

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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

I. ROLL CALL -

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

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

Absent: Councilman Verdone

Mayor Dillon asked for a motion to go out of the regular order of business. Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Jones.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Weber

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded Councilman Jones

ORDINANCE 15-2019 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW, ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,660,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled A Bond Ordinance to authorize the making of public improvements and the acquisition of new, additional or replacement equipment and machinery in, by and for the Borough of Ramsey, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to appropriate the sun of \$2,660,000 to pay the cost thereof to make a down payment, to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation and to provide for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, pass the first reading by title, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on the 10th day of October, 2019 at 7:30pm prevailing time or as soon after as the matter can be reached in the Municipal Building in said Borough and;

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

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 that this ordinance will fund the second phase of the community/senior center pool house project which includes the drainage and site work and parking lot expansion and improvements and the senior center addition. The total of \$2,295,000 is estimated to be about 60% going toward the drainage and parking improvements and 40% for the dedicated senior center. The other portion of \$365,000 is for refurbishment of the heavy duty rescue squad vehicle.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Weber

Motion to go back into the regular order of business by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Weber

Councilpersons Gutwetter and Jachzel left the meeting at 7:35pm in order to attend back to school night.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 08-28-19, WS 09-11-19

Motion to approve by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Weber.
All in favor. Carried.

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

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

1. Melissa Oratio, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Avenue, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated September 18, 2019, enclosing minutes of the July 16, 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.

George Bumiller, Ramsey, NJ

Discussed a letter that he wrote concerning the information and communications between the residents and the governing body.

Braggin, Ramsey, NJ

Discussed the chicken wire on the fence installed at Finch Park, the federal grant for the Main Street Street Scape, reported cars parking on N. Central Ave. from the car dealership and questioned the reason for the doors on the community center doors being replaced. Administrator Vozech replied that the doors at the community center needed repainting.

Not seeing anyone else, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Dillon made the following appointments and swore in those present after the consent resolution was passed.

Daniel Harvey, Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department

William Heinrich, Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kilman

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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| 169-2019 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 170-2019 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number 18 |
| 171-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax court judgment for Block 1404 Lot Lot 10.27 in the amount of \$18,121.44 |
| 172-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 3101 Lot 77.01 in the amount of \$549.46 |
| 173-2019 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Daniel Harvey to the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department as a regular member |
| 174-2019 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of William Heinrich to the Ramsey Volunteer Fire Department as a regular member |
| 175-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax redemption for Block 4703 Lot 17 in the amount of \$69,258.69 |
| 176-2019 | Resolution: | authorizing a tax redemption for Block 3101 Lot 4.01 in the amount of \$1,593.45 |
| 177-2019 | Resolution: | awarding contract for the Borough's Main Street 21 st Century Revival Project (Phase 2) to AA Berms LLC, 106 Mill Street, Belleville, New Jersey 07109 as the lowest responsible bidder in an amount of \$626,967.10. |

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Ramsey PBA Local #155 is requesting permission to hold a food truck fundraiser in Finch Park on Saturday, October 5, 2019 (raindate 10/6) from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

P. Gurney of Elm Place is requesting permission to have a block party on Sunday, September 29, 2019 from 3:00 pm-7:00 pm

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Jones, Kilman, Weber

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Absent

- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
Congratulated Dan Harvey and William Heinrich on their appointments to the fire department.

Thanked Jane Simon and the Volunteer Ambulance Corp for the dedication ceremony of the two new ambulances.

Announced the PBA Food Truck event on Saturday, October 23, 2019 with proceeds to go to a local Ramsey Family

Municipal Alliance – Completed all of the back to school nights giving out literature. There will be a presentation on sports injury and pain medicine on Wednesday October 2nd.

RIFE – Art night is Friday, Sept 28th. The Soccer program is up and running.

- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Absent

- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman
Congratulated and thanked the new appointees.

Board of Public Works – Bids were received for the new arsenic treatment system and significantly exceeded the estimates and were being rejected.

- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
Announced the next scheduled Mayor and Council meeting is Thursday, October 10th.

The Ramsey Journal is on target to be in mailboxes by October 15th.

The October 23rd meeting is Volunteer Night.

Ramsey Pool Commission - The Pool Manager reported on a very successful season.

Addressed public comment about the new format of the meetings which helped with improving the flow of meetings including uninterrupted commentary and more robust reports.

Discussed the bond ordinance that was introduced for the refurbishment of the Rescue truck and the senior center addition and site work.

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

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Congratulated the new members of the Fire Department.

Thanked all of the members of the Ambulance Corp. President Simon did a wonderful job leading the dedication.

Planning Board - The Bulldog Café matter is continued.

Congratulated the Recreation Commission on a great Ramsey Run. The leftover fruit was donated to the Center for Food Action in Mahwah.

Ramsey Library – Reported on the successful Harvest Festival and Petting Zoo last weekend with a great turnout and raved about Library Director Matthew Latham and his new programming.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozech

Discussed the award of contract earlier this evening for the Main Street Streetscape. The administrative appeal hearing for the low bidder was rejected and recommended the award of contract to the second lowest bidder.

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

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian - No report

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – (covered out of order after roll call)

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XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meredith Bendian
Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk