

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORK SESSION AGENDA
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
7:00pm**

This meeting is also being conducted telephonically
Dial-In Number (425)436-6365 Access Code 213563#

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBnVXBwSn_ILMuAGkSin9w

I. ROLL CALL – FLAG SALUTE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW NOTICE

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 01-25-2023

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

1. Nicole Minetti, Tara Dennis, Minetti Dennis Group, 205 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ
letter dated January 20, 2023, requesting permission for the 5th annual Ramsey town wide garage sale on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9am – 4pm
2. Sal La Verdi, General Manager, The Shannon Rose, Ramsey NJ
letter dated January 31, 2023, requesting permission to use the McFarran Field Parking Lot for employee parking March 16, 2023 – March 20, 2023
3. Sal La Verdi, General Manager, The Shannon Rose, Ramsey NJ
letter dated January 31, 2023, requesting permission to hold a special St. Patrick's Day event from March 15, 2023 – March 20, 2023, including an enclosed patio with a tent

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body please give your name (spelling the last name) and address. 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, 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.

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

ORDINANCE 02-2023 – AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

VI. **APPOINTMENTS**

VII. CONSENT RESOLUTION

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:

- 050-2023 Resolution: payment of vouchers**
- 051-2023 Resolution: ratifying the action of the governing body for payroll number three**
- 052-2023 Resolution: confirming the tax sale certificate issued to the Borough of for Block 4001 Lot 23 C0623 at the tax sale held on November 30, 2022**
- 053-2023 Resolution: entering into a grant agreement with Bergen County Community Development for handicapped bathrooms at Finch Park in the amount \$53,700**

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
1. Various Comments

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Peter Kilman
1. Various Comments

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilwoman Jane Woods
1. Various Comments

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilwoman Judy Cusick
1. Various Comments

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilwoman Sara Poppe
1. Various Comments

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Glen Popolo
1. Various Comments

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

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

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian

X. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

XI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

XII. **NEW BUSINESS**

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**



January 20, 2023

From: Minetti Dennis Group
205 N. Franklin Tpk.
Ramsey, NJ 07446

Borough of Ramsey
33 N Central Ave.
Ramsey, NJ 07446
Attn: Sherry Richards, Deputy Borough Clerk

Dear Sherry,

We would like to request the approval for our 5th annual Ramsey Town Wide Garage Sale. The proposed date is **Saturday, May 6th** from 9am to 4pm. The Minetti Dennis Group will provide the marketing for all participants hosting a garage sale at their home.

Please let us know if there is any additional information needed. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Many thanks,

Nicole Minetti c. 201-388-0077, nicole@minettidennisgroup.com
Tara Dennis c. 201-913-9139, tara@minettidennisgroup.com



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7 Pearl Court

Allendale, New Jersey 07401

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1/31/2023

Deirdre A. Dillon
Mayor
Township of Ramsey
33 North Central Avenue
Ramsey, NJ 07446

Dear Mayor and Council:

On behalf of The Shannon Rose Irish Pub we are formally requesting approval to use the parking lot at Mc Farran Field for employee only parking from March 16, 2018 thru March 20, 2023. Due to a high volume of guests we would like to offer our staff a safe and secure place to park for the entire work day. The lot would be used from 7:00 AM until approximately 4:00 AM on said days.

Please let me know if you need any further details regarding this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

SAL LA VERDI
GENERAL MANAGER
THE SHANNON ROSE
RAMSEY, NJ
(201)-962-7602
SLAVERDI@DOHERTYINC.COM



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1/31/2023

Deirdre A. Dillon
Mayor
Township of Ramsey
33 North Central Avenue
Ramsey, NJ 07446

Dear Mayor and Council:

On behalf of The Shannon Rose Irish Pub, we are formally requesting approval to have a special event from March 15, 2023, through March 20, 2023 for a St. Patrick's Day celebration. We would like to enclose the patio with a 20x35 tent, with sides and doors. The hours we would like to utilize this is 11:00am through 2:00am. We would also like to formally request a temporary outdoor café dining permit for food service in the tent during the length of the tent erection for our St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Attached is a floor plan indicating the intended tent area.

Please let me know if you need any further details regarding this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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GENERAL MANAGER
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COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

FINAL ORD. NO. 02-2023

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL
BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A
CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

having been brought up for public hearing and all persons interested having been given an opportunity to be heard, pass final reading by title, and that said Ordinance be adopted as an Ordinance of the Borough of Ramsey; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be, and she hereby is, directed to cause a copy of the title of said Ordinance to be published in an official newspaper of the Borough in the manner provided by law; together with a notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPOLO, G.				
POPPE, S.				
WOODS, J.				

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION
PASSED AND APPROVED AT THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

MEREDITH BENDIAN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

PASSED AND APPROVED

CLERK

MAYOR

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
ORDINANCE 02-2023**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey (the "Borough") in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$208,731 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$730,559, and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Borough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Introduced: January 25, 2023

Adopted: February 8, 2023

Deirdre Dillon, Mayor

Meredith Bendian, Borough Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 050- 2023

Resolution by: **M. GUTWETTER**

Seconded by: **S. POPPE**

Feb. 8, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that the CURRENT, CAPITAL, POOL, PLANNING BOARD, and TRUST account bills shown on the sheets attached hereto be paid and charged to the proper accounts such sheet which is attached hereto being specifically incorporated herein and considered part of the Resolution as though the same were set forth in the face thereof.

<u>CURRENT</u>	\$7,724,258.35
<u>RESERVE</u>	\$167,189.45
<u>GRANT</u>	\$293.82
<u>CAPITAL</u>	\$21,285.14
<u>POOL</u>	\$780.25
<u>PLANNING BOARD</u>	\$11,942.45
<u>TRUST</u>	\$705.00
<u>WIRED</u>	\$229,165.50
RECYCLING TRUST	\$0.00

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
MAYOR DILLON				
CUSICK, J.	X			
GUTWETTER, M.	X			
KILMAN, P.	X			
POPOLO, G	X			
POPPE, S.	X			
WOODS, J.	X			

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MEREDITH BENDIAN, BOROUGH CLERK

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

PASSED AND APPROVED

CLERK

MAYOR

cc: **D. Bartalotta, CFO**
J. Turner, AP

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 051-2023

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Feb. 8, 2023

Resolved: To ratify the actions of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ramsey payroll dated Feb. 3, 2023.

CURRENT FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	355,502.25
WATER OPERATING FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	33,069.15
POOL OPERATING FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	262.71
POLICE OFF DUTY TRUST FUND	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	14,805.96
TOTAL PAYROLL		<u>\$</u>	<u>403,640.07</u>
CURRENT FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	16,306.38
WATER OPERATING FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	2,427.45
POOL OPERATING FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	ON-LINE TRANSFER		\$20.36
DCRP	ON-LINE TRANSFER	\$	-
TOTAL FICA		<u>\$</u>	<u>18,754.19</u>

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
MAYOR DILLON				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPOLO, G.				
POPPE, S.				
WOODS, J.				

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CLERK

MAYOR

cc: Denise Bartalotta, CFO
 J Turner, Accounts Payable

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 052-2023

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

WHEREAS, Tax Sale Certificate #21-00009 was issued to the Borough of Ramsey, 33 N. Central Avenue, Ramsey, NJ 07446 for Block 4001 Lot 23 C0623 assessed to Zoltan A. & Anayda Toth, at a Tax Sale held on November 30, 2022;

WHEREAS, the owner has redeemed Certificate #21-0009 by paying the full amount of the lien;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this municipal lien be struck off and the Tax Collector adjust his books accordingly.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPOLO, G.				
POPPE, S.				
WOODS, J.				

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MEREDITH BENDIAN, MUNICIPAL CLERK

FEBRUARY 8, 2023

PASSED AND APPROVED

CLERK

MAYOR

COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 053-2023

Resolution by: _____

Seconded by: _____

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$53,700 in 2023 Community Development Block Grant funds for Handicapped Bathrooms at Finch Park in Ramsey, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Bruce Vozech to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Bruce Vozech to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council recognizes that the Borough of Ramsey is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the Grant Agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

	YES	NO	A B S T A I N	A B S E N T
DILLON, D. MAYOR				
CUSICK, J.				
GUTWETTER, M.				
KILMAN, P.				
POPOLO, G.				
POPPE, S.				
WOODS, J.				

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