

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 24, 2018**

Mayor Dillon read the following statement:

Please take a moment to ensure that your cell phones and other electronic devices have been placed on silent setting.

Also note that Section 2-80 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey establishes procedures for still photography, videotaping and audiotaping of public meetings. In accordance with the Code, audiotaping of this meeting is permitted. However, any person audio taping must provide notice to the public that they are recording indicated by a placard of approximately 8 ½ inches by 11 inches, as outlined in the Code. Videotaping of this meeting requires prior request be submitted to the Borough Clerk and permission granted. For this meeting three requests were received and permission granted.

Hard copies of items on tonight's agenda of the regular Mayor and Council meeting are available for public review in the binder located on the table as you enter the Council Chambers.

I. ROLL CALL -

Mayor Dillon called the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 8:15pm and asked Mrs. Conklin to lead the flag salute. Mayor Dillon read the Open Public Meetings law notice.

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

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12-27-17, WS 12-27-17, Sine Die 01-02-18,
Reorg 01-02-18

Motion to approve the minutes by Councilman Weber, seconded by Verdone.

Councilman Gutwetter abstained from the December meetings and the sine die meeting and Councilmembers Jones and Kilman abstained from the December meetings

All in favor. Carried

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion to accept and file by Councilman Gutwetter, seconded by Councilman Jones. Mayor Dillon commented on number 5 about the grant received to help with the RIFE and Challenger events. All in favor. Carried.

1. Melissa Oratio, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Ave, Waldwick, NJ
letter dated January 11, 2018, enclosing the minutes from the December 12, 2017 meeting.
2. George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey, NJ
letter dated January 18, 2018 requesting DEP information be posted on the borough website
3. Robert Schottke, Borough Mechanic
letter dated January 18, 2018, informing of his retirement effective March 29, 2018
4. Howard Hurwitz, Executive Director, Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority, 30 Wyckoff Ave, Waldwick
letter dated January 11, 2018, regarding the 2018 service charges
5. Sheila Oliver, Commissioner, State of New Jersey, Dept. of Community Affairs
101 South Broad Street, Trenton, NJ
letter dated January 22, 2018, informing the borough of the award of grant in the amount of \$5,557 supporting RIFE programs
6. Maria Bruzzese, Altice, Senior Vice President, Division Controller, Cable Operations
letter dated January 12, 2018, enclosing the franchise fee in the amount of \$138,098.00 for Cablevision

IV. APPOINTMENTS -

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Jones.

Mayor Dillon accepts Bob Schottke's retirement with regret and thanked him for his service.

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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| 031-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 032-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number one |
| 033-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 4905 Lot 22 in the amount of \$1,785.11 |
| 034-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax redemption for Block 4001 Lot 22 in the amount of \$7,626.55 |
| 035-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax court judgment for 2016 and 2017 for Block 4601 Lot 2 in the amount of \$1,159.75 |
| 036-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax court judgment for 2016 and 2017 for Block 3502 Lot 5 in the amount of \$6,397.18 |
| 037-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Larry Kalogera, part-time Electrical Subcode Official for the Borough of Ramsey for a four year term commencing on February 1, 2018 and expiring on January 31, 2022 and part-time Electrical Inspector. |
| 038-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number two |
| 039-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the interlocal service agreement with the Borough of Glen Rock to provide acting municipal court administrator services |
| 040-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the release of escrow in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Ramsey Auto Group-Volvo for Block 3608 Lot 13 as recommended by the Planning Board |
| 041-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing a settlement agreement with NAR Towing |
| 042-2018 | Resolution: | accepting the retirement of Robert Schottke from the Ramsey Department of Public Works as of March 29, 2018 |

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

043-2018 Resolution: ratifying the collectively negotiated agreement between the borough and Ramsey PBA Local 155 and authorizing execution of such agreement for a term of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS

ROLL CALL:

YAYS: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Dillon and Council Liaison Weber joined the Bears Cove Foundation down in front to recognize Ramsey Volunteer First Responder Organizations with checks for each organization.

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

- A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel
Expressed her appreciation for the Bear’s Cove Foundations generous donation to our volunteer emergency services.

I commend Borough Administrator Vozech and PBA members for working together so well to agree upon the union contract that we ratified tonight.

I wish Bob Schottke well in his retirement and thank him for his service.

- B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber
I wish Bob Schottke the best in his retirement.

Thank you to the Bear’s Cove Trustees for their donations to the emergency services units.

Thank you to Glen Popolo and Administrator Vozech for helping receive the RIFE grant. We will put that money to good use. We do a lot with very thin donations. This will go a long way.

- C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone
Thank you to Bob Schottke for his service to the borough and wish him the best in retirement.

