

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:34pm and asked School Board Trustee Meiman to lead the flag salute. Council President Jones read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

I. ROLL CALL -

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

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

Absent: Councilman Gutwetter

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

III. COMMUNICATIONS - None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body please step up to the microphone and give your name (spelling the last name) and address as a courtesy to all present. 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 and will hold up a sign when you have 30 seconds remaining.

John Fesen, Mahwah, NJ

Discussed the gun range at the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy and potential availability of grants from the US Department of Homeland Security to help enclose the range.

George Bumiller, Ramsey, NJ

Discussed the new format of the council meetings and proposed use of the screens in council chambers.

AB Braggin, Ramsey, NJ

Discussed the decision of the governing body not to hold a referendum for the senior/community center and pool house, inquired about the flooring at the new community center, the new meeting format and the approved Planning Board application for 83 Grant Street.

Not seeing anyone else wishing to be heard, Council President Jones closed public comment.

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS - None

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Jones

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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| 084-2019 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 085-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number seven |
| 086-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 2307 Lot 11 in the 3,116,22 |
| 087-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 4401 Lot 25 in the amount of \$1,077.16 |
| 088-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing award of contract to Christopher P. Statile, P.A. for engineering and inspection services of the Elbert Street and Myrtle Avenue 2019 Municipal Aid Project in an amount not to exceed \$42,300 (done under new business) |

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS -None

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Executive session to discuss nonunion salary increases and Police Chief and Captain contracts.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
Reported that the Environmental Commission Clean Up day is Saturday, April 15th at 10am at Ramsey Rescue.

The Green Team's focus this year will be the bike path and Styrofoam recycling/collection.

RIFE had karaoke night this past Friday. The next event is Art Night on April 27th at the high school.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Reported on the Planning Board application for Amoco Gas Station on Route 17 south. It was denied due to the proposed size. Dykes Lumber is taking space in the Fuda Tile on Route 17 South location.

The Recreation Commission held its annual Spring Egg Hunt at Finch park on Saturday, April 6 which included over 3000 candy filled eggs and approximately 150 – 200 kids and parents enjoyed a good time.

The next meeting for the Recreation Commission is Monday, April 15th.

Design Review Board

The next meeting for the Design Review Board is April 23rd.

Ramsey Seniors/Senior Center

Bocce started Monday April 8th and Pickleball started Tuesday, April 9th.

VFW Post 12148

Terry Sherwood, Post Commander announced that will have major surgery and will be leaving for Colorado to be with family in early May and expected to be in Colorado to recuperate for several months. John Rigg was elected to be Post Commander until Terry returns.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman

The Board and Commissions that he is liaison to do not have meetings until later this month and will report back at that time.

- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
The Ramsey Journal hit mail boxes last week and thanked the Clerk’s office, particularly Kelly Sylvester for their help in getting the journal out.

The Independence Day celebration and Ramsey Day planning is still underway. Reported on the special pool meeting that was needed in order to award a contract for the playground project and snack stand. And also reported that the pool will open on time for the Memorial Day weekend. There are contingency plans in place if the pool house is not ready to be open.

Addressed the use of the screens in council chambers and explained they were installed under the impetus of the courts.

- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
Absent

- G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

The Library Board meeting was very productive, approving the patron code of conduct policy and the safe child policy as well as the five year capital improvement plan.

At the next Northwest Bergen County Mayor’s Association meeting they will be meeting the Bergen County Sheriff Cureton

- H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

The borough received a grant in the amount of \$222,000 for the Elbert Street and Myrtle Avenue 2019 Municipal Aid Project. In anticipation of receiving the grant engineering and inspection work was solicited for and will award that contract to Christopher Statile, tonight.

Discussed the many towns in the Northwest Bergen area that do not have an in-house engineer.

2019 Road Resurfacing Project – Bids are due on April 17th.

Island Road/Avenue Road Resurfacing Project - Bids are due April 17th.

Community/Senior Center Pool House Project Update

Sheet rocking has started on the Community Center and had a contracted completion date of June 14th and anticipates to be done on time.

The Pool House completion date was slated for May 17th and does not look like it will be fully completed on time. There are contingency plans in place. The pool will open Memorial Day.

Site Work – The Ramsey DPW has removed concrete sidewalks and removed asphalt from the parking lot area and will be tearing down the old concession stand.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh (cont'd)

Additional 2019 Improvements – A new playground will be installed in the area of the old concession stand and will be ready by Memorial Day. The pavilion in the back will be replaced with a new one with an open space grant which will be reimbursed up to \$42,500.

NJ DEP Permit Application which deals with the new parking areas and the dedicated senior center addition. The permit was submitted to NJDEP on March 22nd
A complete copy is on file with the Borough Clerk.

Main Street Streetscape Update – We received a second round of bidding with one bid received and sent to NJ DOT for review. This bid came in substantially higher than the original round. The borough will wait for the recommendation of the federal review.

Mutual Fire Agreement with Suffern, NY – The borough has had a mutual agreement with Suffern since 2009 and would like to continue. The borough will review the agreement and re-memorialize, if need be.

The project for the inside handicapped accessibility has been completed and will be sent to the county for reimbursement through the grant that was received. The interior doors are now completely automatic and handicapped accessible.

Executive Session Personnel – Contract Negotiation – Potential Litigation

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

Discussed the County of Bergen's request for aerial spraying for mosquitos and asked for a motion to authorize.

Motion by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Jones.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian - No comment

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS- None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Jones

088-2019 Resolution: authorizing award of contract to Christopher P. Statile, P.A. for engineering and inspection services of the Elbert Street and Myrtle Avenue 2019 Municipal Aid Project in an amount not to exceed \$42,300

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

Councilman Jones reported that this was an RFQ and Mr. Statile's firm was the low quote.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn to executive session at 8:30pm, by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Weber to discuss litigation, personnel and contract negotiations. The Borough Attorney read the executive session resolution.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

Meredith Bendian
Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk