

BOROUGH OF RAMSEY  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Council President Kilman read the opening statement.

ROLL CALL – OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT NOTICE

Council President Kilman opened the meeting at 7:35pm and read the Open Public Meetings Notice.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Mayor Dillon, Councilmembers Jachzel, Jones, Kilman, Verdone and Weber

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Clerk Bendian, Borough Administrator Vozech and Borough Attorney Scandariato

ABSENT: Councilperson Gutwetter

MAYOR’S REMARKS – MAYOR DEIRDRE DILLON

Reported that the Northwest Bergen County Mayor’s Association had scheduled a meeting with the Board of Public Utilities on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Mahwah with O & R and PSE&G. It will not be open to the public. There will be hearings with the BPU throughout the state about their response to Winter Storm Quinn and a meeting will be held up in Bergen County and open to the public.

Also reported that there was a meeting with NJ DOT representatives of the Volpe Center part of the US Department of Transportation regarding the study done at the Main Street railroad crossing which monitored the crossing before and after the improvements were made which still left over 1,300 violations. There will be a safety blitz in May and The Volpe Center recommended Pedestrian Channeling fencing, in 2019.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REMARKS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

No report

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – COUNCILWOMAN VANESSA JACHZEL

The budget introduction will be continued tonight. As a courtesy to the public (who did not receive the budget newsletter) the hearing will be adjourned until the next meeting. There is also a resolution on the agenda tonight for an amended temporary budget since we are pushing the budget adoption out two weeks.

PUBLIC SAFETY – COUNCILMAN HARRY WEBER

Earlier this evening there was a meeting about gun safety and will try to conduct an education session with Ramsey Police.

BUILDING, PLANNING AND ZONING – COUNCILMAN JOSEPH VERDONE

Tonight is the final hearing on Ordinance 07-2018 tobacco shops.

UTILITIES, BUILDING & GROUNDS – COUNCILMAN PETER KILMAN

The curbside brush pick up will begin April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The borough has been doing random brush pickups but a formal schedule will begin next week and to be careful of hanging limbs.

PUBLIC & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – COUNCILMAN WILLIAM J. JONES

Finishing touches on the Ramsey Journal to have in everyone's mailboxes in April.

Upcoming events in May are Taste of Ramsey and a town wide garage sale and perhaps a cook off with a local knife company, we will check with the Chamber of Commerce.

The Pool Commission meeting was cancelled due to weather, but Manager Bach is ready for the upcoming season.

HEALTH, EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES – COUNCILMAN MICHAEL GUTWETTER

Absent

BOROUGH ATTORNEY - PETER A. SCANDARIATO

No report

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR – BRUCE VOZEH

We are finalizing our 2018 Road Resurfacing program. We have twenty four roads that will be included in our program estimated cost around \$900,000 with certain roads being included in our municipal aid grant application for 2019 cycle.

Town wide garage sale is not a municipal sponsored event. It is being hosted by the Minetti Denis Real Estate Agency.

The Board of Public Works recommended a 1.72% rate increase for 2018. That ordinance is on for adoption tonight.

He and Mayor Dillon attended the last Board of Education meeting which was with the referendum committee to discuss a proposed referendum in a special election in December of 2018.

Executive Session – litigation – contract negotiations

BOROUGH CLERK -MEREDITH BENDIAN

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.

Kevin McCulloch, 79 W. Crescent Avenue, Ramsey

Thanked the governing body for the job that they do and inquired about the insurance rates for the town. Administrator Vozeh explained that the line item included all insurance, health, auto, etc.,

Jason Farrar, 40 Abbey Court, Ramsey

Thanked Councilman Weber and Mayor Dillon in their help to restore power to the neighborhood and inquired about the town having an emergency center with generator power? Mayor Dillon said that the library has a generator and Dater School.

Allan Braggin, 25 Franklin Street, Ramsey

Discussed dangling limbs after the storm, the Mayor's comments at the last BPW meeting and the issues with the well that had no power. Mr. Vozech identified the well as the MacFarren Field well and that it was a fire protection issue.

James Sander, 211 Cypress Court, Ramsey

Discussed a meeting with Timber Valley and the borough regarding maintenance fees and the by-laws. The Mayor replied that the meeting was rescheduled to tomorrow.

With no one else wishing to be heard, Council President Kilman closed public comment.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation and contract negotiation by Councilman Jones, seconded by Councilman Weber. All in favor. Carried.

Work session adjourned at 8:07pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Meredith Bendian

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