- D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman
I echo the comments and thanks from my colleagues.

Thank you to Mike Skorupa and his department. With the extreme cold we have had water main breaks so a special thanks to those members who go out and do the repairs to keep our town operating and safe.

- E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones
Our annual Independence Day Celebration and event will be July 7th with a rain date of July 8th.

Thank you to the Bears Cove foundation for their generous donation.

Thank you to Bob Schottke for his years of service.

Congratulations to the RIFE and Challenger group on the grant we received. It’s nice to see some recognition from the state for a program that residents from the area can enjoy.

- F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter
I echo the sentiments of my colleagues.

I attended the Board of Health meeting earlier this month. There will be a talk tomorrow night on the Ramsey water by Mike Skorupa. I will be attending the Board of Education meeting next week.

- G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Thank you to the Bear's Cove Foundation for their generous donations to the volunteer emergency services. Thank you to Administrator Vozeh and the PBA delegates for negotiating a very fair contract.

Monday, January 29th at the Ramsey High School Auditorium is the What Made Maddy Run presentation.

- H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh - No comment

- I. BOROUGH ATTORNEY – Peter A. Scandariato, Esq. – No comment

- J. BOROUGH CLERK – Meredith Bendian - No comment

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to address the governing body should, when recognized, step up to the microphone and give his or her name (spelling the last name) and address. Please speak in an audible tone for the record 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. No one, other than the person having the floor, will be permitted to enter into any discussion without recognition by the Chair.

Peter Engels, 26 Center Street, Ramsey

Inquired about the letter he received regarding the pool property, the wetlands designation and the extension of the pool parking area. Mr. Vozeh replied that the borough is asking for a letter of interpretation delineating wetlands on the borough property and that the existing storm water drainage will be replaced. Mayor Dillon further explained that we are upgrading the entire site from a storm water management and drainage perspective.

George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey

Inquired if there has been any response from Dykstra Walker regarding the issues raised in his letter. Mr. Vozeh replied that he had received no response. He requested a list of those who attend the NJ League of Municipalities and have those who attend write summaries of sessions attended.

AB Braggin, Ramsey

Discussed the minutes and audio of the January 2nd Planning Board meeting as well as the presence of a police officer at all Planning Board meetings. Mayor Dillon replied that she would discuss it with the appropriate people.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed public comment.

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 01-2018 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY REPEALING SECTION 10-9 THEREOF ENTITLED TENURE OF OFFICE

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Repealing Section 10-9 thereof entitled Tenure of Office, 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 14th day of February, 2018 at 8:15 pm 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.

Councilwoman Jachzel explained this ordinance eliminates tenure for employees hired on or after January 1, 2018. It does not affect anyone who statutorily has the right to tenure. This will provide the administrator flexibility in personnel decisions.

ROLL CALL:

YAYS: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

ORDINANCE 02-2018 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND MORE PARTICULARLY SECTION 3-8 THEREOF ENTITLED NOISE PREVENTION

Motion by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilman Kilman

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance amending Chapter 3 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more particularly Section 3-8 thereof entitled Noise Prevention, 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 14th day of February, 2018 at 8:15 pm 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 Verdone explained that this changes the times prohibiting noises for construction and repair.

ROLL CALL:

YAYS: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

ORDINANCE 03-2018 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY SO AS TO ESTABLISH SECTION 4-15 TOBACCO SHOPS, SMOKE SHOPS, CANNABIS SHOPS AND ELECTRONIC VAPOR SUBSTANCE INHALATION SHOPS

Motion by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilwoman Jachzel

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance amending Chapter 4 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey so as to establish Section 4-15 Tobacco Shops, Smoke Shops, Cannabis Shops and Electronic Vapor Substance Inhalation Shop, 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 14th day of February, 2018 at 8:15 pm 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 Verdone explained that this ordinance establishes a new section which regulates the location and operation of retailers of such substances.

ROLL CALL:

YAYS: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES (cont'd)

ORDINANCE 04-2018 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RAMSEY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND MORE SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-80 THEREOF ENTITLED PROCEDURE FOR STILL PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEOTAPING AND AUDIOTAPING AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Motion by Councilman Weber, seconded by Councilman Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that an ordinance entitled An ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the Borough of Ramsey, Bergen County, New Jersey and more specifically Section 2-80 thereof entitled Procedure for Still Photography, Videotaping and Audiotaping at Public Meetings, 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 10th day of February 14, 2018 at 8:15 pm 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 Weber explained this provides structure of videotaping meetings for safety purposes and removed restrictions on audiotaping.

ROLL CALL:

YAYS: Gutwetter, Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone, Weber

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 9:06pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Meredith Bendian
Meredith Bendian, RMC