

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REGULAR MEETING OF September 16, 2019**

Mr. Emmer called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 7:33PM.

Mr. Emmer announced that the meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Laws of the State of New Jersey. Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was published in issues of The Bergen Record and The Ridgewood News on January 4, 2019.

Board members present were Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato and Mr. O'Rourke. Along with Mr. Vozech, Mr. Bacolo, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Kilman, Mr. Corrison, Mr. Skorupa and Mrs. Sylvester. Dr. Goujani and Mr. Martin were absent.

Ms. Amy Haggard was sworn in as a Board member by Mayor Dillon.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion by Mr. Emmer seconded by Mr. Coronato to receive and file with review during Committee reports. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of August 19, 2019 meeting were accepted. Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Carried. Mr. O'Rourke and Ms. Haggard abstained.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	8/20/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>NJDEP Application for Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit N. Central treatment facility.</b>
2.	8/21/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Spring St. Well pump replacement change order #1.</b>
3.	8/21/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>NJDEP Arsenic Treatment Facility Orchard well.</b>
4.	8/23/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>A&amp;T Homes As built drawings.</b>
5.	8/23/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>NJDEP Application for Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit N. Central treatment facility approved application.</b>
6.	8/23/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>A&amp;T Homes Open corrective work.</b>
7.	8/26/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>NJDEP Green Acres Program – Arsenic Water treatment facilities</b>
8.	9/5/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Arsenic Water treatment facilities contract 19-3, approved permits for Bergen County soil conservation district permit &amp; Storm water discharge general permit.</b>

9.	9/6/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Aldi &amp; Pet Goods proposed renovation.</b>
10.	9/11/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Application for flood hazard area individual permit Spring St well &amp; treatment facility.</b>
11.	9/11/19	Crew/M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	<b>Management report</b>
12.	9/16/19	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	<b>Operations report</b>
13.	9/16/19	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	<b>Management Report</b>

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bacolo discussed status of 213 Grove Street. Two residential homes proposed to be constructed, Crew has reviewed the plans and recommended approval of connection to the water and sewer.

Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve the water and sewer connection at 213 Grove Street. Seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Carried.

Arsenic Well Replacement project update. Phase 1 - Spring Street well, the contractor attempted to test the new well pump. During testing, the starter coil for the existing motor starter failed resulting postponement of the test. The motor starter needs to be replaced as coil part is not available and the pump test will need to be re-performed. The cost for replacement of the starter and re-performing the well pump test will be paid through a change order.

Phase 2 – AdEdge has submitted most of the drawings for the six treatment units. Crew is reviewing shop drawings. AdEdge has started procuring materials and begun building units for Arrow Rd and Martis pump stations. They are scheduled to be delivered in late December.

Mr. Bacolo has one item for closed session.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Skorupa presented his monthly written report to the Board.

The water department assisted with preparation for the paving of Darlington Ave.

Two water main breaks were repaired.

They also performed their daily duties, along with inspecting, marking, cleaning and repairing water valves and manholes.

**OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT** Mr. DeBlock reported that the NJDEP website (state database) has been down for the last 4-5 weeks. It was restored last week and state is behind on entering data. The Water quality accountability act report is due 10/19/19. The NWBUA report was adjusted due to new meter reading system. This change will be favorable.

The Arsenic Treatment project has drawn a lot of interest from others in the industry with many inquiries to tour once it is operational.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** nothing to report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor reported that Darlington Ave was paved by the County last week.

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT** Mr. Kilman asked about the status of the Ramapo Reservation wells. Mr. Bacolo responded, that as part of Ramsey's groundwater diversion renewal permit, the NJDEP requested Ramsey's intentions of its rights regarding these wells. Currently there are only test wells constructed at the park from many years ago. At that time the County did not consent to the project. First step if the Board is to pursue the possibility of utilizing these rights is reopening talks with the County to obtain their consent for the project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion by Mr. Emmer to open and close the floor for Public comment, seconded by Mr. Coronato.

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** nothing to report.

**FINANCE**

Budget and Revenue/Expense Reports were submitted to Board members.

**Resolution by: Mr. Coronato**

**Seconded by: Mr. Emmer**

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following bills be paid and charged to the current Water/Sewer 2019 Budget:

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>\$ 670,091.35</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 855,365.64</b>
<b>WIRED</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following bills be paid and charged to the Capital Account:

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**AYES:** Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. O'Rourke and Ms. Haggard

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:**

**OLD BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 7:53 PM, motion by Mr. Emmer, second by Mr. O'Rourke. Carried.

**RESOLVED THAT:**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey is of the opinion that such circumstances exist; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey wishes to discuss matters of litigation, personnel, and contract negotiation; and

**WHEREAS**, minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer exist, then the minutes can be made public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Public Works of the Borough of Ramsey, that the public be excluded from this meeting. The outcome of the meeting will be disclosed when a course of action is determined or a decision is reached.

Motion by Mayor Dillon to end executive session at 8:02 PM, second by Mr. Emmer. Carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Vozech reported that 7 bidders picked up package for Arsenic Treatment facilities systems project. Two bids were received, both were over budget with the lowest bid coming in at \$4,029,289. The recommendation is to reject the two bids. Next steps would be to re-bid the project with modifications which include extending the completion date and remove the Spring & Orchard well sites and bidding those at a later date. These changes would allow for smaller companies to bid and attract more competitive bids.

Motion by Mr. Emmer to reject the two bids received for the Arsenic treatment systems facilities project because they exceed both budget and bonding. Seconded by Mayor Dillon. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Emmer to rebid Arsenic treatment systems facilities project on October 18, 2019 extending timeline and removing Spring St & Orchard well sites (to be bid at a later date). Seconded by Mayor Dillon. Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Emmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:08PM. Seconded by Mr. Coronato. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester