

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and asked Board of Ed Trustee Meiman to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

**I. ROLL CALL -**

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

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

Absent: Councilpersons Jones and Weber

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WS 04-10-19, 04-24-19  
Motion by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter  
All in favor. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -  
Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried  
Mayor Dillon noted that we accept the retirement of Sally Wiegand with regret.

1. James Rotundo, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ  
letter dated May 1, 2019, regarding 2020 service charges
2. Dr. Michael Thumm, Principal, Ramsey High School  
letter dated May 8, 2019, invitation to Relay for Life on Friday, June 7, 2019 at 7:00pm at the high school
3. George Bumiller, Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey  
email dated May 10, 2019, regarding an overview of the Board of Education application to the Planning Board
4. Sally Wiegand, Secretary, Ramsey Borough, Board of Health  
letter dated May 13, 2019, informing of her retirement effective June 30, 2019
5. James Rotundo, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority  
30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ  
letter dated April 26, 2019, notice regarding NCBUA Connection Fees
6. Alison Gordon, Secretary, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority  
30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ  
letter dated April 25, 2019, enclosing the Audit Report for year ending 2018

#### 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.

Jennifer Sauer, 14 Blauvelt Avenue, Ramsey

Spoke on behalf of the Gun Violence Awareness month and thanked the governing body for their support. The Mayor replied that she would be reading a proclamation supporting Gun Violence Awareness

Mr. Braggin, Ramsey, NJ

Discussed the issue at 83 Grant Street. Resolutions being passed with stipulations but there is no follow up. Expressed his disapproval that the Mayor moved the public comment section of the Board of Public Works meeting.

Ken Fleishaker, 462 Airmount Avenue, Ramsey

Discussed the legal fees line item in the budget and the Screaming Eagle application. Mayor Dillon replied.

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

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

#### VI. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Dillon made the following appointment

James FitzPatrick, Zoning Board of Adjustment (filling unexpired term of G. Willcox)

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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| 107-2019 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers  |
| 108-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number nine  |
| 109-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough enter into a grant agreement Bergen County Trust Fund for the N. Central Field Restoration and Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$67,500         |
| 110-2019 | Resolution: | proclaiming May as Mental Health Awareness month in the Borough of Ramsey  |
| 111-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 4001, Lot 22, Qualifier C354 in the amount of \$2,473.52  |
| 112-2019 | Resolution: | approving Change Order Number 4 in an amount of \$27,392.28 for the removal and disposition of soil and Change Order Number 5 in the amount of \$8,081.83 to M.B.T.Contracting |
| 113-2019 | Resolution: | supporting the Click It or Ticket mobilization May 20, 2019 to June 2, 2019  |
| 114-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the purchase of an E-One Salisbury rescue fire pumper from the Township of Teaneck for \$125,000.  |
| 115-2019 | Resolution: | accepting the retirement of Sally Wiegand, effective June 30, 2019, with regret  |
| 116-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax court judgment for Block 3802 Lot10 for years 2017 and 2018 for a total amount of \$14,752.52  |
| 117-2019 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of James FitzPatrick to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a regular member, filling the unexpired term of G. Willcox                                |

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Ramsey Farmers Market is requesting permission to hold their annual Farmers Market at the train station from June 2 – Nov. 24, 2019. They have received approval from NJ Transit

The Alpine Learning Center is requesting permission to ride through town for a fundraiser for Autism on Sunday, June 2, 2019

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Jenifer Edelson is requesting permission to have a block party on lower Norman Drive /Fen Court on Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Kilman, Verdone

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Dillon read the National Gun Violence Awareness Proclamation and took pictures with members present.

## IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel  
Reported on the public hearing for the application for the Bergen County Open Space Trustfund for improvements to the pickleball and tennis courts. With a resolution to follow.

Thanked Sally Wiegand for her many years of service to the Board of Health and thanked James FitzPatrick for filling G. Willcox's unexpired term on the Zoning Board.

- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber  
Absent

- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone  
Planning Board - Baseline Associates application was approved. This is a major subdivision located at 425 Island Road that will consist of 16 single family homes. There are specific stipulations most of which relate to soil remediation that will be documented in the final resolution. Columbia Bank will occupy the Wells Fargo space next to the Ramsey Post Office.

Recreation Commission meeting was cancelled. The Movie in the Park will be Incredibles 2 on Friday, June 21st.

The Design Review Board meeting is May 28.

Ramsey Seniors/Senior Center - Upcoming events include:

Relay for Life at the Ramsey High School, June 7. Several Ramsey Seniors will be participating, a cruise on the Hudson River aboard the Pride of the Hudson Boat on June 11 and the Senior Citizen Gala at the Ramsey High School on June 29.

VFW Post 12148

Veterans soliciting donations for Poppies is in full swing and to date has been quite successful. With full support and cooperation from the Ramsey Chamber of Commerce the VFW had a very good day with poppy donations during the Taste of Ramsey Event this past Sunday. The VFW Post will host the Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Ceremony Services on Monday, May 27.

Congratulated the Ramsey Chamber of Commerce for the outstanding Taste of Ramsey Event, appearing to be the biggest crowd ever and enjoyed by all those who attended. Especially Chamber President Louise Van Olsten for supporting the Ramsey VFW.

Thanked Sally Wiegand for her many years of service to Ramsey and wished her the best in the years to come.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman

Reported that the Zoning Board meeting was cancelled this month since there were no applications and encouraged people to attend the Shade Tree Commission meetings.

Board of Public Works – Recommended that people attend to get the full scope of their work and referenced 83 Grant Street. There will be a new arsenic treatment system for our water system due to the strict standards of the state and gave updates from the water board professionals.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones  
Absent

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter  
Board of Health continues to work on proposed fees for the sellers of vaping products and plastic bag restrictions. Thanked Sally Wiegand as the Board of Health Secretary.

Board of Education had a school safety drill at Ramsey High School earlier today. The high school held career day for HS sophomores at the end of April. The Freshman class focused on identifying a friend or peer with mental health issues while the upper classman attended a program on dorm safety and making healthy choices. The DECA program for business students advanced to the state competition.

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Ramsey High School is hosting a Memorial Day Service on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm.  
Honoring Master Sergeant Charles Hosking.

The Click it or Ticket Program is ongoing as Ramsey received a \$5,500 grant with six enforcements and 29 summonses issued.

June 6<sup>th</sup> is the Shield Awards at the Knights of Columbus where each emergency service honors one of their own.

Congratulations on the Taste of Ramsey, it was very well attended.

Thanked Sally Wiegand for her service to the borough.

Thanked James FitzPatrick for stepping up on the Board of Adjustment.

The borough received notice from the County at Franklin Turnpike between Allendale and Main Street/Lake Street intersection will be milled and paved in June.

Thanked Borough Clerk Bendian on her hard work relocating the polling locations.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

The Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am going from Maple Street to Veteran's Park.

The VFW will hold a ceremony at Union Cemetery at 9am on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

The borough received two grants for resurfacing Island Road and Island Avenue from Amanda Court to Prospect St.

The Ramsey 2019 road resurfacing project will take place in June along with Island.

Pool House Project Update – The preparations were finalized last week to have facilities in place for opening day.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation

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

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - None

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

## XII. NEW BUSINESS

### PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUBMISSION OF A 2019 BERGEN COUNTY TRUST FUND GRANT APPLICATION FOR

- CONKLIN PARK-EAST OAK STREET TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS IMPROVEMENTS—Block 3204, Lot 281
- 100 E. Oak Street, Ramsey, NJ 07446
- The Borough is proposing various improvements to the current pickleball/tennis courts including, but not limited to removing of mildew and moss, performing of repairs on all cracks and low spots with a reinforced membrane system, application of coating system and repainting all lines, replacing current nets and accessories, fencing and gate work, and landscaping.

Borough Administrator Vozech explained in depth the improvements to the courts and that it is estimated at \$75,000 and the grant reimburses 50% of the cost (\$37,500).

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing on the Bergen County Trust Fund Grant Application for Conklin Park E. Oak Street Tennis/Pickleball Court improvements

Braggin, Ramsey, NJ

Commented that there should be better maintenance of the court throughout the year.

Roger Knauss, Senior Citizen Coordinator

Thanked the governing body for their support of the new craze of pickelball that is popular among the Ramsey seniors.

Administrator Vozech read a statement from Recreation Director Bill Patterson in support of the improvements.

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

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Kilman

Resolution: Endorsing the application to Bergen County Open Space (“County Trust Fund”) Municipal Program for Park Development in an amount of \$37,500 for surface improvement, restoration, and recreational enhancement to the East Oak Street Tennis/Pickleball Courts

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Kilman, Verdone



XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to go into executive session by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Kilman to discuss potential litigation at 8:20pm. Borough Attorney Scandariato read the executive session resolution.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Kilman, Verdone

Meredith Bendian

Meredith Bendian, RMC

Borough Clerk