emmer to exit executive session, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke at 8:16PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Emmer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor Dillon to adjourn at 8:16PM.  
Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester