

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 14, 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 8:41pm 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 – WS 11-08-17, WS 11-27-17, WS 01-24-18, 01-24-18**
Motion to approve the minutes by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Weber.
Councilman Gutwetter abstained from the November meetings and Councilwoman Jachzel abstained from the November 27th work session meeting. Carried

III. COMMUNICATIONS -

Motion by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter. Carried.
Mayor Dillon accepted the resignations of Howard Cantor and Greg Hewitt with regret.

1. Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey
letter dated January 24, 2018, including questions and comments made at
January 24, 2018 regular meeting
2. PERMA Risk Management Services, 9 Campus Drive, Parsippany, NJ 07054
memo received February 5, 2018 noticing the fund's meeting schedule
3. Robert Baxer, Eagle Scout Coordinator, Troop 31
letter received February 7, 2018, inviting the governing body to attend the Eagle Scout
award ceremony for Brian W. Smith on March 11th at 3:00pm
4. George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey
letter dated February 8, 2018, regarding his request to Dykstra Walker and the DEP
submittal
5. Howard Cantor, Zoning Board and Planning Board member
email dated February 6, 2018, resigning from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning
Board, after over thirty years of service
6. Gregory Hewitt, 78 W. Oak Street, Ramsey
letter dated January 31, 2018, resigning from the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective
immediately due to work responsibilities
7. Senator Cory A. Booker, United States Senate
letter dated January 15, 2018, expressing his commitment to work with the borough to serve
the community

IV. APPOINTMENTS –

Brian Kemp, Recreation Commission, Regular Member
(filling unexpired term of P. Re)

Kathleen Dugan, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Regular Member
(filling unexpired term of H. Cantor)

James Fitzpatrick, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Alt 1
(filling unexpired term of G. Hewitt)

Carolyn Green, Office of Emergency Management

Joseph LeBert, Office of Emergency Management

Mayor Dillon swore in J. LeBert to OEM as Ralph Venturini held the bible.

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Jones

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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| 044-2018 | Resolution: | payment of vouchers |
| 045-2018 | Resolution: | ratifying the actions of the governing body for payroll number three |
| 046-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough to enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen by which the borough may borrow equipment from the County for short term use |
| 047-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough enter into a shared services agreement with the County of Bergen by which the County shall provide repair and maintenance service for vehicles owned by the municipality |
| 048-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Justin Garcia as a probationary police officer |
| 049-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Michael Hamersma as a probationary police officer |
| 050-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Bruno Associates Inc. as grant writers |
| 051-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the borough to auction property no longer needed for public use, utilizing govdeals.com |
| 052-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Carolyn Green to the Office of Emergency Management |
| 053-2018 | Resolution: | confirming the appointment of Joseph LeBert to the Office of Emergency Management |
| 054-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the tax judgment for Block 4804 Lot 2 C0001 in the amount of \$1,893.36 |
| 055-2018 | Resolution: | authorizing the Borough to enter into a contract with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$22,500 matching grant award for the Finch Park Field Improvement Project. |

V. CONSENT RESOLUTION (cont'd)

- 056-2018 Resolution: authorizing the retention of French and Parrello Associates to provide engineering services for the inspection of Crystal Spring Lake Dam in the amount of \$4,750
- 057-2018 Resolution: appropriation reserve transfer number one
- 058-2018 Resolution: confirming the appointment of Kathleen Dugan to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a Regular Member filling the unexpired term of H. Cantor
- 059-2018 Resolution: confirming the appointment of James Fitzpatrick to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate Number 1 filling the unexpired term of G. Hewitt
- 060-2018 Resolution: authorizing the person-to person transfer of liquor license 0248-33-005-004 to 900 Route 17 North Holdings LLC license number of 0248-33-005-005

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

A. SPECIAL PERMITS:

Ramsey High School Marching Band and Color Guard are requesting permission to sell hoagies door-to-door from March 24, 2018–April 10, 2018. Delivery date will be April 21, 2018.

Academy of St. Paul is requesting permission to hold their annual carnival on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 – Sunday, May 6, 2018. The hours will be Wed. and Thurs. 6-10pm, Fri. 6-11pm, Sat. 1-11pm, Sunday 1:30-7:00 pm

Ramsey Area Garden Club is requesting permission to have a plant sale on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at the train station between the hours of 9:00 am -3:00 pm

B. BLOCK PARTY REQUESTS:

Mayor Dillon opened resolution 060-2018 to the public.

Braggin AB, Ramsey

Inquired about who the current licensee and purchaser were. Borough Clerk Bendian replied.

VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Howard Cantor – Borough Service Award (presented at the work session)

Chief Bryan Gurney presented the Life Saving Award to Officer Matthew Rork and Officer Brian Stevens. Mayor Dillon thanked the officers for their service and presented certificates from the governing body.

Mayor Dillon swore in Probationary Officer Justin Garcia as his wife held the bible and Officer Michael Hamersma as his father held the bible.

VII. COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Councilwoman Vanessa Jachzel

We will be introducing our budget on February 28 with the budget public hearing on March 28. The tax increase is 1.68%. We continue to have a capital investment around the same range that we have in previous years, \$1.8 million. Our budget debt levels are very low. We anticipate if there was no additional spending with our pay down this year that the end of year debt level will be approximately \$6.6 million. It will still be in very reasonable ranges with our community/senior center project. In relation to other towns in the county we are doing very well with our tax rate and our debt levels.

Thank you to Howard Cantor, I'm very sorry to see him leave the Zoning Board and Planning Board. I wish him well.

Thank you to Greg Hewitt for his service to the Zoning Board.

Welcome to our new officers Justin Garcia and Michael Hamersma.

Thank you to Officers Rork and Stevens on their Life Saving Award. What they did for our residents is an immeasurable gift. We are grateful to officers like that who are trained in life saving equipment.

Welcome to all of the new appointees.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilman Harry Weber

Welcome to new Officers Michael and Justin. I'd like to thank Councilman Gutwetter, Administrator Vozeh and Mayor Dillon for participating in all of the interviewing.

One of the most rewarding things is being the liaison to Public Safety. Through the hiring and promoting process I've gotten to know just about all of the officers. You couldn't have a finer police department. These two new officers add to that great team.

Congratulations to Brian and Matt on their life saving award. The training they go through is extensive.

Thank you to Rich VanderWall and Ramsey Rescue for their CPR/AED training session. It was a great class with about thirty people in attendance.

Congratulations to Howard Cantor. I wish him all the best.

Thank you to Greg Hewitt for his participation on the Zoning Board.

Congratulations to all of the appointees.

Thank you to Councilwoman Jachzel, Administrator Vozeh, CFO Denise Bartalotta and the Finance Committee on the great job they did on the budget. It is an overwhelming task and they did a great job.

C. BUILDING, PLANNING & ZONING – Councilman Joseph Verdone

In the interest of time I echo my colleagues remarks.

I ask that people please keep their thoughts and prayers with those impacted by the terrible incident that happened in Parkland, Florida earlier today.

D. UTILITIES, BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Councilman Peter Kilman

Congratulations to all those who were appointed tonight.

Thank you to Howard Cantor for his thirty plus years of selfless service.

I'd also, thank you to the Finance Committee on all their hard work on the budget.

E. PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Councilman William Jones

Thank you to all of the volunteers.

A special congratulations to Officers Stevens and Rork for their life saving efforts.

Welcome to our two newest officers. They come to sp certified and trained which is a huge savings to the borough to not have to send them to the academy.

Thank you to Howard Cantor who has given over thirty years of service to the community and thank you to Greg Hewitt for his service to the Zoning Board.

F. HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – Councilman Michael Gutwetter

I echo the sentiments of my colleagues regarding the new appointees.

I never got to work with Howard Cantor but can see how impactful his service was to the community.

I got to sit in on the hiring of the new police officers and found it very interesting. I look forward to doing it in the future.

Thank you to Administrator Vozeh for walking me through the budget process.

I remember when the lifesaving incident occurred for which we honored the police officers tonight. It was very impactful.

G. MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

In the interest of time I echo everyone's comments and remarks and thank Cub Scout Pack 306 for inviting me to participate in their Arrow of Light Luncheon on Sunday.

H. BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – Bruce Vozeh

I'd like to thank Howard Cantor for his selfless service to the borough. He's been a tremendous asset to this community in many capacities.

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.

George Bumiller, 39 Lakeview Terrace, Ramsey

Discussed the topographic survey and letter from Dykstra Walker and where he'd like the letters be posted on the website and to add a link to the stay informed section on the website. Mr. Bumiller handed a letter to the officer.

Braggin, AB, Ramsey

Discussed the approval of minutes and the participation of members of the audience at meetings.

James Sander, Ramsey

Thanked DPW for the rehabilitation of the bench on Wyckoff Avenue that he had previously brought up and discussed handicapped parking permits that hang in cars.

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

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Motion by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Gutwetter

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

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, final reading by title and that said ordinance be adopted by 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 notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

Councilwoman Jachzel explained that this ordinance repeals the revision that we have in the borough code which grants the tenure of office to employees after ten years of employment with the borough in order to provide the administration more flexibility of hiring and firing and personnel matter. This ordinance does not apply to anyone who is employed as of December 31, 2017 or covered by statutory requirements.

Mayor Dillon opened the public hearing for Ordinance 01-2018.

Braggin AB, Ramsey

Inquired if there was a state statute or if other municipalities have similar provisions.

Borough Administrator Vozech replied that he wasn't sure about other towns.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing on Ordinance 01-2018.

ROLL CALL:

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

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION 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, final reading by title and that said ordinance be adopted by 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 notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

Councilman Verdone explained that this ordinance changes the hours allowing for construction to be more restricted.

Mayor Dillon opened Ordinance 02-2018 for public hearing.

With no one wishing to be heard, closed public hearing on Ordinance 02-2018.

ROLL CALL:

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

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 AND ELECTRONIC VAPOR SUBSTANCE INHALATION SHOPS

Motion to table Ordinance 03-2018 in order for the Planning Board to have more time to review to make recommendations by Councilman Verdone, seconded by Councilwoman Jachzel.

ROLL CALL:

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

IX. ADVERTISED PUBLIC HEARING FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION 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, final reading by title and that said ordinance be adopted by 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 notice of the date of introduction and adoption of said ordinance.

Councilman Weber explained that this ordinance removes a lot of the restrictions on audio and videotaping, leaves some provisions in place for videotaping for safety.

Mayor Dillon opened Ordinance 04-2018 up for public hearing.

Braggin AB, Ramsey

Inquired about Section 2.8 being repealed and that the amended ordinance includes meetings in other rooms allow recording.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Dillon closed the public hearing on Ordinance 04-2018.

ROLL CALL:

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

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Jachzel, seconded by Councilman Jones. All in favor.
Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:49pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Meredith Bendian
Meredith Bendian, RMC
Borough Clerk