

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and led the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

I. ROLL CALL -

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone and Weber

Also Present: Borough Clerk Bendian, Borough Administrator Vozech and Borough Attorney Scandariato

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WS 12-27-18, Sine Die 01-03-19, Reorg 01-03-19
Motion by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Verdone. All in favor. Carried

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Kilman. All in favor. Carried.

1. James Rotundo, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utility Authority,
30 Wyckoff Ave, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated January 10, 2019, regarding service charges
2. Glen Karpovich, 23 Swan Street, Ramsey
letter dated January 11, 2019, publicly acknowledging the great job that Ramsey Volunteer Ambulance Corp did treating his mother
3. Melissa Oratio, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Ave, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated January 9, 2019, enclosing the minutes from the December 11, 2019 meeting
4. George Bumiller, Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey
letter dated January 17, 2019, regarding the tax books in the borough hall

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body should, when recognized, step up to the microphone and give his or her name (spelling the last name) and address. Please speak in an audible tone for the record 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. No one, other than the person having the floor, will be permitted to enter into any discussion without recognition by the Chair.

John Fesen, 20 Falkon Court, Mahwah

Discussed the firing range at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute. Mayor Dillon has a meeting scheduled next month at the range.

Tony Schweicker, 35 Eileen Drive, Mahwah

Discussed the firing range at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute.

John Zola, Shadyside Road, Ramsey

Discussed the increased noise at the Bergen County Law and Public Safety Institute

Patricia Habas, 128 Deer Trail North, Ramsey

Voiced her concerns about the resolution on the agenda regarding the Bergen County Open Space grant.

Braggin, Ramsey, NJ

Discussed public comments made about a resident at the reorganization meeting and safety issues around the Main Street railroad crossing.

George Bumiller, Ramsey, NJ

Discussed the safety fencing around the construction project at the pool, asked about the differences between the work session and regular meeting. Councilman Jones replied. Mr. Bumiller also asked why the bids for Main Street were being rejected. Administrator Vozeh replied.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

V. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES - None

VI. APPOINTMENTS

Britney Doynow, Ramsey Rescue

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter.

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:

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| 033-2019 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 034-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number one |
| 035-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number two |
| 036-2019 | Resolution: | renewal of Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount \$6,503,300 |
| 037-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the rejection of bids for the Borough's Main Street 21 st Century Revival Project (Phase 2) |
| 038-2019 | Resolution: | endorsing a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant application of \$450,000 proposed by the Housing Authority of Bergen County for a Boiler Replacement Project at Ramapo Brae (Mahwah) and DeSimone Court |
| 039-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough to enter into a grant agreement with Bergen County Open Space in the amount of \$42,500 for the Pool Pavilion Project - TABLED |
| 040-2019 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Britney Doynow to the Ramsey Rescue Squad |
| 041-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the release of Performance Bond for Medexec Holding, Block 5101, Lot 4 in the amount of \$56,340.00 and the Shade Tree Bond in the amount of \$13,900.00 |
| 042-2019 | Resolution: | appropriation reserve transfer number two |

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

- A. SPECIAL PERMITS:
- B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

Motion to table resolution number 039-2019 by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Verdone

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

ROLL CALL FOR CONSENT:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

Discussed the planning of the 2019 budget with a target increase of approximately 1.65%., looking to introduce at a February meeting

Discussed the CAP Bank ordinance and Escrow Fee ordinance that are on for introduction at tonight's meeting.

Discussed new Library Director Matt Latham and the upcoming busy schedule at the library.

Congratulated the new appointee to the Ramsey Rescue Squad.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber

Discussed the Environmental Commission meeting and all of the activities they are planning as well as RIFE, Municipal Alliance, reported that Rescue will attend the next work session to discuss their fleet and congratulated Britney for joining Rescue.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone

Discussed the recognition of Planning Board Attorney Bruce Whitaker for his forty-two years of service to the board. A large contingent of family members and friends were in attendance almost filling the Council Chambers. He was presented a Yankee Jersey and Mayor Dillon presented him with a beautiful crystal plaque on behalf of the Mayor and Council. The next Planning Board meeting, a special meeting is on January 29 to hear Baseline Associates, major sub-division at 425 Island Road

Reported on some upcoming recreation activities, i.e., A proposal for a three on three Basketball Tournament with proceeds to benefit "Save the Children", an extensive one day program including awards with food provided by the Finch Park Snack Bar. The Recreation Commission recommended it be held in conjunction with the movie night at

Finch on June 22, 2019. They also approved the 2019 Calendar of Events.

Reported that the Ramsey Seniors held a well-attended class Technology Class “It’s in the Cloud”. And some key upcoming events for Seniors, Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s disease, St. Patrick’s Day Party at the Mahwah Bar and Grill and the Broadway Show, CHER

The VFW will be selling poppies in April.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman

Discussed the short meeting of the Zoning Board as a result of amending the fence ordinance and discussed the Zoning Board reorganization meeting.

Discussed the Board of Public Works meeting and how hard the professionals on the board work.

Discussed the reorganization meeting of the Shade Tree Commission.

Welcomed the new Rescue Squad member.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones

Welcomed Britney to the Rescue Squad, discussed the Pool Commission reorganization meeting the upcoming pool rate structure and the survey on the playground equipment. Also reported that the indoor Farmers’ Market is continuing at Smith School and that the submissions for the Spring Edition of the Ramsey Journal will be accepted shortly.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
Reported on the Board of Education reorganization meeting and the 2019-2020-2021 school calendar they are looking to adopt.

The Board of Health launched their 2019 promoting health lecture series with upcoming topics such as sewers, on nutrition and bone health and a CPR class offered at borough hall.

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Congratulated and thanked Britney for joining Ramsey Rescue
Announced the OEM alert that was just sent about the railroad crossing detour.
Will be visiting the gun range with Chief Gurney and Mayor Roth from Mahwah.
The NW Bergen Mayor’s Association will be hosting an upcoming session on cyber security.

Reported that she attended a critical thinking class at the high school on marijuana legalization.

Stigma Free held an event last month for those at the group home in town and are planning another one at the high school.

Announced there is no lead in our water, it is safe to drink. The report that came out about Suez had nothing to do with Ramsey, it involved other parts of New Jersey.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh - No report

I. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. – No report

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 01-2019 – AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limit and to Establish a CAP Bank, pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 27th day of February, 2019 at 7:30pm prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached in the Municipal Building in said Borough and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law, a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

Councilwoman Jachzel explained this is a financial tool that we use every year allowing us to the exceed the appropriations cap. This has nothing to do with the 2% levy cap.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

ORDINANCE 02-2019 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE PARTICULARLY CHAPTER 31 THEREOF ENTITLED LAND USE PROCEDURES SO AS TO ESTABLISH SECTION 31.4 TECHNICAL REVIEW ESCROW DEPOSITS

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Kilman

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An Ordinance amending the code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more particularly Chapter 31 thereof entitled Land Use Procedures so as to establish Section 31.4 Technical Review Escrow Deposits, pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 27th day of February, 2019 at 7:30pm prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached in the Municipal Building in said Borough and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law, a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

Councilwoman Jachzel explained this ordinance increases the escrow fee for zoning applications from \$300 to \$600 and is refundable if the full amount is not needed for technical review.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

ORDINANCE 03-2019 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 34-4 OF CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE PARTICULARLY SUBSECTION 34-4.26 THEREOF ENTITLED FENCES

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Verdone

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An Ordinance amending Section 34-4 of Chapter 34 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more particularly Subsection 34-4.26 thereof entitled Fences, pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 27th day of February, 2019 at 7:30pm prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached in the Municipal Building in said Borough and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she hereby is, instructed to publish in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law, a copy of said ordinance together with notice of introduction thereof and notice when the same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

Councilman Kilman explained that this ordinance clarifies which types of fencing can be used.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Jones. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

Meredith Bendian
Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk