

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING OF January 25, 2021
Via conference call**

Mr. Emmer called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 7:49PM. The meeting was conducted via conference call due to COVID-19.

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 8th, 2021.

Board members present were Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. Martin, Mr. Emmett, Mr. O'Rourke, Dr. Goujani and Mr. Coronato. Along with Councilman Kilman, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Corrison, Mr. Vozeh, Mr. DeBlock and Mr. Meneghin from Crew. Mr. Bacolo was absent.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

MINUTES

Minutes of December 21, 2020 meeting were accepted. Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. Mr. Emmett abstained. Carried.

No.	Date	From	To	Subject
1.	12/18/2020	Crew	Board of Public Works	Payment request #9 for contract 19-2 from AdEdge for Water treatment facilities.
2.	1/8/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	Crew's response to Salon by JC partial utility plan for water services.
3.	1/12/2021	Crew	Board of Public works	Payment request #11 for contract 19-3 from Stone Hill Contracting Co. for Spring & Orchard treatment facilities.
4.	1/12/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	Payment request #6 for contract 19-4 from Stone Hill Contracting Co. for Spring & Orchard treatment facilities.
5.	1/14/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	Crew response to Site Plan and request for water & sewer connection at 160 Forest Ave.
6.	1/19/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	Affordable housing complex, Rt 17N USR copy of approved NJDEP TWA (treatment works approval permit)
7.	1/20/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	Operations report
8.	1/25/2021	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	Operations report
9.	1/25/2021	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	Management Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Meneghin discussed the arsenic treatment project. Processing water at three of the facilities, Martis well, Arrow Rd and E. Oak St. N. Central well is ready as needed when demand increases in the spring. Construction for both Orchard and Spring St. site continues to progress with anticipated completion of Orchard at end of February and Spring St at the end of March. Completion of the paved driveways and landscaping at all pod locations is on hold due to weather conditions. At the Marts Ave site exterior improvements are in progress.

At the Dixon well, flow meter replacement is needed. Bids will be ready in several weeks, the preliminary estimate is \$20,000. This does not include SCADA work.

After inspection of the Hubbard school/W. Oak St. Storage tank, SCADA antenna installation will be performed by the microwave contractor. Best location for antenna will be need to be tested. Crew requests the board authorization of approximately \$25,000 for design services.

The Life Storage facility at 211 Rt. 17 in Upper Saddle River had requested water service for fire protection only. A flow test is still needed to show it will meet requirements. Crew informed the contractor of this requirements. Mr. Corrison, Board Attorney, noted that Upper Saddle River needs to be notified that these requirements must be meet before a permits can be issued. He will reach out to Upper Saddle River about this.

Mr. Vozeh requested that the Board wait until the February BPW meeting to discuss the SCADA design at Hubbard school.

OPERATIONS REPORT

Mr. Skorupa presented his monthly written report to the Board. There were several water main breaks and water service leaks due to the cold temperatures. The water dept. continues with their daily duties. They have been working with Crew, Stone Hill construction and AdEdge on the pod installations. Assisting road dept. with snow removal. Mr. Skorupa thanked the Board for their continued support and service.

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. DeBlock reported on lead and copper regulations which the EPA will be tightening in the near future. There will be an EPA mandate to remove galvanized piping. The Borough has already begun working on this process.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Dillon wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for serving on the Board.

COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT Mr. Kilman updated the Board regarding the emergency water service, he has not yet received a response from Allendale. He noted that it is a pleasure to serve on the BPW and thanked Mr. Skorupa for his continued efforts.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT Mr. Vozech advised the Board that he is finalizing the 2021 budget and is hoping to present it at the February board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Mr. Emmer to open the floor for Public comment, seconded by Mr. Coronato. Carried.

Mr. Emmer asked for public comment three times and paused each time, there were no public comments

Motion to close public comment by Mr. Emmer. Seconded by Mr. O’Rourke. Carried.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE nothing to report.

FINANCE

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

Resolution by: Mr. Coronato

Seconded by: Mayor Dillon

RESOLVED THAT: The following bills be paid and charged to the current Water/Sewer 2021 Budget:

CURRENT	\$ 669,053.99
WIRED	\$
RESERVE	\$ 197,520.42

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

AYES: Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. O’Rourke, Mr. Martin,
Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett and Dr. Goujani

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

OLD BUSINESS – none

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Emmer thanked Mr. Martin for his 21 yrs. of service on the Board, currently the longest serving member.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Emmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Mr. Coronato. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester