

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 2, 2020**

Mayor Dillon called the meeting to order at 8:29pm and asked Officer Rork to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings Act notice.

I. ROLL CALL -

Present: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Gutwetter, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber and Woods

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None

III. COMMUNICATIONS - None

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

Requested a report be placed on the borough website and asked about Board of Health audio recordings.

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 - None

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

IX. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
No report

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
No report

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Planning Board – Reported on the December 17th meeting that waivers were approved for Kastle Kitchens and Plumeria Ventures and there were two public hearings, the Estate of Wiersma to Guttermann and Stevens and Porcelanosa.

Design Review Board - Reviewed and approved a sign application for Aldi.

Ramsey Seniors/Senior Center – Has a scheduled event on Computer Security at the Senior Center on February 4th.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman
No report

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
No report

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilwoman Jane Woods
No report

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON
Announced that the Federal Aviation Administration is having a meeting at the Sheraton Crossroads on January 8, 2020 at 6:00pm to discuss the environmental impact of a proposed new runway at Teterboro Airport.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh - No report

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

J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian - No report

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 01-2020 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 34-4 OF CHAPTER 34 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE PARTICULARLY SUBSECTION 34-4.26 THEREOF ENTITLED FENCES

Motion by Councilman Kilman, seconded by Councilman Verdone

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An Ordinance amending Section 34-4 of Chapter 34 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more particularly Subsection 34-4.26 thereof entitled Fences, 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 22nd day of January, 2020 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 Kilman explained that this ordinance clarifies the language in Section 5 dealing with no fences beyond the front building line or in the front yard exceeding four feet in height as well as Section 7 regarding pool fence permits be issued by the building department.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber, Woods

ORDINANCE 02-2020 - AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SENIOR CENTER AND SITE WORK PROJECT IN THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$235,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF

Motion by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance to authorize capital improvements for the purpose of acquisition of equipment for various departments and improvements to the senior center and site work project in the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and to appropriate the sum of \$235,000 to pay the cost thereof, 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 22nd day of January, 2020 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 Gutwetter explained that this ordinance allocates funds previously budgeted for the specific purposes stated in the ordinance.

ROLL CALL:

YAY: Gutwetter, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber, Woods

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

XII. NEW BUSINESS- None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Kilman. All in favor. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk