

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING OF October 21, 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, Dr. Goujani, Mr. Coronato and Mr. O'Rourke. Along with Mr. Vozeh, Mr. Bacolo, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Kilman, Mr. Corrison, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Jensen from Crew and Mrs. Sylvester. Ms. Haggard and Mr. Martin were absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

MINUTES

Minutes of September 16, 2019 meeting were accepted. Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve, seconded by Mayor Dillon. Carried.

No.	Date	From	To	Subject
1.	8/22/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	Aldi & Pet Goods minor site plan
2.	9/11/19	D. Hals	Board of Public Works	Gad Gilan amended site plan - \$ Spruce St
3.	9/16/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	Arsenic Treatment System Replacement Facilities bids
4.	9/19/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	Highlands Planning Area Exemption Determination application
5.	9/23/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	Site Plan Application for N. Central Water treatment facility.
6.	9/24/19	D. Hals	Board of Public Works	Ramsey Auto Group - Mazda amended site plan
7.	9/25/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	4 Spruce St. drawings for amended seating plan
8.	9/26/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	Tree house Pediatric drawings 100 & qo6 Franklin turnpike
9.	9/26/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	N. Central Ave Arsenic treatment facilities response letter NJDEP
10.	10/1/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	Ramsey Auto Group – Mazda amended site plan – jewel box addition
11.	10/2/19	McDonnell Whitaker	Board of Public Works	A&T Home Inc developers agreement status update
12.	10/4/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	3rd Quarter Arsenic sample results

13.	10/8/19	NJDEP	Board of Public Works	NJDEP additions to monitoring requirements
14.	10/10/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	Payment request #2 – Ad Edge water technologies LLC
15.	10/9/19	Crew	Board of Public Works	Aldi & Pet Goods revised plans
16.	10/16/19	Crew/M. Bacolo	Board of Public Works	Management report
17.	10/21/19	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	Operations report
18.	10/21/19	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	Management Report

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Mr. Bacolo discussed status of A&T Homes off Island Rd. The Contractor has made all of the necessary repairs. The revised as-built drawings are pending. The constructed water and sanitary sewer facilities can be considered to be acceptable by the Board once drawings are submitted.

Update on Aldi/Pet Goods stores. Crew received revised plans. Based on these revisions, Crew recommends approving connection for the proposed water service.

343 Woodland Ave has requested water and sewer sanitary connection, Crew recommends approval.

125 Summit Ave has requested water connection. Crew recommends approval.

Spring St Well pump station update. Contractor replaced motor starter and performed well pump testing while Crew was present, it is now up and running. The final cost for replacement of the defective motor starter and to re-run the well pump test was \$7,957.

Arsenic project – shop drawings have been submitted by Ad Edge for several of the Water Pods. There has been progress with this phase of the project and it is moving along well. The Arrow Road and Martis Water Pods are being constructed in the shop.

Crew has submitted application for N. Central well to the Township of Mahwah. Mr. Corrison is attending the Mahwah planning board meeting on 11/4 to present. The Highlands Council has reviewed Ramsey’s application for the North Central site and has granted exemption for the project.

Orchard well update, a wetlands mitigation restoration plan is being prepared to go to NJDEP.

Green Acres meeting is set with NJDEP for Diversion Permit for Martis, East Oak, and Orchard well sites.

Mr. Bacolo has one item for closed session regarding contract issues.

Motion by Mr. Emmer for approval of requests by Aldi/Pet Goods for water connection , 125 Summit Ave water connection and 343Woodland Ave water and sewer connection ,seconded by Mayor Dillon. Carried

Motion by Mr. Emmer for change order for CFM for extra work performed at the Spring St well to replace motor starter at a cost of \$7,957 , seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Carried.

OPERATIONS REPORT

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

The water department assisted with several projects in the water and sanitary sewer system.

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

The water department will be assisting the road dept. with leaf collection.

Mr. Skorupa is marking his 6 year anniversary of Assistant Superintendent of water & sewer dept. and 22 years as a Borough employee.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT Mr. DeBlock reported that NJDEP reporting backlog has been cleared. Data has been reviewed by himself and Mr. Bacolo. New monitoring to begin in January 1, 2020 for PFOA and PFOS. Mr. Bacolo noted that quarterly sample collections have begun proactively for these compounds along with PNOA.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT Outstanding items with A&T Homes has been resolved. Mr. Corriston has one item for executive session.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor reported that a bid has been accepted for the municipal pool which includes parking, drainage, and Senior Center project.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT Mr. Kilman asked about the new water testing requirements. Mr. DeBlock responded

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT Mr. .Vozech spoke about wellhead protection ordinance. After reviewing ordinances from other communities, a first draft has been developed. The subcommittee created for this ordinance would like to meet with Planning and Zoning Boards to review along with Board of Public Works before presenting to Mayor & Council. The fall edition of the Ramsey journal includes an article addressing the Arsenic Treatment Facilities project and water quality in the Borough. There have been no water quality violations for the last ten years since installing the current arsenic system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Mr. Emmer to open the floor for Public comment, seconded by Dr. Goujani

Joyce Hudon – 40 Buckingham Dr. Ramsey inquired about the Ramsey water report. Reviewed EPA Violations report. Formatting of water quality report on town websites. Mr. Bacolo

responded that the EPA has errors in their reporting. Mr. Vozeh responded that there have been issues with communication between EPA and NJDEP websites leading to reported errors.

Jennifer Crandall – 150 W. Oak St. Ramsey noted NJDEP testing results for 2018 at the Orchard St. well and inquired why there was testing at this well and the results were above acceptable levels. Mr. Bacolo responded that the testing at the Orchard St Well, is a background requirement of NJDEP for the new Arsenic Treatment facilities project. Mr. Vozeh noted that this well has been off-line for over 10 years and therefore water is not being pumped to the system and consumed by the public. Mr. Vozeh responded that the diversion permit includes plan to bring this well back online. Mrs. Crandall asked about bids and if they were competitive. The response was yes, there are two bids for the two phases, the first was for pre-fabrication of pods and the second is for installation.

Jennifer Sauer – 14 Blauvelt Ave Ramsey spoke about explaining arsenic treatment in the Journal in more detail. Would like better ongoing communication. Mr. Coronato reviewed his personal background and involvement prior to joining the Board of Public Works.

Jennifer Crandall – Pesticide testing, Mr. DeBlock addressed this. Mrs. Crandall noted several area towns are providing live videotaping. There are people in the town who would be happy to volunteer to do the filming. Mayor Dillion responded that the topic of videoing is under review. Mr. Vozeh responded that all the Board of Public Works meeting audio files are available to the public on the Borough Website.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE nothing to report.

FINANCE

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

Resolution by: Mr. Coronato

Seconded by: Mr. O'Rourke

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

CURRENT	\$ 977,037.71
RESERVE	\$ 0
WIRED	\$ 0

RESOLVED THAT: The following bills be paid and charged to the Capital Account:
- 0 -

AYES: Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. O'Rourke and Dr. Goujani

NAYS: None

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – none

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 8:12 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 8:38 PM, second by Mr. Emmer. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Emmer not to recommend award of bid for Phase 3 until the technical and financial evaluation has been completed.

Motion by Mr. Emmer to authorize Mr. Corrison to talk with Mahwah Township Attorney concerning the proposed microwave tower for the North Central site.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Emmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:42PM. Seconded by Dr. Goujani. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester