

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 24, 2019**

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

I. ROLL CALL -

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Gutwetter, Jones and Weber

Also Present: Deputy Borough Clerk Richards, Borough Administrator Vozeh and Borough Attorney Scandariato

Absent: Councilpersons Jachzel, Kilman and Verdone

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WS 06-12-19, 06-26-19

Motion to receive and file the minutes by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter. Councilman Weber abstained from the 06-26-19 minutes.
All in favor. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion to receive and file the communications by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried.

1. Melissa Oratio, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated July 17, 2019, enclosing the minutes from the June 18, 2019 meeting

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.

Mr. Braggin Ramsey, NJ

Inquired about the status of the DEP application, the Main Street Streetscape rebid and 83 Grant Street. Mayor Dillon, Councilman Jones and 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 - None

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Jones, 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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| 138-2019 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 139-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number 14 |
| 140-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number 15 |
| 141-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing 2019 salaries for non-union employees |
| 142-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 5402 lot 4 in the amount of \$1,872.42 |
| 143-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough to enroll in the County of Bergen Cooperative Program for the purpose of utilizing Licensed Electrical Contractor Services |
| 144-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough administrator to prepay Ramsey Day vendors |
| 145-2019 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Danielle Monaghan as Borough Atlas Search Officer effective July 1, 2019 |
| 146-2019 | Resolution: | awarding contract to Mike Fitzpatrick Contractors, Oak Ridge, NJ for the Elbert and Myrtle improvements in the amount of \$324,940.45 |
| 147-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough to enter into a professional services agreement with Dresdner Robin of Fairfield, NJ for engineering services including construction documents and construction administration for the site work and storm water portions of the Community/Senior Center and Pool House Project in accordance with their April 30, 2019 Proposal |

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jones, Weber

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

In Councilwoman Jachzel's absence Councilman Jones spoke about the non-union salary resolution and the award of the contract for Mike Fitzpatrick for the Elbert and Myrtle Street improvements.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber

Spoke about the dedication of the new ambulance on September 22nd and thanked everyone who helped out with the RIFE gala. At the Municipal Alliance meeting they discussed their attendance at all of the back to school nights in the Fall.

Thanked everyone for their work they did on the Independence Day celebration and those who helped with the Senior Citizen Gala.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone

Absent

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman

Absent

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones

Reminded everyone that the Farmers Market is outside on Sundays.

Reported that the bathrooms at the pool house have been opened so the portable bathrooms can be removed.

Meetings with the contractor have been held and a punch list has developed for the completion with dates and timelines for the rest of the offices and the community center. Things are progressing.

The first Ramsey Day meeting was tonight so that is coming along and the Ramsey Journal will be coming out in October.

Reported on the Independence Day with great weather after having to change it to Sunday. It was well attended and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Reported that NJ DEP has approved the senior center, drainage plan and parking lot improvements at the pool site, which is positive for the community. Moving forward the borough will be accepting bids on September 18th and intend to award a contract on September 25 for the senior center project.

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

Echoed Councilman Jones' comments about the pool facility and how wonderful the complex looks.

Board of Health did not have a July meeting.

Board of Education – The Ramsey Administrative Council recently became trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid to assist helping for adolescents ages 12-18 who are experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or who are in crisis.

Referendum Update Phase I – Dater School Air Conditioning, Ramsey High School and Smith School windows and roofs and Tisdale and Hubbard have been completed. The high school track and field resurfacing is underway and looks like it's on target for September. Work on the Smith Science and Stem Lab is underway as well. School opens Thursday, September 5th.

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Reported that AdEdge Water Technologies was the winning bidder for the water treatment pods replacing the current arsenic removal system. There will be a subsequent bid for the site work and installation of the pods. The bid amount was \$3,756,246.

Reported that Crew Engineers is working on a wellhead protection ordinance.

Thanked those involved in with the Senior Gala and the RIFE Gala. Both were well attended.

Congratulated Library Director Latham and the library staff on its first annual Comic Con at the Ramsey Library. It was a wonderful event.

Recognized Pool Manager Gary Bach, Borough Administrator Bruce Vozeh, Councilman Bill Jones and Construction Official Ralph Venturini for all of their hard work on getting the pool ready for Memorial Day as well as the Snack Stand, the Pool House, the sod, the ADA playground and new pavilion. All of them worked countless hours on these projects. Also thanked the pool staff for putting in a lot of time to get the pool ready and keeping everything clean.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

Commented on the resolution on awarding the contract for Elbert and Myrtle, with the work to be completed before the end of summer.

Shade Tree – The annual planting will be done in the fall with letters going out to residents shortly.

Reported that Dresdner Robin will be doing the site work and stormwater portion of the bid related to the senior center and parking project.

The borough joined the Bergen County Cooperative Shared Service for Electrical Services. If services are needed the borough will pay for what is needed at the bid prices.

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

J. DEPUTY BOROUGH CLERK – Sherry Richards – No Report

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 14-2019 – ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPLACE CHAPTER 25
ENTITLED FLOOD DAMAGE PROTECTION OF THE BOROUGH CODE

Motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An Ordinance to amend and replace Chapter 25 entitled Flood Damage Protection of the Borough of Ramsey, 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 28th day of August, 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 Jones explained that this ordinance is a requirement of FEMA for the flood maps. The deadline is August 28th and are NJ DEP approved. Every town in New Jersey and across the United States is required to do.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jones, Weber

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Meredith Bendian
Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk