

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REORGANIZATION MEETING OF JANUARY 23, 2023**

Mr. Coronato called the Reorganization meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 6:32 PM. The meeting was conducted in-person and by conference call due to COVID-19.

Mr. Coronato 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 December 28, 2023.

Board members present (in person & via conference call) were Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato Mr. Emmer, Mr. Emmett, Dr. Boff and Mr. Hewitt. Along with Mr. Vozeh, Mr. Bacolo, Mr. DeBlock, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Corrison, Councilwoman Judy Cusick and Mrs. Sylvester. Mr. Stugart was absent.

Mayor Dillon swore in Dr. Robert Boff and Mr. William Emmer to the Board.

REORGANIZATION

Approve by-laws of 2022 be adopted for 2023, Motion by Mr. Hewitt and second by Mr. Emmett.

AYES: Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt and Dr. Boff

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Stugart

ABSTAIN: none

Nomination for President of Board of Public Works for 2023:

Motion by Mayor Dillon to nominate Mr. Coronato for President of Board of Public Works for 2023. Second by Mr. Emmett

Motion to close nominations by Mr. Emmett, second by Dr. Boff

AYES: Mayor Dillon, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt and Dr. Boff

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Stugart

ABSTAIN: Mr. Coronato

Nomination for Vice President of Board of Public Works for 2023:

Motion by Mr. Coronato to nominate Mr. Emmett for Vice President of Board of Public Works for 2023. Second by Dr. Boff

Motion to close nominations by Mr. Coronato, second by Mr. Hewitt.

AYES: Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Hewitt and Dr. Boff

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Stugart

ABSTAIN: Mr. Emmett

TEMPORARY BUDGET

Temporary Budget for 2023

Resolution by: Mr. Coronato

Seconded by: Mr. Emmett

To adopt resolution presented on January 4, 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

Whereas, 40A: 4-19 Local Budget Act provides that (where any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2023 budget) temporary appropriations be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided;

Whereas, the date of this resolution is within the first thirty days of 2023, and

Whereas, the appropriations in the 2022 budget less appropriation made for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) are as follows:

Water & Sewer Utility \$ 6,504,000.00

Whereas, 26.25 percent of the total appropriation in the 2022 budget, less appropriations for capital improvement fund, debt service and relief of the poor (public assistance) in the said 2022 budget is as follows:

Water & Sewer Utility \$ 1,707,300

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ramsey, County of Bergen, that the temporary appropriation be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for her records.

AYES: Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt and Dr. Boff

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Stugart

ABSTAIN: none

Budget will be sent to Chief Financial Officer, Denise Bartalotta.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023

Resolution by: Mr. Emmett

Seconded by: Mr. Hewitt

To secure professional services for 2023:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Board of Public Works requires the professional services of a registered municipal accountant, consulting engineer, operator and attorney for the year 2023, and

Whereas, it is anticipated that the 2023 expenditures and value of such professional services may exceed the sum of \$44,000 in said calendar year, and

Whereas, it is contemplated that the 2023 budget will contain the necessary appropriations estimated to be reasonable required for each of such professional services,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Public Works of the

Borough of Ramsey that the following appointments be made and are hereby made for the year 2023:

Motion by Mr. Coronato, seconded by Mr. Emmett to appoint; Mauro Bacolo of Crew Engineers, Inc. as Consulting Engineer for Water and Sewer; to appoint E. Carter Corriston as Board of Public Works Attorney; to appoint James DeBlock of DeBlock Environmental Services, LLC as Operator for Water and Sewer Systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid appointments were made without competitive bidding under the provision of the N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-5 which exempts from competitive bidding “professional services” rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.

On the resolution procedure, Mayor Dillon asked and it was confirmed that proposals for services were on-hand. Crew Engineers; Mr. Corriston; James DeBlock

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be published in The Bergen Record within ten (10) days of its passage as required by law. The foregoing resolution was approved unanimously.

AYES: Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt and Dr. Boff

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Stugart

ABSTAIN: none

Motion by Mayor Dillon to appoint Mrs. Bartalotta as Treasurer to Board of Public Works.

Motion by Mayor Dillon to authorize Finance Committee to authorize investment of excess funds in legally approved investments with report to be given at Board meetings of any investments made.

Motion by Mayor Dillon to appoint Kelly Sylvester as Secretary to Board of Public Works.

Mayor Dillon appointed Committee Chairmen: Dr. Boff for Finance Committee Chairman and Mr. Hewitt for Operations Committee Chairman.

The above motions were seconded by Mr. Emmett.

On foregoing appointments, response was unanimous:

AYES: Mayor Dillon, Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Hewitt and Dr. Boff

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Mr. Stugart

ABSTAIN: none

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Coronato to adjourn Reorganization meeting, seconded by Mr. Emmett at 6:43 PM.