

**BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
REGULAR MEETING OF February 22, 2021  
Via conference call**

Mr. Emmer called the regular meeting of The Board of Public Works to order at 7:32PM. 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, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Corriston, Mr. Vozeh, Mr. Bacolo, Mr. DeBlock. Councilman Kilman was absent.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**MINUTES**

Minutes of January 25, 2021 regular meeting were accepted. Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve, seconded by Dr. Goujani. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Emmer, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke to receive and review the minutes from the January 25, 2021 Reorganization meeting. Carried.

Minutes of January 25,2021 reorganization meeting were accepted with changes. Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve, seconded by Mr. Coronato. Carried.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1.	02/01/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Payment request #7 for contract 19-4 from Stone Hill Contracting Co. for Spring &amp; Orchard treatment facilities.</b>
2.	02/01/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Payment request #12 for contract 19-3 (rebid) from Stone Hill Contracting Co. for Spring &amp; Orchard treatment facilities.</b>
3.	02/01/2021	Crew	Board of Public works	<b>Dixon Flow meter replacement contract plans and specifications.</b>
4.	02/04/2021	NJDEP	Board of Public Works	<b>New monitoring requirements for PFOA, PFOS and PFNA.</b>
5.	02/18/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Dixon Flow Replacement review submitted proposals from CFM Construction Inc. and John Garcia Construction Co. Inc.</b>
5.	02/17/2021	Crew	Board of Public Works	<b>Operations report</b>
6.	02/22/2021	M. Skorupa	Board of Public Works	<b>Operations report</b>
7.	02/22/2021	J. DeBlock	Board of Public Works	<b>Management Report</b>

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bacolo discussed the arsenic treatment project. Work continues for the Orchard and Spring St waterpods. There were some slowdowns in work due to recent snowstorms. Startup operations for the Orchard facility is expected to be completed next week. At the Spring St site, motor controls are being installed and the site is expected to be completed in the next 3 weeks and up and running in early April. Construction of driveways and restoration will be done in the Spring. Façade work is just about completed at the Martis Ave pump station. The A frame roof work, and shingle installation on the waterpod should be done in the next week. Thereafter, the siding will be installed on the waterPod and should be finished within a week or two.

Dixon well flow meter replacement project update. Three contractors were sent bid documents, two proposals were submitted by CFM Construction in the amount of \$12,400 and John Garcia in the amount of \$14,675.

Motion by Mr. Emmer to accept the bid from CFM Construction in the amount of \$12,400 for the Dixon Flow meter replacement project, second by Mayor Dillon. Carried

Mr. Bacolo has one item for executive session.

## **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mr. Skorupa presented his monthly written report to the Board. They experienced four water main breaks in town. Ramsey water was able to repair all breaks. Working with Stone Hill, Ad Edge and Symbyosys-SCADA with installation and integration of the Arsenic replacement project. Assisting roads dept with snow plowing and snow removal throughout town.

Mr. Skorupa discussed the recent security breach at water plant in Florida. He noted that Ramsey's water system has very tight security.

## **OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Mr. DeBlock reported on new PFOA, PFOS and PFNA requirements from NJDEP. Ramsey has been proactively treating these compounds. There were some data errors by NJDEP, Mr. DeBlock and Crew have been working with NJDEP to correct. Mr. DeBlock noted that Ramsey has a very secure system about Mr. Skorupa's example of recent incident in Florida.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** nothing to report. One item for executive session regarding contractual matters.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** Mayor Dillon thanked Mr. Skorupa for all his efforts, as it has been extremely busy for his team.

**COUNCIL LIAISON'S REPORT** Mr. Kilman was absent.

**ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** Mr. Vozech reviewed the 2021 budget. His presentation was circulated to the Board. Mr. Emmer asked two questions, the first regarding the debt amount in the budget and the second on the surplus amount at year end 2020. Mr. Vozech responded.

Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve the 2021 budget as presented by Mr. Vozech with the appropriations of \$8,731,000 to be introduced by the Mayor & Council at their Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Seconded by Mr. Coronato. Carried

**AYES:** Mr. Emmer, Mayor Dillon, Mr. O’Rourke, Mr. Martin,  
Mr. Coronato, Mr. Emmett and Dr. Goujani  
**NAYS:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** nothing to report.

**FINANCE**

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

**Resolution by: Mr. Coronato**  
**Seconded by: Dr. Goujani**

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

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>\$ 193,938.09</b>
<b>WIRED</b>	<b>\$ 21,171.74</b>
<b>RESERVE</b>	<b>\$ 55,719.66</b>

**RESOLVED THAT:** The following bills be paid and charged to the Capital Account: \$0

**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** – none

Motion by Mr. Emmer and Second by Dr. Goujani to leave the public meeting and go to Executive Session to discuss matters of contract negotiations at 8:06pm.

Call participants were instructed that the Board would be returning to public session after the Executive Session and the same call-in line would be used and reopened for remainder of public meeting no earlier than 8:25pm.

Motion to leave Executive Session and return to the public meeting at 8:25PM by Mr. Emmer, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke.

Motion by Mr. Emmer to approve the Board Attorney, Mr. Corrison, to draft a letter with Crew to provide approval to-Life Storage for them to do a flow test at the Life Storage Facility at Rt. 17, Upper Saddle River. Seconded by Mr. O'Rourke. carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Emmer made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Seconded by Mr. Coronato. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted By: Kelly Sylvester