

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

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Dial-In Number (425)436-6365 Access Code 213563#**

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBnVXBwSn_ILMuAGkSin9w**

I. ROLL CALL – FLAG SALUTE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW NOTICE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

- 1. Frank Covelli, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, PIA
letter dated April 18, 2022, informing Ramsey of their Bronze Safety Award**
- 2. Alison Gordon, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority 30 Wyckoff Ave,
Waldwick
e-mail received April 20, 2022, attaching the NBCUA’s approved March 15, 2022
Regular and Special Meeting minutes.**
- 3. Alison Gordon, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Ave,
Waldwick, NJ 07463
e-mail received April 22, 2022, attaching a notice relative to a public hearing to be held
on May 17, 2022 regarding the Authority’s 2022 Sewer Connection Fee.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body please give your name (spelling the last name) and address as a courtesy. Please speak in an audible tone and address your comments to the Chair. There will be a five-minute time limit per speaker, unless reduced because of the volume of business on the agenda. Please note, public comment is your time. Out of respect and fairness to all present, there will be no interruptions or questions answered during your time. No time shall be ceded to anyone else and no time shall be saved for later use. Any responses may be given during the governing body’s comments later in the meeting, or as directed by the Chair. The Borough Clerk is the official time keeper.

V. **ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

VI. **APPOINTMENTS**

Stacey Taylor, Design Review Board, Alt. #1

Stephen Hill, Ramsey Municipal Alliance

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the following resolutions herewith listed having been considered by the governing body of the Borough of Ramsey be and are hereby passed and approved:

- 105-2022 Resolution: payment of vouchers**
- 106-2022 Resolution: ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number eight**
- 107-2022 Resolution: awarding contract to D & L Paving for the NW Bergen Coop for road resurfacing in Glen Rock, Ho-Ho-Kus, Ramsey, Saddle River and Waldwick**
- 108-2022 Resolution: awarding a contract to Cliffhanger Productions, Inc., 161 Park Avenue, Rutherford, NJ to provide and supply entertainment and provides services for the Independence Day event on July 1, 2022 with a rain date of July 2, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$6,200.00.**
- 109-2022 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Stacey Taylor to the Design Review Board as Alt. # 1**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following applications and/or recommendations hereby be approved:

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Jeanine Moutenot is requesting permission to hold a block party on Elbert St. from Park to Myrtle Ave. on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 from 4:00pm- 7:00pm

Brian Drewes, 37 Elbert Court is requesting permission to hold a block party on Saturday, June 18 from 1:30pm-10:00pm

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

**A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
1. Various Comments**

**B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Peter Kilman
1. Various Comments**

**C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilwoman Jane Woods
1. Various Comments**

**D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilwoman Judy Cusick
1. Various Comments**

**E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Sara Poppe
1. Various Comments**

**F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Harry Weber
1. Various Comments**

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

I. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq.

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT



A WORLD INSURANCE ASSOCIATES LLC COMPANY

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April 18, 2022

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Honorable Mayor Deirdre A. Dillon and Council
Borough of Ramsey
33 N Central Avenue
Ramsey, New Jersey 07446

**RE: 2021 SAFETY AWARD TO BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
BERGEN MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

Dear Mayor Dillon and Members of the Governing Body:

CONGRATULATIONS!! It is with great pleasure, we write to you to formally congratulate the **Borough of Ramsey**, as the recipient of the 2021 Safety Award recently presented by the **Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund**. The Municipality is a recipient of:

**Bronze Safety Award
\$250 Cash Award**

This award was presented to the Municipality at the Fund's Annual Safety Awards Breakfast on April 12, 2022, at Seasons Catering.

In addition to the attractive plaque, which we hope you will display proudly, the Municipality has received a cash award of \$250.

Suffice it to say, both administration and rank and file employees of the Municipality should be recognized and commended for their steadfast efforts to safeguard and improve the work environment from a safety perspective and for making safety a key component in executing their duties.

In order for the Municipality to receive the Monetary Award, the attached Voucher needs to be executed and returned to our office.

Again, we are pleased to inform you and the Governing Body of this honor. Should you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, I hope you will not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES
A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC

Frank Covelli
Senior Vice President & Managing Director
Public Sector Insurance & Risk Services

cc: Bruce Vozeh – Ramsey Administrator / Fund Commissioner



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 15, 2022**

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:23pm.
2. The Secretary read the Open Public Meetings Act statement.
3. Roll Call: The following Commissioners were present via a web based conference call on Zoom: Bonagura, Jordan, Kelaher, Lo Iacono, Ortega, Plumley and Chairman Kasparian.

Also present on the conference call were Board Secretary Alison Gordon, Executive Director James Rotundo, Superintendent Robert Genetelli, Treasurer Todd Sherer, Authority Engineer Howard Hurwitz, General Counsel Douglas Bern, Esq., and Consulting Engineer Nicholas Rotonda. Assistant Executive Director John Danubio was absent.

4. Chairman Remarks: No remarks.
5. Appointment of Committees: The Committees for 2022 are as follows:
 - a. Operating Committee: Chair: Frank Kelaher. Members: Dennis Bonagura, Stephen LoIacono, Alternate: Matthew Jordan.
 - b. Strategic Plan Subcommittee: Chair: Michael Kasparian, Members: Stephen LoIacono, Marianne Ortega, Matthew Jordan
 - c. Personnel: Chair: Frank Kelaher, Member: Stephen LoIacono
 - d. Finance: Chair: Stephen LoIacono, Members: Dennis Bonagura, Matthew Jordan, Treasurer Todd Sherer
 - e. Buildings and Grounds: Chair: Frank Kelaher, Member: Marion Plumley
 - f. Public Relations/Communications: Chair: Marianne Ortega, Member: Matthew Jordan
 - g. Insurance: Chair: Marion Plumley
 - h. Safety & Security: Chair: Frank Kelaher
6. Consideration for approval of minutes:
 - a. Reorganization Meeting – February 15, 2022: Commissioner Kelaher motioned to accept the minutes, Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Chairman Kasparian abstained.
7. Public Comments: No public was present.
8. Consideration for approval list of Resolutions dated March 15, 2022.
 - a. The Commissioners voted by Consent Agenda for Resolution No. 40-2022 & 41-2022. Commissioner Kelaher offered the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Bonagura seconded. All present Commissioners voted yes.

Resolution No. 40-2022 – Approval of vouchers, payroll and tax deposits and pensions and benefits transfers for February 2022 and Health and Dental Benefits for March 2022 as follows: Payroll Account: \$223,755.06; Tax Deposit Acct: \$97,358.11; Health Benefits Contribution-Employer: \$118,082.84; Health Benefits Contribution Employee: \$4,604.33; Dental Benefits: \$4,040.57; PERS and Contributory Insurance: \$30,136.14; Operating Account: \$314,972.68; General Improvement Account: \$371,044.19.

Resolution No. 41-2022 – Award Bid – Interior Alterations to the Service Building: The Authority received bids on February 23, 2022 for the Interior Alterations to the Service Building. The bid from Billy Contracting and Restoration, Inc. was \$874,000. The bid was reviewed by the Authority’s architect firm and legal counsel and it was determined that Billy Contracting and Restoration, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder. This resolution awards the Interior Alterations of the Service Building to Billy Contracting and Restoration, Inc. and accepts their bid of \$874,000.

9. Report of Treasurer: There is approximately \$15.8 million in short term investments earning interest ranging from .1% to .2%.
10. Old Business: No old business.
11. New Business: No new business.
12. Public Comments: No public present.
13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.


ALISON GORDON, SECRETARY



**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING – PUBLIC HEARING
March 15, 2022**

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.
2. The Secretary read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.
3. Roll Call: The following Commissioners were present via a web based conference call on Zoom: Bonagura, Jordan, Kelaher, Lo Iacono, Ortega, Plumley and Chairman Kasparian.

Also present on the conference call were Board Secretary Alison Gordon, Executive Director James Rotundo, Superintendent Robert Genetelli, Treasurer Todd Sherer, Authority Engineer Howard Hurwitz, General Counsel Douglas Bern, Esq., and Consulting Engineer Nicholas Rotonda. Assistant Executive Director John Danubio was absent.

4. Chairman's Remarks: No remarks.
5. PUBLIC HEARING on the Project Reports of the Consulting Engineer, the Consulting Engineer's Certificates and Accountant's Certificate in connection with various sewer improvements including the Authority's Wastewater Pump Stations improvements and the Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, Series 2022 (the "Bond Resolution")

No public was present.

6. Vote on the Bond Resolution: Chairman Kasparian offered Resolution No. 39-2022, Commissioner LoIacono seconded. All present Commissioners voted yes.

Resolution No. 39-2022: RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE 2022 PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY OF UTILITY SYSTEM SUBORDINATED REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2022 TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, RESPECTIVELY, IN ORDER TO EVIDENCE OBLIGATIONS TO REPAY CERTAIN LOANS TO BE MADE TO THE AUTHORITY; ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF SUCH SERIES 2022 BONDS AND DETERMINING CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENTS AND THE ESCROW AGREEMENT WITH THE I-BANK AND THE STATE; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE TRUST INDENTURE AND SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST INDENTURE BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND TRUSTEE BANK NAMED THEREIN; DELEGATING TO THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AUTHORITY THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE CERTAIN TERMS OF SUCH SERIES 2022 BONDS; AND

**AUTHORIZING OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY TO TAKE ALL OTHER ACTION
NECESSARY, ADVISABLE OR INCIDENTAL THERETO**

7. **Public Comments: No public comments.**
8. **Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.**


ALISON GORDON, SECRETARY

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NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SETTING CONNECTION FEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Please take Notice that the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (the “Authority”) with offices located at 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, New Jersey, will conduct a Public Hearing regarding the calculation of a connection fee for the calendar year 2022 pursuant to N.J.S.A.40:14B-22 and N.J.S.A.40:14B-23 on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 immediately following the Work Session at 7:00pm. During the Public Hearing, members of the public may provide comments to the Authority and ask questions regarding the calculation of the connection fee for calendar year 2022.

The report of Wielkocz & Company, LLC, the auditors for the Authority, which will form the basis for the calculation of the connection fee for the calendar year 2022, will be posted to the Authority’s website, nbcua.com, for public inspection beginning May 2, 2022.

The location, be it at the Authority’s offices or via a web-based conference, and means of public participation will be published in two Authority Newspapers and posted on the Authority’s website, nbcua.com, at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Formal action may be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN

NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY
UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Alison Gordon
SECRETARY

April 22, 2022

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 105-2022

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Apr. 27, 2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the CURRENT, CAPITAL, POOL, PLANNING BOARD, and TRUST account bills shown on the sheets attached hereto be paid and charged to the proper accounts such sheet which is attached hereto being specifically incorporated herein and considered part of the Resolution as though the same were set forth in the face thereof.

<u>CURRENT</u>	\$2,597,844.08
<u>RESERVE</u>	\$22,348.65
<u>GRANT</u>	\$1,688.97
<u>CAPITAL</u>	\$140,007.04
<u>POOL</u>	\$583.12
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	\$3,011.24
<u>TRUST</u>	\$5,369.40
<u>WIRED</u>	\$0.00
<u>RECYCLING TRUST</u>	\$0.00

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
MAYOR DILLON				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPPE, S.				
WEBER, H.				
WOODS, J.				

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MEREDITH BENDIAN, BOROUGH CLERK

APRIL 27, 2022

PASSED AND APPROVED

CLERK

MAYOR

**cc: D. Bartalotta, CFO
 J. Turner, AP**

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 106-2022

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Apr. 27, 2022

Resolved: To ratify the actions of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ramsey payroll dated Apr. 14, 2022.

CURRENT FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	352,936.24
WATER OPERATING FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	30,718.68
POOL OPERATING FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	2,684.02
POLICE OFF DUTY TRUST FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	8,733.84
	TOTAL PAYROLL	<u>\$</u>	<u>395,072.78</u>

CURRENT FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	15,058.73
WATER OPERATING FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	2,349.98
POOL OPERATING FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER		\$205.33
DCRP	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	-
	TOTAL FICA	<u>\$</u>	<u>17,614.04</u>

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
MAYOR DILLON				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPPE, S.				
WEBER, H.				
WOODS, J.				

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HELD ON _____.

MEREDITH BENDIAN, BOROUGH CLERK

APRIL 27, 2022

PASSED AND APPROVED

CLERK

MAYOR

cc: Denise Bartalotta, CFO
 J Turner, Accounts Payable

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 107-2022

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, as lead agency of the Northwest Bergen Cooperative Pricing Program, advertised for bids for Resurfacing of Streets within the Boroughs of Glen Rock, Ho-Ho-Kus, Ramsey, Saddle River and Waldwick, Bergen County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, bids were accepted on April 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the total of ten (10) bids were received; and

WHEREAS, said bids have been reviewed by the appropriate recommending authorities; and

WHEREAS, D&L Paving Contractors, Inc., 675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 appears to be the lowest responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, the appropriate recommending authorities have recommended award of said bid to D&L Paving Contractors, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, as lead agency of the Northwest Bergen Cooperative Pricing Program, that the Contract for Resurfacing of Streets within the Boroughs of Glen Rock, Ho-Ho-Kus, Ramsey, Saddle River and Waldwick, Bergen County, New Jersey be and hereby is awarded to D&L Paving Contractors, Inc., 675 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey 07110 in the amount of \$1,777,111.09.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPPE, S.				
WEBER, H.				
WOODS, J.				

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MEREDITH BENDIAN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

APRIL 27, 2022

PASSED AND APPROVED

CLERK

MAYOR

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 108-2022

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS, there exists the need for professional services to be retained by the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey to supply entertainment during the Borough’s Ramsey Independence Day activities and for the performance of all duties in connection with same, all as more specifically set forth in the attached proposal which is made a part hereof and which is on file and available for public inspection in the Borough Clerk’s office; and

WHEREAS, Cliffhanger Productions, Inc., 161 Park Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey has extensive experience and expertise in providing and supplying entertainment and provides services that are original and creative in character in a recognized field of artistic endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Independence Day event is scheduled for July 1, 2022 with a rain date of July 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Cliffhanger Productions shall provide two (2) bands as set forth in the above stated proposal at a cost not to exceed \$6,200.00.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey that Cliffhanger Productions, Inc. be and hereby is retained to provide the above stated services at a cost not to exceed \$6,200.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the award of such contract is made without competitive bidding pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 which exempts firm competitive bidding “professional services” which are rendered for the provision or performance of goods or services that are original and creative in character in a recognized field of artistic endeavor and which are also “extraordinary, unspecifiable services” which are specialized and qualitative in nature, requiring expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Administrator be and they hereby are authorized to execute contractual documents in a form approved by the Borough Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be published in the Borough records within ten (10) days of passing as required by law.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPPE, S.				
WEBER, H.				
WOODS, J.				

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APRIL 27, 2022

PASSED AND APPROVED

CLERK

MAYOR

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 109-2022

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

BE IT RESOLVED that Stacey Taylor is appointed to the Design Review Board as Alternate #1 and hereby is confirmed.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPPE, S.				
WEBER, H.				
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APRIL 27, 2022

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CLERK

MAYOR